

Little Free Pantry

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



Operation Christmas Child

In April we are collecting toys and craft items such as dolls, balls, sewing kits, tool sets, small musical instruments, etc. *War related toys cannot be accepted.*

If you need an announcement included in the May newsletter, **please contact Teresa White no later than Thursday, April 17.**

Teresawhite316@gmail.com

Extended Care Workers

April 6	Kathy McKinney, Reene Shedd Jordan Story
April 13	Cecily Kirby Bobby & Dena Westmoreland
April 20	Four Volunteers Needed!!
April 27	Sara Haley, Faye Jarrett Diane Klump

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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
1:00 pm Precept Bible Study/Bride's
Room (every Tuesday till April)
6:30 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 SAM 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).

**Friend Day
High Attendance
Sunday, April 6**

**Grief Share (new class)
Tuesday, April 8, 10am**

**Neighborhood Block Party
Saturday, April 12, 4-6pm**

**Celebration Choir
Easter Presentation
Sunday, April 13, 10:30am**

**HBA VBS Clinic
Monday, April 14, 6-8pm
Park Street BC, Greenville**

**Good Friday Service
Friday, April 18, 5:30pm**

**Neighborhood Blitz
Saturday, April 19, 10am**

**Resurrection Sunday
April 20, 10:30am
No PM Activities**

**Sonbeam Sunday
April 27, 10:30am**

Camp Zephyr, Sandia, TX July 14-18

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 then receive a link and password to register with Camp Zephyr. Any questions, contact Ronnie Witt.



Intentional Christian Grandparents

**Intentional Christian Grandparents
Monday, April 21, 6-7:15 PM/FH**

The topic will be *Spiritual Grandparenting*. We will learn how to create practical environments to allow our grandchildren's faith to grow.

Refreshments will be available.

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

Dr. Richard D. Piles, Pastor

Ronnie Witt, Minister of Youth & Education

Chris Henderson, Minister of Music & Sr. Adults

Cecily Kirby, Director of Preschool Ministries

Pastor's Pen

April is here! Please find your place of ministry and service!

First, Sunday, April 6, is Friend Day in Sunday School and our Morning Worship Service. I encourage you to be intentional by inviting a friend to join you at EBC on this day.

Second, Saturday, April 12, is our Block Party. It will be from 4-6 PM, and will include free food, games, inflatables, and an Easter Egg Hunt.

What do we need from you? Invite your family and friends and neighbors and coworkers, and be there to meet and get to know our guests.

Third, Sunday, April 13, is Palm Sunday, and our Celebration Choir will share their Easter Music. We will also take the Lord's Supper on this Sunday.

Fourth, on Friday, April 18, we will have our Good Friday Worship Service at 5:30 PM. We will sing about and meditate on the cross and what Jesus' death means for us.

Fifth, on Saturday, April 19, at 10 AM, we will have a Neighborhood Blitz where we will put door hanger invitations on the homes immediately around the church and in your neighborhood. These invitations are for Easter Sunday.

Finally, on Easter Sunday, April 20, I hope you will join me for our 9:15 AM Sunday School and our 10:30 AM Easter Worship Service. Help us meet our goal of having 500 family members, friends, coworkers, and neighbors hear the gospel!



Bro. Richard
Pastor

Choir Corner with Chris

Happy Spring, EBC! The weather is warming up, the fish are biting, and the wind has finally calmed down.

Ministry at EBC will be busy in the month of April, especially EBC's Music Ministry. The Celebration Choir is gearing up and getting very close to sharing our Easter Music Presentation "Then He Rose" on Palm Sunday, April 13th, at 10:30 AM. The Choir has been working very hard over the last several weeks and I'm excited to share this declaration of Christ's victory over death and the grave with you.

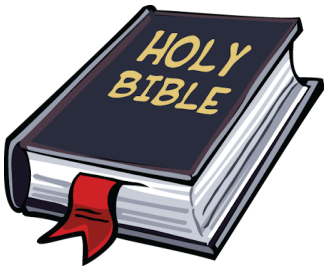
Choir, remember that we have 2 rehearsals left when this Newsletter releases. We will meet at 5:00 PM on Sunday, April 6th and have our final rehearsal on Saturday, April 12th from 1-3 PM. Thank you for all of your hard work thus far.

