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**Regular Schedule**

**Sundays**

9:15 am Sunday School Small Groups  
 10:30 am Morning Worship in person  
 and online  
 6:30 pm Evening Worship

**Tuesday Nights**

6:30 pm Recovery Ministry

**Wednesday Nights**

6:30 pm Wednesday night worship  
 6:30 pm Youth Bible Study  
 6:30 pm Children in Action

**Area Ministry Coordinators**

Adult Sunday School Director—Shirley Hooten  
 Youth—Ronnie Witt  
 Children—  
 Preschool—Dena Westmoreland

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Emory Baptist Church exists to:

Love God (Matt. 22:37-38), Love People (Matt. 22:39-40), and Make Disciples (Matt. 28:19-20).

**Richard Taylor** currently serves as the Interim Evangelism Director as well as the Director of Personal Evangelism and Fellowships for the SBTC. Before serving in this roll, he was the Associate Director of Church Planting. Richard is also the former Director of Evangelism for the Baptist Convention of New York where he served for 10 years. Richard preaches revivals, leads workshops, seminars, and conferences on evangelism, strategic planning and leadership development for churches and other organizations. He is an effective communicator who challenges and helps people move beyond mediocrity. Richard received educational training from Texas A & I University and New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary. He has served for over 25 years in various ministry, church and denominational capacities. Originally from Corpus Christi, he and his wife Ramona currently live in Watauga.



**The McNeill Family** is from Bonham, Texas. Chris and Michelle, along with their 12 children, are relatively new to the Christian music scene. They have been in ministry for 5 years. Their background is in Southern Gospel but they desire to bridge the gap between generations and other genres of Christian music. “The McNeills hope to bring the body of Christ together—to forget about ages and denominations, and to worship the Lord in song and simply trust that when God meets with us, He will begin a renewal process. Their prayer is for the body of Christ to unite.”

Dr. Richard D. Piles, Pastor  
 Ronnie Witt, Minister of Youth & Education

Chris Henderson, Minister of Music & Sr. Adults

## Pastor's Pen

Ready or not, August is here, and it still feels like we are wandering in the dark trying to figure out our new normal. At the time of print, we're moving forward with resumption of our normal August events. However, we may pivot if the need were to arise at any time.

Please plan to get back in the game with our "Back in the Game" Revival Meeting August 2-5. That is Sunday morning through Wednesday night, 10:30 AM and 6:30 PM.

It is our privilege to host Bro. Richard Taylor and the McNeil Family Singers. They will be leading us for each of our meetings. While we will be paying our guest preacher out of our church budget, we will be collecting a love offering for the McNeil Family each meeting. I hope you'll be generous and kind in your giving.

Also, "Back in the Game" Sunday will be August 16. As has been our practice in the previous years, we will look back at what God did at EBC in 2019-2020 and look forward to 2020-2021.

Please continue to pray for a vaccine for COVID-19 and for protection for our church and our community and county. It seems inevitable that someone from EBC will test positive, but I pray that it is later rather than sooner.

Thank you for being such a faithful and generous body of believers! I am honored and grateful to be your pastor. Please pray for me regularly as I pray for you as well. God bless you!

God bless you!  
**Bro. Richard**  
Pastor

## Choir Corner with Chris

August is here, and with it, summer begins to close and usher in fall. With so much uncertainty in what is going to come next for our church, for our community, for the state of Texas, and for the nation, I want to remind you of something that never changes, never fails: God's sovereignty and his ability to provide for his people.

*"Therefore I say to you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink; nor about your body, what you will put on. Is not life more than food and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air, for they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns; yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about its own things. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble."*

**Matthew 6:25-26, 34 NKJV**

As we approach the unknown, church family, I urge you to not worry about the things that are going on in the world. Trust God to have it under control, and pray for His Peace to bring an end to the unrest and the chaos in our world. Remember, for the believer in Christ, this world is not our home.

As for Music Ministries in August, be on the lookout for announcements concerning Joyful Noise Ukulele Choir. Celebration Choir will begin meeting again August 19<sup>th</sup>.



**Bro. Chris**  
Minister of Music & Sr. Adults

## Student Ministry Spot

**When I was** a kid, my parents told me they would take me to Chuck-E-Cheese's for my birthday one year. But, as time drew closer, they changed their minds. We were going to go to Six Flags with my aunt, uncle, and cousins instead. Mom tried to convince me that even though we wouldn't eat at Chuck-E-Cheese's, we would eat at Cheddar's, which has a cheese-based name. "So, it's basically the same." But I was unconvinced. Moreover until recently, I told that story as "why I never went to Chuck-E-Cheese's." Having been to Chuck-E-Cheese's, now, I can see how much better what I got was than what I wanted.

