

Little Free Pantry

Items needed in May are canned meats, vegetables, and soups, mac & cheese, breakfast foods, toiletries such as soap, deodorant, shampoo, and paper goods. Cash donations are also appreciated. We cannot accept items in glass jars or perishables.



Operation Christmas Child

In May we are collecting clothing & accessory items such as shirts, pants, shoes, socks, underwear, hair bows/clips, sunglasses, tote bags, play jewelry, etc. Clothing in children's sizes 2-14.

If you need an announcement included in the June newsletter, **please contact Teresa White no later than Thursday, May 15.**

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Extended Care Workers

May 4	Christy & Caroline Piles Shelby Vaughn
May 11	Klay & Bailey Young Kalie Berry
May 18	Alfonso & Shay Villa Jeanette Melton
May 25	Jerry & Ashley Miller Jana Burchett

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Regular Schedule

Sunday	
9:15 am	Sunday School Small Groups
10:30	Morning Worship (In person & online)
5:00 pm	Celebration Choir Rehearsal
6:30	Evening Worship RA's & GA's /CB (K-5th) Youth Ministries/MH (6th-12th)
Monday	
10:00 am	Church-wide Prayer Meeting
Tuesday	
9:00 am	Threads of Service/MH (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
10:00	Grief Share/Bride's Room
6:30 pm	Recovery Ministry
Wednesday	
5:30 pm	Fellowship Meal
6:30	Wednesday Worship KidzPraise/CB (K-5th grade) Youth Ministries/MH (6th-12th)
Thursday	
10:30 am	Senior Adult Choir/Sanctuary
Friday	
7:30 am	Men's Discipleship/ Y'all Come Back Cafe

Ministry Staff

Pastor - Dr. Richard D. Piles
Minister of Music & Senior Adults - Chris Henderson
Minister of Youth & Education - Ronnie Witt
Director of Preschool Ministries - Cecily Kirby



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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).



Nicolete Burden - Rains High School
Grace Childers - Rains High School
Eastin Christian - Miller Grove High School
Wyatt Cook - Rains High School
Karley Henderson - Lindale High School
Rowdy Mikulak - Rains High School
Madison Moczygemba - Rains High School
Mason Moore - Rains High School
Colby Witt - Rains High School

May 1 - VBS Online Registration is open
Go to www.Emorybaptist.org
National Day of Prayer 12pm
Emory Methodist Church
May 4 - 1st Fruits / Sonbeam Sunday
May 11 - Lord's Supper / Mother's Day
No PM activities
May 18 - Graduate Recognition 10:30am
May 21 - Sonbeam End of Year Program
6:30pm
May 22 - Sonbeam Last Day of School
May 25 - Rains ISD Baccalaureate
2pm at EBC
No Evening Activities
May 26 - Church office closed in
observance of Memorial Day
May 28 - May Member's Meeting
Last Wednesday Worship
meal until August
May 29 - Rains ISD Last Day of School
May 30 - Rains ISD Graduation

"But be doers of the word, and not hearers only, deceiving yourselves." James 1:22

Dr. Richard D. Piles, Pastor
Chris Henderson, Minister of Music & Sr. Adults
Ronnie Witt, Minister of Youth & Education
Cecily Kirby, Director of Preschool Ministries

Pastor's Pen

I want to share with you some great news here at Emory Baptist Church. Both of these items deserve a loud "Praise the Lord!"

First, Praise the Lord for your efforts in inviting family and friends our Easter Sunday Worship! We had 433 in our Morning Worship Service and who heard the gospel!

Second, we will be breaking ground on our Family Life Center soon after Easter Sunday! Construction fencing will soon go up at the north end of our block. Therefore, that will mean a new parking spot for many of you. Please feel free to use our south parking lot or any of the many spaces around the county courthouse.

As we look to the final month of the school year, May will be a busy month with multiple recognitions on the following Sundays.

- May 4 is Sonbeam Sunday
- May 11 is Mother's Day
- May 18 is High School Graduate Recognition Sunday
- May 25 is Memorial Day Weekend Sunday

Obviously, we will recognize a lot of great folks, and we will welcome a lot of guests. Please join me at EBC!

Have a great May, and believe it or not, summer is almost here, and as always, I am grateful to be your pastor!



Bro. Richard
Pastor

Choir Corner with Chris

April was a great month at Emory Baptist Church. I am very proud of how the Celebration Choir's Easter music presentation *Then He Rose* went. Good Friday was a somber reminder of Christ's great work on the cross. Easter Sunday was amazing. I love so much getting to celebrate the Resurrection with you through song. I hope you had a wonderful time with your loved ones.

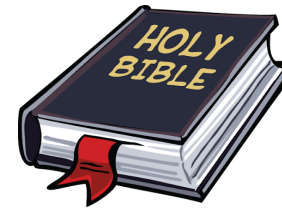
Early this month, we will have a group sing that has not sung at EBC since 2019: the EBC Senior Adult Choir. On May 4th, the Senior Adult Choir will be singing *Then Came the Morning*, once again reiterating the message of Easter and the hope we have because of Jesus's resurrection from the dead. The choir is still small, and I hope that their singing will encourage more EBC members to join us on Thursdays at 10:30 to sing our old favorite hymns together.

