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Regular Schedule

Sundays

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| 9:15 am | Sunday School Small Groups |
| 10:30 am | Morning Worship in person
and online |
| 4:30 pm | Children's Bible Drill |
| 6:30 pm | Evening Worship
Youth Discipleship
GA's & RA's |

Mondays

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| 10:00 am | Morning Prayer Time |
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Tuesdays

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| 6:30 pm | Recovery Ministry |
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Wednesdays

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| 4:45 pm | "Joyful Noise" Ukulele Choir |
| 5:30 pm | Wednesday Night Meal |
| 6:30 pm | Wednesday night worship
Youth Bible Study
Children's Bible Study |

Fridays

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| 7:30 am | Men's Discipleship at Don's |
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Area Ministry Coordinators

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

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The Mailout

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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).



Raffa Clinic is a Crisis Pregnancy Center in Greenville that ministers to expectant mothers and families to help them choose life and provide for their new families. Raffa partners with expectant families to provide resources, classes, and other services. Emory Baptist partners with Raffa Clinic every year to offer supplies and support to help them in their continuing ministry of caring for young families in Rains & Hunt Co.

Throughout the month of February, EBC will have a baby bed in the foyer. Please help support Raffa's ministry by placing baby items in the baby bed. You can also donate money through EBC to go to Raffa, and learn more about Raffa at RaffaClinic.org

Suggested items:
Diapers (size 4 & up)
Wipes
Clothing up to 24 months



Emory switches our livestream from Facebook to YouTube on February 7th. Find our channel and subscribe. You can find our channel at the link: bit.ly/EBCStream

Then He said to His disciples, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." **Matthew 9:37-38**

Dr. Richard D. Piles, Pastor

Chris Henderson, Minister of Music & Sr. Adults
Ronnie Witt, Minister of Youth & Education

Pastor's Pen

I want to highlight multiple ministry opportunities for your consideration in 2021.

First, our prayer room ministry kicked-off in January 2020 and suffered a small setback due to COVID. However, it is fully open again, and I hope we can fill all 36 one-hour time slots Monday through Thursday from 8 AM to 5 PM each day.

Currently, we have 17 open time slots. If you're retired, work from home or have a flexible schedule that allows you to come and pray, please consider this ministry.

Second, EBC's 2020 World Mission Fund collected over \$50,000 that was sent around the world to help share the gospel with the hope of seeing more people go to heaven and less people go to hell. In 2021, I am asking for 40 families to make this commitment of \$25 per week for 52 weeks. That \$1,300 total can be given weekly, monthly, or in one annual payment. If I can count on you for this ministry, please let me know by phone, text, email, or in passing.

Third, we need more volunteers for our Sunday Morning Nursery. This ministry takes place during our 10:30 AM worship service. We hope to have enough volunteers to serve once every other month. This is such a blessing for young families who are able to attentively worship while faithful adults care over their children. Talk to Dena Westmoreland to volunteer.

Finally, Bobby and Dena Westmoreland are stepping down from leading Back Pack Buddies, and we need new leaders. Talk to them or Bro. Richard for more information or to take over this ministry... Matthew 9:37-38.

God bless you!
Bro. Richard
Pastor

Choir Corner with Chris

Just like that, January has passed and February is here. With it, we have some important information regarding our Sunday morning worship service live-streams. On February 7th, Emory Baptist Church will be migrating our Sunday morning live-streams from Facebook Live to YouTube. In order to access these streams, all you need to do is go to youtube.com and search for Emory Baptist Church, and click the channel with our church logo. Additionally, if you have a Google account, you can sign in to YouTube and subscribe to the YouTube channel (think of it as liking our Facebook page) in order to get notifications whenever we go live. We are enacting this move as we believe it will provide a better livestreaming experience for our members.

In other news, the Celebration Choir has begun practicing our Easter Musical Presentation entitled *Living Hope*. We were scheduled to present this last April but were unable to due to the COVID-19 pandemic. We are hoping to be able to have a full choir to put on this presentation this Easter season. If you are a choir member who has been waiting to come back, I encourage you to join us on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 to rehearse. We are still social distancing in the pews during this time.