**When this summer** started, we had four different church camp opportunities canceled on us. So, we scratched together a plan for a couple of retreats with just our group at a cabin in Oklahoma. I wasn't sure it was going to work. I wasn't sure if it would even be worth the time and energy we put into planning it.

**To my surprise**, God's plan was so much better than ours. Instead of our original plan to take 30 people in total to camp with us, We ended up taking 37 students and 6 adults over the two weeks of retreats. Moreover, I feel like I was able to spend more time with the people in our groups since we were together more often in study, discussion, and playing games together. And from the feedback I have received from students, it was absolutely an effective and fruitful week of Bible study and personal spiritual growth.

**Like many things** during this time, none of this is what I would have chosen. However, in retrospect, I have been able to see God's faithfulness even in the midst of this. God is still faithful in the midst of struggle and difficult times. But more than that, God has always been faithful to answer those who seek Him.

**Ronnie Witt**  
Minister of Youth & Education



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Teachers needed for fall Bible Drill. No experience needed—just a love for children and a desire to help them commit God's Word to heart. Contact Dave Craddock for more information.

## Extended Care Workers

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|--------|--------------------------------|
| Aug 2  | Bobby & Dena Westmoreland      |
| Aug 9  | Doris Horrocks, Sarah Piles    |
| Aug 16 | Jeanette Melton, Caleigh Piles |
| Aug 23 | Charlotte Rabe, Christy Piles  |
| Aug 30 | Lacy Witt & Laura Bullock      |

## Nursery Rhymes

August is here, which means a new school year. It also means we will have Sunday School students moving to different classes and we will lose a few as they move up to the Children's Department. I am excited for them, but a little sad also. I have grown to love these children and will miss them, but I know they are in good hands with our teachers in the Children's Department.

VBS is over, so now comes a transition time, a time to rearrange the Preschool Department to prepare classrooms for Sunday School and classrooms for Sonbeam. Each Sunday School class will have a classroom uniquely their own as will Sonbeam. God has truly blessed Emory Baptist Church with facilities to accommodate both ministries.

I ask you to pray for our Preschool Department. We are in need of two paid childcare workers for Sunday and Wednesday evenings. I know that God has the people chosen, we just have to trust Him to lead us to them.

Also, please pray for our children during this unsettled time. It is hard for adults, but it is especially hard on our children. May we always be mindful of them and their fears and strive to show them love, understanding, and our faith in God.



**Dena Westmoreland**  
Preschool Ministry Coordinator

“Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord”

## Sonbeam Day School

Summer isn't over yet, but we are gearing up and getting excited to see God's divine plan unfold for this next school year!

I am thrilled to introduce our new Sonbeam Director!

Tressa Smith is an involved member of the Rains community and Elementary School where her two youngest boys attend. She attends church at Bull Creek, and is an active volunteer in the children ministry. She is a wife, mother and grandmother.

I am so grateful that I serve a mighty God, who takes care of this ministry. He has sent us this lovely lady who will be a blessing to this program and all involved!

As we prepare to open our doors to the students and parents for this new school year, we ask that you pray for God's will to be done in this ministry, and that children and parents will be reached through this program.

## We're Going Back To School



First Day of School  
September 8, 2020



Laura Bullock

## Threads of Service



**Ladies our stash of face masks is getting very low! If you have time to make a few, please do. If you need elastic, please call the church office. Thank you for participating in this ministry.**

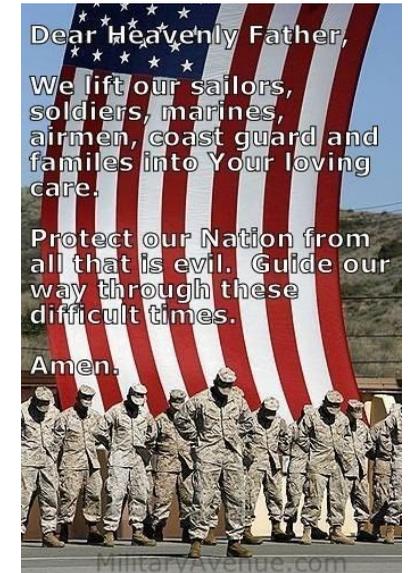
*“And the King will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’  
Matthew 25:40 CSB*