KidzPraise has been hard at work learning a few "old songs" as they call them: *There is a Fountain* and *Praise to the Lord, the Almighty*. We look forward to sharing these songs with you in the coming weeks.

Choir, thank you again for your hard work on *Then He Rose*, I appreciate the hours and extra rehearsals you put in this Easter.



Bro. Chris
Minister of Music & Senior Adults



DAILY BIBLE READING

May 1	1 Kings 1-2 Luke 22:54-71	16	2 Kings 15-17 John 6:1-21
2	1 Kings 3-5 Luke 23:1-26	17	2 Kings 18-19 John 6:22-44
3	1 Kings 6-7 Luke 23:27-38	18	2 Kings 20-22 John 6:45-71
4	1 Kings 8-9 Luke 23:39-56	19	2 Kings 23-25 John 7:1-31
5	1 Kings 10-11 Luke 24:1-35	20	1 Chronicles 1-2 John 7:32-53
6	1 Kings 12-13 Luke 24:36-53	21	1 Chronicles 3-5 John 8:1-20
7	1 Kings 14-15 John 1:1-28	22	1 Chronicles 6-7 John 8:21-36
8	1 Kings 16-18 John 1:29-51	23	1 Chronicles 8-10 John 8:37-59
9	1 Kings 19-20 John 2	24	1 Chronicles 11-13 John 9:1-23
10	1 Kings 21-22 John 3:1-21	25	1 Chronicles 14-16 John 9:24-41
11	2 Kings 1-3 John 3:22-36	26	1 Chronicles 17-19 John 10:1-21
12	2 Kings 4-5 John 4:1-30	27	1 Chronicles 20-22 John 10:22-42
13	2 Kings 6-8 John 4:31-54	28	1 Chronicles 23-25 John 11:1-17
14	2 Kings 9-11 John 5:1-24	29	1 Chronicles 26-27 John 11:18-46
15	2 Kings 12-14 John 5:25-47	30	1 Chronicles 28-29 John 11:47-57
		31	2 Chronicles 1-3 John 12:1-19

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

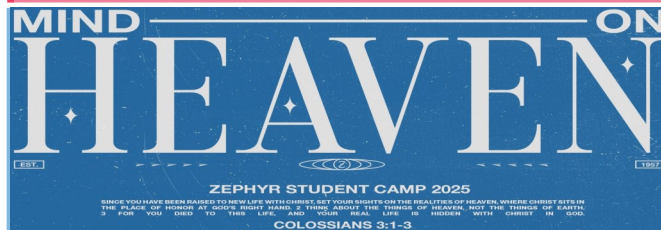
Grace Childers by baptism on Sunday, April 13.

Ashlie Jeffrey by baptism on Sunday, April 27.



Intentional Christian Grandparents
Monday, May 19, 6-7:15PM/FH

The topic is *How to Discipline Grandkids Effectively*, and will provide effective discipline techniques to decrease conflicts with grandchildren and improve relationships with them and their parents. Refreshments will be available.



Camp Zephyr, July 14-18, Sandia, TX

This camp is for students in grades 6-12. Cost is \$175 and a \$50 deposit saves your spot. Students interested in going can go to: emorybaptist.org/YouthCamp

Complete the Google form and send your deposit. You will receive a link and password to register with Camp Zephyr. Contact Ronnie Witt with any questions.

Nursery Rhymes

Nurse Songs and Rhymes for Toddlers

Follow Jesus

(To the tune of “The Hokey Pokey”)

We put our left foot in,
We put our left foot out,
We put our left foot in and shake it all about.
We can follow Jesus, let’s turn ourselves
around.
That’s what it’s all about!

(continue with right foot, right arm, left arm,
head)

Counting Rhyme

One, two, three,
Jesus said, “Follow Me.”
Four, five, six.
Then more me He picks.
Seven, eight, nine,
To help Him all the time.
Ten, eleven, twelve, that’s all.
The 12 men followed Jesus’ call.

Nursery Workers Needed!

We are looking to add at least four more volunteers to our list of nursery workers. Please get in touch with Cecily Kirby if you are interested in helping out in this ministry.



Cecily Kirby
Director of Preschool Ministries

Sonbeam Day School

Bible Story of the Month

Moses

Memory Verse of the Month

Jesus said to him, “I am the way, the truth,
and the life. No one comes to the Father
except through me.
John 14:6

Nurse Rhyme of the Month

Hickory Dickory Dock

Important Dates

May 1st - Pastries with Parents
May 4th - Sonbeam Sunday
May 5-9th - Teacher Appreciation Week
May 21st - Spring Program & Graduation
May 22nd - Last Day of School

**OPEN ENROLLMENT
HAPPENING NOW!**



Cecily Kirby
Director of Sonbeam

Student Ministry Spot

If anyone sees my 4Runner traveling wildly down the road, please let me know. It has not been stolen, but it has been commandeered by my youngest son who turned 16 years old. With the other two boys, we could afford to make a new vehicle available to them. But *adding* three vehicles in a span of 5 years is just not feasible. So, Cohen and I are doing what I have always told my boys to do: sharing. So let me know if he, or the other two, are driving crazy and need correction.