If you have a student in 3rd through 6th grade, the Joyful Noise Ukulele Choir is currently down to two students taking private ukulele lessons. If you or your student is interested in participating of EBC's Music Ministry, this is the place for them. Just visit with me, or come at 4:45 on Wednesday afternoon.



Bro. Chris
Minister of Music & Sr. Adults

Student Ministry Spot

I was given three names at birth. I was named after my "Uncle" Ron, my Great Uncle Ira, and my father's unbroken line of Witts.

My "Uncle" Ron isn't really my uncle. He is a life-long friend my dad met in college. My dad actually shared the Gospel with him as they snacked on sardines and crackers in Uncle Ron's dorm. My father extended an invitation for Ron to accept Christ and Ron responded. He became one of the greatest examples of Christian servant-heartedness that I have ever known. When my Uncle Ron passed away in November, I have no doubt that he went to be with the Lord.

My Great Uncle Ira is my mother's uncle and my grandfather's brother. I have no memory of Uncle Ira whatsoever. He died before I was born. For a long time, I was embarrassed by my middle name. I thought it was weird. Nobody else had that name. But eventually, I embraced my middle name. Incidentally, I have used it almost exclusively with my online presence; "irawitt" is almost a brand for me. Uncle Ira and I are two strangers connected by a name unique to each of us that we've defined in our own ways.

My father gave me the name Witt, and his father before him for generations. I have shared it not only with my wife of 21 years, but also with our three boys. They have embraced it as much as they have embraced me. It brings us together, something we all share. Since my father passed away, I carry these names forward alone.

Christians bear the name of Christ. Bearing the name connects us to people that we know and people we've never known, but who have been called by the same name. Still, we all share the same mission. Let us carry the name well, because for some, we may be the only Christians they ever know.

Ronnie Witt
Minister of Youth & Education



EBC now offers online giving through our church website. You can use a credit or debit card for a one-time gift or recurring transaction. Also available is a one time or recurring ACH transaction.

Extended Care Workers

Feb 7	Dena Westmoreland Jody Christensen, Missy Malone
Feb 14	Doris Horrocks, Sarah Piles, Debbie Vanderwilt
Feb 21	Klay & Bailey Young Caleigh Piles
Feb 28	Christy Piles, Jeanette Melton Faye Jarrett



Youth Camp 2021
Camp Zephyr
June 14-18

Students who have completed grades 6-12



Preteen Camp 2021
Mt. Lebanon
June 21-25

Students who have completed grades 3-6

Nursery Rhymes

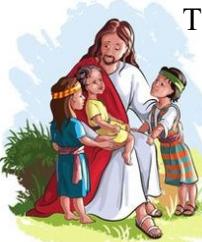
February is here and that means VALENTINES DAY! Traditional gifts are candy, flowers, etc., but I am thinking of ways to share the love that Jesus has for us with our preschoolers. That thought reminds me of the song "Jesus Loves Me." Like most Christians, this was the first church song I learned as a child. We think of it as a "kids" song, but it really isn't. It is a song that we all should know by heart. Not just the words to sing but to know deep down in our hearts. Jesus truly loves us.

Thinking of this song reminded me of our precious preschoolers at Emory Baptist. They fill my heart with joy with their waves, smiles, and hugs. Even when they pout when I leave to go to "Big Church" makes me smile. I pray that our little ones know that I love them. I pray that they know they are loved by the Sunday School teachers and the volunteers that willingly give of their time in the nursery each Sunday morning. I pray that each child in EBC knows they are loved by this church family. I'll leave you with our theme song for February.

JESUS LOVES ME

Jesus loves me, this I know,
For the Bible tells me so.
Little ones to him belong,
They are weak, but HE is strong.

Yes, Jesus Loves me.
Yes, Jesus Loves me.
Yes, Jesus Loves me.
The Bible tells me so!



Dena Westmoreland
Preschool Ministry Coordinator

Sonbeam Day School

...Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul, and with all thy strength, and with all thy mind; and thy neighbor as thyself.