## Chronological Bible Readings

1-Aug	Isa 64-68	18-Aug	Jer 38-40
2-Aug	2 Kgs 20-21		Ps 74, 79
3-Aug	2 Chr 32-33	19-Aug	2 Kgs 24-25
4-Aug	Nahum 1-3		2 Chr 36
5-Aug	2 Kgs 22-23	20-Aug	Hab 1-3
	2 Chr 34-35	21-Aug	Jer 41-45
6-Aug	Zeph 1-3	22-Aug	Jer 46-48
7-Aug	Jer 1-3	23-Aug	Jer 49-50
8-Aug	Jer 4-6	24-Aug	Jer 51-52
9-Aug	Jer 7-9	25-Aug	Lam 1:1-3:36
10-Aug	Jer 10-13	26-Aug	Lam 3:37-5:22
11-Aug	Jer 14-17	27-Aug	Ezek 1-4
12-Aug	Jer 18-22	28-Aug	Ezek 5-8
13-Aug	Jer 23-25	29-Aug	Ezek 9-12
14-Aug	Jer 26-29	30-Aug	Ezek 13-15
15-Aug	Jer 30-31	30-Jul	Isa 54-58
16-Aug	Jer 32-34	31-Aug	Ezek 16-17
17-Aug	Jer 35-37		

## Pray for our Military

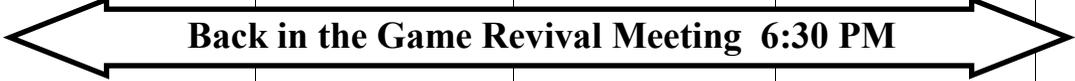
Joshua Allen  
Robert Barrientos  
Christopher Donaldson  
Peter Hughes  
Travis Johns  
Leland Knight  
Colin Mayo  
James McGarry  
James Mikulak  
Travis Mosley  
Robert Palin Jr.  
Robert Sandlin  
Kenny Schulze  
Cole Smith  
Kristy Tunney  
Colton Wilkerson



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# AUGUST 2020

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 <i>Deacons' Mtg 3:30p</i>	3	4	5	6	7	8
						
9 <i>Lord's Supper 6:30 p</i>	10	11	12 <b>Back to School Prayer Meeting 6:30p</b>	13	14	15  5:30 pm
16 <i>Back in the Game Sunday</i> <i>Members' Meeting 6:30 p</i>	17	18	19 <i>Wednesday Night Activities Resume</i>	20	21	22
23 30 <i>5th Sunday Hymn Sing 6:30 p</i>	24 31	25	26	27	28	29

## AUGUST MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

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|---|--|
| 1 Aubrey Gowin, Diane                               | 17 Claire Vanderwilt                       |
| Klump, Kristi Sisk,<br>Matt Smith                   | 18 Stephen Walker                          |
| 3 Jonni Castillo,<br>Faye Jarrett                   | 19 Marvin Hartog,<br>Debbie Roberts        |
| 4 Yolanda Means                                     | 20 John Williams                           |
| 5 Nell Self   | 21 Karley Henderson,<br>Charlotte Johnson, |
| 6 Carolyn Beasley, Kelsey<br>Cobb, Whitney Williams | Keith Wallace,<br>Kody Wallace             |
| 7 Irene Dominguez                                   | 22 Cal Conner,<br>Sawyer Spradling         |
| 8 Janis Cotton                                      | 23 Annabelle Bullock                       |
| 9 Rachel Gilliam,<br>Klay Young                     | 24 Jason Moczygamba                        |
| 10 Jace Thompson                                    | 25 Hershey Barnett,<br>Kolt Sisk           |
| 11 Corbitt Bullock,<br>Brenda Gaby                  | 26 Gloria Creswell, Whit Dale              |
| 12 Cole Smith                                       | 28 Johnathan Vititow                       |
| 13 Jesse Childers                                   | 29 Garland Massingill,<br>Don Smith        |
| 14 Cynthia Davis                                    | 30 Lannette Beaver                         |
| 15 Shirley Ivey                                     | 31 Johnny Merriman                         |

## Anniversaries

- 1 Don & Corene Smith  
Tom & Tracy Witt
- 2 Garland & Sharon Massingill  
Todd & Deanna Moore
- 3 Mac & Peggy Bolton
- 4 Leroy & Carolyn Potts
- 8 Steve & Lannette Beaver  
Robert & Susan Montalvo
- 13 Casey & Kaci Berryhill  
Rob & Cathy Killingsworth  
Bobby & Mildred Robbins
- 16 Mitch & Cindy Benway
- 17 Gerald & Patsy White
- 21 Paul & Debbie Traylor
- 24 Brad & Carol Walker