On April 12th from 4-6 PM, we will be having our annual Easter Block Party. See Bro. Ronnie's column for more information on how to be involved in reaching our community through this ministry opportunity.

On April 18th, we will have a Good Friday service to recognize Christ's sacrifice on the cross for us, and while we will leave there feeling the burden of our sins that our Lord bore for us, we will meet again on Sunday, April 20th to celebrate the Resurrection and God's eternal plan of salvation coming to full fruition. I hope you will plan on joining us with your families for Easter.



Bro. Chris
Minister of Music & Sr. Adults



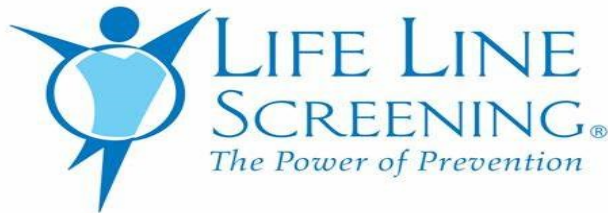
DAILY BIBLE READING

Apr 1	Judges 6-7 Luke 8:1-21	16	1 Samuel 19-21 Luke 15:11-32
2	Judges 8-9 Luke 8:22-56	17	1 Samuel 22-24 Luke 16:1-18
3	Judges 10-11 Luke 9:1-36	18	1 Samuel 25-26 Luke 16:19-31
4	Judges 12-14 Luke 9:37-62	19	1 Samuel 27-29 Luke 17:1-19
5	Judges 15-17 Luke 10:1-24	20	1 Samuel 30-31 Luke 17:20-37
6	Judges 18-19 Luke 10:25-42	21	2 Samuel 1-3 Luke 18:1-17
7	Judges 20-21 Luke 11:1-28	22	2 Samuel 4-6 Luke 18:18-43
8	Ruth 1-4 Luke 11:29-54	23	2 Samuel 7-9 Luke 19:1-28
9	1 Samuel 1-3 Luke 12:1-34	24	2 Samuel 10-12 Luke 19:29-48
10	1 Samuel 4-6 Luke 12:35-59	25	2 Samuel 13-14 Luke 20:1-26
11	1 Samuel 7-9 Luke 13:1-21	26	2 Samuel 15-16 Luke 20:27-47
12	1 Samuel 10-12 Luke 13:22-35	27	2 Samuel 17-18 Luke 21:1-19
13	1 Samuel 13-14 Luke 14:1-24	28	2 Samuel 19-20 Luke 21:20-38
14	1 Samuel 15-16 Luke 14:25-35	29	2 Samuel 21-22 Luke 22:1-30
15	1 Samuel 17-18 Luke 15:1-10	30	2 Samuel 23-24 Luke 22:31-53

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

Bobby & Dena Westmoreland by letter on Sunday, March 2.

Bryton Thomason by baptism on Sunday, March 16.



Emory Baptist Church
Monday, April 14, 9am-5pm

Life Line Screening is offering affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings.

Special Pricing of \$159 for the following screenings:

- Carotid Artery Disease
- Peripheral Artery Disease
- Atrial Fibrillation
- Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm
- Plus a FREE Hypertension Screening

You may book your appointment by:

Call 1-888-814-0466, and use promo code: HSCA001

Visit <https://www.LLSA.SOCIAL/HSCA>

Text the word CIRCLE to 216-279-1607

Nursery Rhymes

(4) NURSERY VOLUNTEERS
NEEDED ON EASTER SUNDAY!

A Real Easter Bunny...

