

# Little Free Pantry

Items needed in August are canned meats, 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.*



In August we are collecting school supplies such as notebooks, colored pencils, pencil sharpeners, pencil bags, erasers, markers, scissors, etc. *No pencils, pens or glue sticks needed! Bar soap can no longer be accepted.*

**Thank you for giving so generously!**

Extended Care Workers	
Aug 3	Faye Jarrett Klay & Bailey Young
Aug 10	Jana Burchett Bobby & Dena Westmoreland
Aug 17	Kathy McKinney Billy & Lou Madden
Aug 24	Reene Shedd, Jordan Story Shelby Vaughn
Aug 31	Cecily Kirby Diane Klump

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## Regular Weekly Schedule

<b>Sunday</b>		
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)
<b>Monday</b>		
10:00 AM		Church-wide Prayer Meeting
<b>Tuesday</b>		
9:00 AM		Threads of Service/MH (2nd & 4th Tuesday)
10:00		Grief Share/Bride's Room
6:30 PM		Recovery Ministry
<b>Wednesday</b>		
5:30 PM		Fellowship Meal
6:30		Wednesday Worship KidzPraise/CB (K-5th grade) Youth Ministries/MH (6th-12th)
<b>Thursday</b>		
10:30 AM		Senior Adult Choir/Sanctuary
<b>Friday</b>		
7:00 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).

BACK IN THE GAME

Revival Meetings

Sunday, August, 10:30 AM & 6:30 PM

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August 4-6, 6:30 PM

Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Sunday, August 10, 5:00PM

Fellowship Meal

Wednesday, August 13, 5:30PM

KidzPraise

Wednesday, August 13, 6:30PM

Backpack Buddies

Wednesday, August 20, 11:00AM


Promotion Sunday

August 31

Youth Lunch & Pickleball

Sunday, August 24

After morning service the youth will go to Sulphur Springs for lunch and then play Pickleball. You may contact Ronnie Witt for details.



T.E.L. Back to School

Ice Cream Social

Sunday, August 10, 6:30 PM/FH

We will be recognizing our wonderful staff and paid nursery workers.

Everyone is Invited!

“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

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Cecily Kirby, Director of Preschool Ministries

Pastor's Pen

Where did summer go? Ready or not, school starts back this month, and another summer is behind us.

Plan now to attend our annual “Back in the Game” Revival Meetings August 3-6. We welcome Bro. Butch Smith as our guest preacher. He is the interim pastor of Lakeside Baptist Church in Canton, and he also is an area director for Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA).

Miles Pike will be our guest worship leader. Visit his website to get to know him before August 3, [milespikemusic.com](http://milespikemusic.com).

The Sunday meeting times will be our normal meeting times, and Monday-Wednesday will be at 6:30 PM. Also, we will be taking a love offering for Miles and his family. Please plan to give generously.

On Sunday night, August 10, we will have our end of the summer and Back to School Ice Cream Fellowship hosted by T. E. L. Come for Blue Bell ice cream and as we pray for our teachers and students! Also, we will appreciate our EBC Staff at this ice cream fellowship. You can do so with a card or gift card or just a work of “thanks.”

Rains ISD resumes classes on Monday, August 11. Sonbeam Day School starts back on Tuesday, September 2.

Finally, “Back in the Game” Sunday will be August 24. As has been our practice in the previous years, we will look back at what God did at EBC in 2024-2025 and look forward to 2025-2026!

I’m grateful to be your pastor!



Bro. Richard  
Pastor

Choir Corner with Chris

Church family, if you haven’t heard the news, Grace and I are expecting our first child, a baby boy, in January of 2026. We could not be more excited to be parents and we appreciate the support you’ve shown us so much. Thank you so much for all the prayers and congratulatory remarks. I know Baby Henderson is already well loved and well prayed for by his church family.

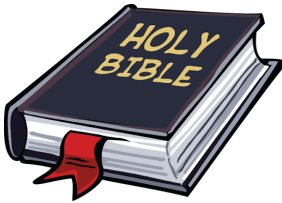
It’s August again, and that means it’s time to get back into the swing of things at Emory Baptist Church. For our Music Ministries, Celebration Choir, we begin rehearsing on August 10 at 5 PM, and we can soothe our sore throats after at our Back to School Ice Cream Social.