Colby is counting down the days until his graduation in May. He is still ironing out the details and timing of the next stage of life, but he is eager to move forward.

Needless to say, this advancement into the end of the school year has brought some significant changes around our house and EBC. But, I pray that you and your family will plug in and plan to be a part of all that God is doing in the days to come.

VBS will be here before you know it: June 9-13. That means VBS starts in less than seven weeks. We still need some teachers for our children’s classes. If you haven’t signed up, we really need your help. VBS is one of the biggest ways we reach out to share the Gospel with children in Rains County. Please talk to me ASAP so we can get you plugged in and ready to participate.

Coming up at the end of this month, we plan to do High School Graduate recognition on Sunday, May 18th. This is a week earlier than we usually do it because of the Memorial Day weekend. But, then on Sunday, May 25th, Rains High School Baccalaureate will be held at Emory Baptist Church at 2pm. Afterward, we would like to host a cookie fellowship for the graduates and families. Lou Madden is heading this up, so please consider how you can help.

Bro. Ronnie
Minister of Youth & Education

Pray for our Military

Joshua Allen	Christian LaToof
Gabe Baker	Colin Mayo
Robert Barrientos	John McCann
Joshua Crain	James McGarry
Christopher Donaldson	Travis Mosley
Jeremiah Duke	Robert Palin Jr.
Nicholas Endris	Robert Sandlin
Jace Hartog	Kenny Schulze
Morgan Hines	Garrick Stainaker
Peter Hughes	Kolby Stephenson
Travis Johns	Kristy Tunney
	Colton Wilkerson



Preteen Camp
Mt. Lebanon, Cedar Hill, TX
July 14-18

Preteen camp is for students who have completed 3rd, 4th, 5th or 6th grades.

Cost is \$125 for EBC members and \$175 for non-church members.

Pre-registration forms must be completed and turned into the church office along with a \$25 non-refundable deposit by June 15. Forms are available in the church office.

You will receive instructions for online registration after your pre-registration form and \$25 deposit has been submitted. Online registration must be completed by June 22.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
VBS Online Registration is Open Go to www.Emorybaptist.org				1 Sonbeam Pastries w/Parents National Day of Prayer 12pm Emory Methodist Church	2	3
4 1st Fruits on 1st Sunday Sonbeam Sunday 10:30am	5 WOM 11am	6	7 Chicken & Wild Rice	8 SAM Lunch & Game Day 12pm Fun for Seniors	9	10
11 Lord's Supper 10:30am Mather's Day No PM Activities	12	13	14 Backpack Buddies 10:30am	15	16	17 VBS Decorations Making 9am-2pm Family Fun Night 5:30pm
18 HS Graduate Recognition 10:30am	19 Intentional Christian Grandparents 6-7:15pm/FH	20 TEL 12pm/FH	21 Sonbeam End of Year Program 6:30pm Chicken	22 SAM Lunch & Game Day 12pm Sonbeam Last Day	23	24
25 Rains ISD Baccalaureate 2pm at EBC No PM Activities in observance of Memorial Day	26 WE WILL BE CLOSED FOR MEMORIAL DAY	27	28 Backpack Buddies 10:30am Members Mtg. 6:30pm Asian Chicken Last meal until August	29 Rains ISD Last Day	30 2025 Rains ISD Graduation	31



Members' Birthdays

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|-------------------|--------------------|
| 1 Brodie Aguilar | 14 Drew Vititow |
| 2 Betty Foster | 15 Rayme Huskey |
| 4 Trent Jennings | Jan Stone |
| Greg Morrow | Linda Wallace |
| 5 Roy Martin | 19 Patti Lennon |
| Marcie Tankersley | Allison Wallace |
| 6 Drake Hurley | 20 Jamey Burchett |
| Michele Potts | Shay Villa |
| Lisa Provost | 23 Linda Jennings |
| 7 Robert Harris | 25 Martha Bullock |
| Wayne Melton | Cody Drown |
| Anita Nutt | Josh Satterfield |
| Kyle Thurman | 26 Jolene Cobb |
| 10 Kimberly Crain | 27 Jamie Guidry |
| 13 Dianne Ferrell | Ansen Hiser |
| Jeanette Melton | Sue Ramsey |
| Janice Rouse | 29 Brennan Potts |
| Sherry Smith | 30 John McAllister |
| Kenzy Thompson | |

Members' Anniversaries

- 4 Jimmy & Rene Drake
- 5 Jerry & Margaret Maxey
- 8 Carroll & Pat Ethridge
- 14 Jerry & Wanda McSwain
- 15 Jonathon & Veronica Bryant
- 16 Greg & Gennifer Morrow
- 18 Allen & Bev Ray
- 19 Benny & Lori Ellington
- 22 Stephen & Keri Gowin
- Bobby & Sara Haley
- Roy & JoAnn Martin
- 23 Klay & Bailey Young