

Little Free Pantry

Our Little Free Pantry is in need of cereals, canned meats, mac & cheese, small bags of flour and sugar, toiletries such as deodorant, toothpaste, toothbrushes, band aids, soap, shampoo, soap, baby items, paper goods. Cash donations are also appreciated.

We do not need pasta/noodles/rice. We can not accept items in glass jars or perishable items.

Thank you for making this ministry a success!

Camp Zephyr July 17-21, 2023

This camp is for all students in 6th-12th grades. Registration will begin in January since there are only 50 spots available for EBC. A \$50 deposit is required.

See Ronnie for more details.

Extended Care Workers

Jan 1	Bobby & Dena Westmoreland
Jan 8	Sharon Hodges, Sonya Williams, Dena Westmoreland
Jan 15	Charlotte Rabe, Barbie Thompson, Dena Westmoreland
Jan 22	Jeanette Melton, Christy Piles, Sarah Piles
Jan 29	Witt & LaCresha Dale, Dena Westmoreland

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Regular Schedule

Sunday

9:15 am Sunday School Small Groups
 10:30 am Morning Worship (In person & online)
 4:30 pm Bible Drill/CB
 5:00 pm Celebration Choir Rehearsal
 6:30 pm 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
 6:30 pm Recovery Ministry

Wednesday

6:30 am Men's Discipleship/FH
 9:30 am Women's Discipleship/MH
 5:30 pm Fellowship Meal
 6:30 pm Wednesday Worship
 KidzPraise/CB (K-5th grade)
 Youth Ministries/MH (6th-12th)

Friday

7:30 am Men's Discipleship
 @ Don's Restaurant

Area Ministry Coordinators

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






THE MESSENGER


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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).





the *power* of
a simple *gift*

Operation Christmas Child Items for January

Personal hygiene items such as combs, hairbrushes, bath bar soap, toothbrushes, etc. are being collected. Toothpaste or anything liquid cannot be accepted.

Thank you to all that give so generously.

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"
Luke 6:46

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

Chris Henderson, Minister of Music & Sr. Adults

Pastor's Pen

Happy New Year to you and your family!

In 2021, our verse for the year was Matthew 9:37-38, "The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore, pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest." In 2022, our verse was Matthew 21:13. Jesus said, "My house shall be called a house of prayer."

In 2023, our verse for the year will be Luke 6:46, "But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

Of course, this verse speaks to our obedience to Jesus. The word "Lord" means master or boss. It is expected that we obey the one who is in charge, the one who is in authority over us.

For the follower of Christ, that means Jesus. I am challenging you and me and our entire church to do what Jesus tells us in His Word for 2023. That means personally. That means with our family. That means with our money. That means at work and at school. That means in public and in private.

If Jesus is our Lord and Savior, our lives ought to be characterized by obedience. So, if we prioritized personal evangelism in 2021 and prayer in 2022, let's prioritize obedience in 2023.

Again, Happy New Year, and I pray that 2023 is a memorable one at EBC. I'm honored to be your pastor for EIGHT years as of January 4! God bless you, and God bless EBC!



Bro. Richard
Pastor

Choir Corner with Chris

Happy New Year, Emory Baptist Church! 2022 is in the books, and I am so excited to see what God has in store for 2023.

Before we talk about the new year, I think it's pertinent to look back on what we did as a church in regards to our Music and Senior Adult Ministries.

Our Celebration Choir did a fabulous job both in April with our Easter music presentation and in December for our Christmas music. Choir, from the bottom of my heart, thank you so much for your hard work and faithfulness in preparing and leading Emory Baptist Church in worship almost every Sunday morning.

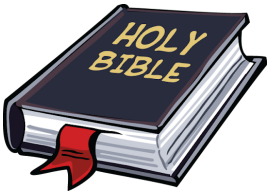
In May, we took a group of more than 30 to Cincinnati, Ohio and Northern Kentucky to see the Ark. It was a wonderful and memorable trip where we learned a lot about how God worked salvation for Noah and his family. Thank you to Lori Ellington for all your help in planning and making sure everything went as close to plan as possible.