Wednesday Night KidzPraise resumes on August 13 at 6:30 PM along with our Fellowship Meal at 5:30 PM.

I hope you plan to join us for the entirety of our Back in the Game Revival Meeting, Sunday August 3<sup>rd</sup> through Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup>. I know you will be blessed by both Bro. Butch and Bro. Miles, but even if you can’t make it to all of them, try to attend a few. It will be refreshing to start the fall semester off singing, hearing God’s Word preached, and being together more often than just Sunday morning and evening.



Bro. Chris  
Minister of Music & Senior Adults



DAILY BIBLE  
READING

Aug 1	Psalm 65-67 Romans 2	16	Psalm 105-106 Romans 15:1-21
2	Psalm 68-69 Romans 3	17	Psalm 107-108 Romans 15:22-33
3	Psalm 70-72 Romans 4	18	Psalm 109-111 Romans 16
4	Psalm 73-74 Romans 5	19	Psalm 112-115 1 Corinthians 1
5	Psalm 75-77 Romans 6	20	Psalm 116-118 1 Corinthians 2
6	Psalm 78 Romans 7	21	Psalm 119:1-48 1 Corinthians 3
7	Psalm 79-81 Romans 8:1-18	22	Psalm 119:49-104 1 Corinthians 4
8	Psalm 82-84 Romans 8:19-39	23	Psalm 119:105-176 1 Corinthians 5
9	Psalm 85-87 Romans 9	24	Psalm 120-123 1 Corinthians 6
10	Psalm 88-89 Romans 10	25	Psalm 124-127 1 Corinthians 7:1-24
11	Psalm 90-92 Romans 11:1-21	26	Psalm 128-131 1 Cor. 7:25-40
12	Psalm 93-95 Romans 11: 22-36	27	Psalm 132-135 1 Corinthians 8
13	Psalm 96-98 Romans 12	28	Psalm 136-138 1 Corinthians 9
14	Psalm 99-102 Romans 13	29	Psalm 139-141 1 Cor. 10:1-13
15	Psalm 103-104 Romans 14	30	Psalm 142-144 1 Cor. 10:14-33
		31	Psalm 145-147 1 Cor. 11:1-15



NEW MEMBERS

Chris Braddock by baptism on July 6.  
Wesley Miller by baptism on July 6.

Jr. High “Welcome 6th Graders”  
Pizza & Games  
Thursday, August 7

All Jr. High students and those moving up to 6th grade are welcome. We will depart at 12pm from the EBC church South parking lot and go to Cici’s Pizza in Greenville. Then we will go to Shenaniganz for unlimited bowling, video games and a \$5 arcade card for \$20 each. We will return about 6pm.

If you wish to go, please sign up on the sheet located on the Front Foyer Bulletin Board.

Please Join Us For A  
*Retirement Celebration*

In Honor Of  
*Barbie Thompson*

Fellowship Hall  
Sunday, August 24 @ 6:30 PM

Join us as we celebrate Barbie’s 18 years of service and dedication at EBC.

Refreshments will be provided and there will be a basket to collect cards.



## Nursery Rhymes

### Nursery Workers Needed!

Our nursery is such a special ministry, and we're so grateful for those who care for our babies and toddlers each Sunday morning.

We're currently in need of at least six more volunteers to serve on a rotating basis. If you have a heart for children and can help, we'd love to hear from you. Without more volunteers our current nursery volunteers are working the nursery more often.

Please contact Cecily Kirby if you are interested in helping with this ministry.



**Cecily Kirby**  
Director of Preschool Ministries

## Sonbeam Day School



### OPEN ENROLLMENT HAPPENING NOW!

We currently have only six spots left for 2025-2026!

Please contact Cecily at  
[Cecily.Kirby@emorybaptist.org](mailto:Cecily.Kirby@emorybaptist.org)

Our theme for the school year is  
"Shine like the Stars for Jesus!"

**Meet the Teacher:**  
August 28, 2025  
5:30-6:30 PM

Please continue to pray for our ministry,  
staff, students, and their families.

**Cecily Kirby**  
Director of Sonbeam

## Student Ministry Spot

A lot has happened this summer in the Witt family, with a lot of change. Caleb is now engaged and counting down the months until their wedding. Colby has graduated high school and begun employment in his chosen field. And Cohen enters his junior year of high school. It's a new season for Lacy and me as we look forward to the new school year. Usually we're trying to fit in one more quick family getaway. This year, however, we're just trying to finish all the other things we have to do to begin the new school year.