Luke 10:27

Monthly Bible Lesson

The Good Samaritan-Love Your Neighbor

One of my favorite songs growing up was sung by several different Southern Gospel groups, but JD Sumner and The Stamps were my favorite group to sing it. The song is called "Dig A Little Deeper" and it goes like this...

"Let my light shine
In love divine
Well, I wanna dig a little deeper in the store house
Of His love, of His love
Well, I wanna dig, dig a little deeper in His love
I wanna dig, dig a little deeper in His love
I wanna dig, dig a little deeper in the store house
Of His love, of His love
Lord, I wanna walk, walk a little more like my Jesus would
I wanna talk a little more like a Christian should
I wanna dig a little deeper in the store house
Of His love, of His love"

Please continue to pray for this ministry this school year!



Cecily Kirby
Sonbeam Director

"Blessed is he



who reads aloud
...and blessed are
those who hear..."
REV. 1:3

Feb 1	Ex 27-28	14	Lev 18-19
	Matt 21:23-46		Matt 27:32-66
2	Ex 29-30	15	Lev 20-21; Matt 28
	Matt 22:1-22	16	Lev 22-23
3	Ex 31-33		Mark 1:1-22
	Matt 22:23-46	17	Lev 24-25
4	Ex 34-36		Mark 1:23-45
	Matt 23:1-22	18	Lev 26-27; Mark 2
5	Ex 37-38	19	Num 1-2
	Matt 23:39		Mark 3:1-21
6	Ex 39-40	20	Num 3-4
	Matt 24:1-22		Mark 3:22-35
7	Lev 1-3	21	Num 5-6
	Matt 24:23-51		Mark 4:1-20
8	Lev 4-6	22	Num 7
	Matt 25:1-30		Mark 4:21-41
9	Lev 7-9	23	Num 8-10
	Matt 25:31-46		Mark 5:1-20
10	Lev 10-12	24	Num 11-13
	Matt 26:1-19		Mark 5: 21-43
11	Lev 13	25	Num 14-15
	Matt 26:20-54		Mark 6:1-32
12	Lev 14	26	Num 16-17
	Matt 26:55-75		Mark 6:33-56
13	Lev 15-17	27	Num 18-20
	Matt 27:1-31		Mark 6:33-56
		28	Num 18-20
			Mark 7:1-13

Daily Bible Readings

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



Threads of Service

Tuesday, February 23; 9 am—3 pm
Bring a sack lunch. I have a fun project you might want to try. We will begin on a ministry project for 2021.

"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

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FEBRUARY 2021

Calendar Online: go to www.emorybaptist.org and click on "Schedule"

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Wednesday Menu: Breakfast Food	4	5	6
7 <i>Deacons' Mtg 5 pm</i>	8 WOM 11 am	9	10 Asian Chicken	11 SAM Game Day 12 noon	12	13
14 <i>Lord's Supper am</i>  <i>Wedding Shower for Chris Henderson & Grace Tucker Come & Go 2-4 pm</i>	15	16 T.E.L 12 pm Word of the month is: "heart"	17 Meatloaf	18	19	20  5:30 PM
21 <i>Members' Mtg. 6:30 p</i>	22	23 Threads of Service 9am-3pm 	24 Pasta Bake	25 SAM Game Day 12 noon	26	27
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FEBRUARY MEMBERS' BIRTHDAYS

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1 Lynn Allen | 16 Casey Berryhill |
| | Vernon Kerr |
| 2 Carolyn Potts | 17 Scott Young |
| | Billie Ruth Shotwell |
| 4 Rick Ellison | 18 Betty Smith |
| | Jared Killingsworth |
| | 19 Eastin Christian |
| | Wesley Miller |
| 5 Martha Burns | 20 Kevin McAllister |
| | Neal Sanders |
| 23 Merideth Chavez | 23 Triston Hurley |
| | 24 Beverley Bryan |
| 6 Brooklyn Smith | Weston Potts |
| 9 Robby Hartog | 26 Major Wallace |
| 10 Pam Cole | 27 Barbie Thompson |
| | Korey Young |
| 12 LaCresha Dale | 29 Zaylee Blevins |
| 14 Cindy Edmonds | |
| | Bill Garrett |
| | Karen Thurman |