In August, we began KidzPraise, a wildly beneficial children's music program that has blessed our church immensely by teaching our kids how and why we worship. I am so proud of all of our kiddos. Thank you to Grace, Dena, Lisa, Jeanette, and Peggy for all you did this year in helping me.

I'm excited to see where God takes all of our ministries in 2023. I hope you'll come along for the journey by being involved and volunteering either in the Celebration Choir or helping with KidzPraise.



Bro. Chris
Minister of Music & Sr. Adults



DAILY BIBLE READING

Jan 1	Gen 1-2 Matt 1	16	Gen 38-40 Matt 12:22-50
2	Gen 3-5 Matt 2	17	Gen 41 Matt 13:1-32
3	Gen 6-8 Matt 3	18	Gen 42-43 Matt 13:33-56
4	Gen 9-11 Matt 4	19	Gen 44-45 Matt 14:1-21
5	Gen 12-14 Matt 4:1-26	20	Gen 46-48 Matt 14:22-36
6	Gen 15-17 Matt 5:27-48	21	Gen 49-50 Matt 15:1-20
7	Gen 18-19 Matt 6	22	Ex 1-3 Matt 15:21-39
8	Gen 20-22 Matt 7	23	Ex 4-6 Matt 16
9	Gen 23-24 Matt 6	24	Ex 7-8 Matt 17
10	Gen 25-26 Matt 9:1-17	25	Ex 9-10 Matt 18:1-20
11	Gen 27-28 Matt 9:18-38	26	Ex 11-12 Matt 18:21-35
12	Gen 29-30 Matt 10:1-23	27	Ex 13-15 Matt 19:1-15
13	Gen 31-32 Matt 10:24-42	28	Ex 16-18 Matt 19:16-30
14	Gen 33-35 Matt 11	29	Ex 19-21 Matt 20:1-16
15	Gen 36-37 Matt 12:1-21	30	Ex 22-24 Matt 20:17-34
		31	Ex 25-26 Matt 21:1-22



Annabelle Bullock joined by baptism on Sunday, December 4.

Bill & Lou Madden joined by letter on Sunday, December 11.

Thank you for the calls, cards, flowers, visits, and especially prayers during my surgeries and recovery.

Love,
Cheryl Shipp



Camp Akiva
February 24-25, 2023

EBC youth and Believers' Baptist will go together again this year. Contact Ronnie for details.

If you need an announcement included in the February newsletter, please contact Teresa White by Monday, January 23.

Teresa.White@emorybaptist.org

Nursery Rhymes

HAPPY NEW YEAR/

The EBC Preschool department wishes each of you a Happy New Year. I would like to take a moment and thank all our volunteers for Extended Session each Sunday morning. They are so very important to our Church. I found this poem that really convicted me and reminded me of the importance of this ministry.

My Sunday To Work In The Nursery

Last Sunday was my turn in the nursery to work,
My heart wasn't in it, my feelings were hurt.

A child from it's mother did not want to part
And cried A LOT with it's broken heart.

I prayed that soon the hour would end,
That I could relax, it felt good to be free!
I said one a month was too much for me!

The very next Sunday as I sat in the pew
It was a very good sermon, but the visitors were few.

Down came a woman and her soul was saved

She was the mother of the crying babe.
Then I dawned on me that I had been a part
of one being saved

From that day on I would never dread
Working in the nursery while souls were being fed!

(Author Unknown)

"Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of Heaven" Matthew 19:14

Thank you and We Love You!

Dena Westmoreland
Preschool Coordinator

Our verse for the year 2023

"But why do you call Me 'Lord, Lord,' and not do the things which I say?"

Luke 6:46



Student Ministry Spot

Happy new year to everyone for whom the year 2023 sounds unreal. That includes me. I accidentally wrote "2021" by mistake recently. I'm not even adjusted to 2022 so how could it already be 2023? All the way through Caleb's schooling at Rains, seeing the "class of 2023" seemed so far away. Now, 2023 is a reality. It's hard to think we're half-way to the end of Caleb's senior year.