Even though the school year begins in the middle of August, the Sunday school year does not begin until September. So, Sunday School Promotion Sunday will be the last five minutes of Sunday School on Sunday, August 31st. Children and youth will go to their regular classes through the month of August. Then on Sunday, August 31st, children and youth who are moving to the next class will do so at 10:10am. Sunday School teachers for the new year will want to be there to meet those moving up.

We have a "Welcome 6th Graders" event coming up on Sunday, August 10th. This event is for all Jr. High Students, especially the 5th graders who are moving up to 6th grade. We will leave after the morning service and head to Cici's Pizza. After lunch, we'll go to Shenaniganz in Greenville for bowling, & video games for \$20. Students can bring their own money for more food and cokes, if they want. We will return about 5pm.

Finally, on Sunday, August 24th, we invite all youth join us right after the morning service as we travel to Sulphur Springs for lunch and an afternoon of pickleball and other games at the Sulphur Springs pickleball courts.

**Bro. Ronnie**  
Minister of Youth & Education

## Pray for our Military

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

## UPCOMING EVENTS

**Men's & Women's Reading Groups  
Begins Sept. 3**



**Rains County Fair  
Sept. 8-13**

**Reach Texas Week of Prayer  
Sept. 21-28**

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.



If you need an announcement included in the September newsletter, **please contact Teresa White no later than Monday, August 18.**

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3 <i>1st Fruits on 1st Sunday</i>  <i>Revival Meetings 10:30am &amp; 6:30pm</i>	4 <i>WOM 11am</i>  <i>Revival Meeting 6:30pm</i>	5  <i>Revival Meeting 6:30pm</i>	6  <i>Revival Meeting 6:30pm</i>	7	8	9
10 <i>Celebration Choir Rehearsal Resumes 5pm</i>	11 <i>Rains ISD Starts Today</i>	12	13 <i>KidzPraise Resumes 6:30pm</i> <i>Fellowship Meal Resumes King Ranch Chicken</i>	14 <i>SAM Lunch &amp; Game Day 12pm</i> 	15	16 <i>5:30pm</i> 
17 <i>Lord's Supper 10:30am</i>  <i>Members Mtg. 6:30pm</i>	18	19	20 <i>Backpack Buddies Resumes 11am</i>  <i>Enchiladas</i>	21	22	23
24 <i>Back in the Game Retirement Party 6:30pm/FH for Barbie Thompson</i>	25	26	27	28 <i>SAM Lunch &amp; Game Day 12pm</i>  <i>Sonbeam Meet the Teacher 5:30pm</i>	29	30
31 <i>Promotion Sunday</i> <i>No PM Activities</i>			<i>Spaghetti Meatballs</i>			

Aug. 10th T.E.L. Back to School Ice Cream Social 6:30pm

Aug 24th Youth Lunch & Pickleball after the morning service

Aug 31st Students move up the last 5 minutes of Sunday School



Members' Birthdays

- 1 Diane Klump

Kristi Sisk

Matt Smith

3 Faye Jarrett

4 Yohana Brown

5 Nell Self

6 Carolyn Beasley

Kelsey Cobb

Dixon Drown

Whitney Williams

7 Kalie Berry

Irene Dominguez

9 Klay Young

10 Brent Hilliard

Jace Thompson

11 Corbitt Bullock

Brenda Gaby

12 Cole Smith

13 Cason Wallace

14 Cindy Davis
- 15 Jamey Cain

17 Claire Vanderwilt

18 Stephen Walker

19 Marvin Hartog

20 John Williams

21 Keith Wallace

Kody Wallace

23 Annabelle Bullock

24 Patricia Laney

25 Hershey Barnett

26 Tony Barletta

Whit Dale

28 Tim Blystone

Johnathan Vititow

29 Garland Massingill

30 Lannette Beaver

Mary Conner

31 Krista DiGiallonardo

Members' Anniversaries

- 2 Garland & Sharon Massingill

Todd & Deanna Moore

8 Steve & Lannette Beaver

13 Casey & Kaci Berryhill

Rob & Cathy Killingsworth

14 Jamey & Jana Burchett

16 Mitch & Cindy Benway

21 Charles & Ann Dickerson

Brent & Stacy Hilliard

24 Brad & Carol Walker