We've got a lot of things coming up in 2023. As you're planning for 2023, please keep these dates in mind:

The 2023 Winter Retreat is February 24th and 25th at Camp Akiva. Sign up in the youth room. Ricky Cotto will be teaching and the theme is "Unmatched Kingdom."

We will go to Super Summer June 19-23 at Dallas Baptist University. Early registration is January 9th—February 27. If you're interested in getting a scholarship for Super Summer, you need to be registered for early registration. See me for details and how to sign up. For more information about Super Summer, you can visit SuperSummer.com.

We WILL go to Camp Zephyr July 17th-21th. We only have 50 spots, so we will begin registration in January to reserve your spot. A \$50 deposit will hold your spot and you can register for camp. Zephyr is the church camp for all students in 6th-12th grades.

As you're writing down those dates and planning for them, make sure you take note of the biggest ministry opportunity in the youth calendar. This event is scheduled for every Sunday and Wednesday this year. When students are connected with other believers in regular worship and service, they will spiritually grow more than through attending every big church event available. Faith grows fastest in the regular times.

Bro. Ronnie
Minister of Youth & Education

Pray for our Military

Joshua Allen	Leland Knight
Gabe Baker	Christian LaToof
Robert Barrientos	Colin Mayo
Derrick Bourceir	John McCann
Will Cannon	James McGarry
Christopher Donaldson	James Mikulak
Jeremiah Duke	Travis Mosley
Nicholas Endris	Robert Palin Jr.
Moses Garcia	Robert Sandlin
Ryan Hargrave	Kenny Schulze
Jace Hartog	Cole Smith
Jace Herman	Garrick Stainaker
Morgan Hines	Kolby Stephenson
Peter Hughes	Kristy Tunney
Travis Johns	Colton Wilkerson
	Micha Williams

THANK YOU!!

The church staff and nurse workers wish to thank all who gave to the Staff Love Offering.

We are thankful to have such a generous church family.





God Bless You!

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.



JANUARY 2023

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 <i>Lord's Supper</i> 10:30 am <i>No PM Activities</i>	2 	3	4 <i>Backpack Buddies</i> 11am <i>The Money Challenge</i> 6:30pm <i>Taco Soup</i>	5	6	7
8 <i>Regular Church Activities Resume</i>	9 <i>WOM</i> 11am	10 <i>Threads of Service</i> 9am-3pm	11 <i>Pasta Bake</i>	12 <i>SAM Lunch & Game Day</i> 12pm 	13	14
15	16	17 <i>T.E.L.</i> 12:30 pm <i>Threads of Service</i> 9am-3pm	18 <i>Backpack Buddies</i> 11am <i>Frito Chili Cheese</i>	19	20	21 5:30 pm 
22	23	24 <i>Threads of Service</i> 9am-3pm	25 <i>Mexican Corn-bread Casserole</i>	26 <i>SAM Lunch & Game Day</i> 12pm 	27	28
29	30	31 <i>Threads of Service</i> 9am-3pm				

CeleBRate

Members' Birthdays

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| 2 Teresa White | 15 Peggy Bolton, Emily Northcutt |
| 4 Caroline Piles, Andrea Thompson | 18 Deryl Gilbert |
| 7 Brigada Hizer, Alli Ross | 20 Peggy Legate, Annette Wagener |
| 10 Kristi Hicks, Baker Young | 22 Marilyn Hargrave |
| 14 Jackie Butler, Ken Crews, Grayson Smith, Georgia Speake | 23 Bobbie Harris, Barbra Jaggars, Sarah Wade, Nancy Wilson |
| | 26 Beverly Crews |
| | 27 Rose Kirkpatrick |

Members' Anniversaries

- 1 Josh & Shannon Kennedy
- 10 Tony & Ann Jennings
- 16 Todd & Terri Nevils
- 21 A.B. & Loretta Godwin
- 25 Matt & Sherry Smith
- 27 Dempsey & Martha Bullock