- Has big ears that are quick to listen
(James 1:19)
- Has no voice for complaining or arguing
(Phil 2:13)
- Has quick feet to go tell others about Jesus
(Matthew 28:18-20)
- Has big eyes to look carefully and choose
what is good (1Thessalonians 5:21)
- Is gentle, kind-hearted, and forgiving
(Ephesians 4:32)
- Reveals hidden things to little children
(Matthew 11:25)



Cecily Kirby
Director of Preschool Ministries

Sonbeam Day School



Bible Story of the Month:
Noah's Ark

Memory Verse of the Month:
I set My rainbow in the cloud, and it shall be
for the sign of the covenant between Me and
the earth. Genesis 9:13

- Important Dates:
- April 3rd: Four year old's tour the elementary
school
 - April 12th: EBC's Easter Block Party
 - April 17th: Sonbeam Easter Egg Hunt
 - April 22nd: Graduation pictures for our 4 year
old classes
 - April 27th: Sonbeam Sunday

**OPEN ENROLLMENT
HAPPENING NOW!**

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

Cecily Kirby
Director of Sonbeam

Student Ministry Spot

The past few weeks, Rains ISD has re-
sumed five-day-a-week classes. Additionally,
all the spring sports are in full swing: track,
baseball, softball, golf, and tennis! So, it's a
pretty busy time of year. But, we are also
pretty busy gearing up for the end of school
and the beginning of summer.

I hope that you will help with the Neigh-
borhood Block Party on April 12th. We will
have inflatables for the kids to play, but we
want you to invite your neighbors, bring
friends, AND for you to have some fun. We
need cooks and helpers to prepare food. And
we need help setting up, monitoring, and
packing up the inflatables. But, we really
want most of you to play games and inten-
tionally meet and visit with people who come
to the event. Block Party is designed for other
people to interact with our people and to have
fun together. So, please make it a priority to
come and participate in this outreach event.
Bring your favorite yard game or even card
game and join the fun.

We have sign up sheets on the board in
the foyer hallway where you can sign up to
serve on one of the service teams. We plan to
host the event on the northeast corner lawn
beside the children's building. Block Party is
the Saturday before Palm Sunday, so you can
invite friends and family to join us for the
special worship services that following week.

Thank you to all those who have signed
up to help with VBS already. If you have not
signed up, we still need YOU! You can go to
vbs.emorybaptist.org to find out about the
theme for 2025, Magnified, and to sign up to
work in the "VBS Worker Interest Form." If
you're a crafty person, keep your eyes open
for upcoming decoration days where we can
help put together some great decorations to
use in our VBS!

Bro. Ronnie
Minister of Youth & Education

Pray for our Military

Joshua Allen	Leland Knight
Gabe Baker	Christian LaToof
Robert Barrientos	Colin Mayo
Christopher Don- aldson	John McCann
Jeremiah Duke	James McGarry
Nicholas Endris	Travis Mosley
Ryan Hargrave	Robert Palin Jr.
Jace Hartog	Robert Sandlin
Jace Herman	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 complet-
ed 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 submit-
ted. Online registration must be complet-
ed by June 22.

APRIL 2025

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 <i>Backpack Buddies</i> 10:30am Fried Chicken	3	4	5
6 <i>1st Fruits on</i> <i>1st Sunday</i> <i>Friend Day</i> <i>High Attendance</i>	7 <i>WOM 11am</i>	8 <i>Deadline to</i> <i>Schedule</i> <i>Appointment for</i> <i>Life Line</i> <i>Screening</i>	9 <i>Deadline to donate</i> <i>plastic eggs &</i> <i>wrapped candy for</i> <i>egg hunt</i> Tacos	10 <i>SAM Lunch &</i> <i>Game Day 12pm</i> 	11	12 <i>Neighborhood</i> <i>Block Party</i> <i>4-6pm</i> <i>Food, Games &</i> <i>Easter Egg Hunt</i>
13 <i>Celebration Choir</i> <i>Easter Program</i> 10:30am <i>Lord's Supper</i> 10:30am	14 <i>Life Line</i> <i>Screening</i> 9am-5pm/FH <i>HBA VBS Clinic</i> <i>@ Park Street BC</i> <i>in Greenville</i> 6-8pm	15 <i>TEL 12pm/FH</i> <i>Word - Blessed</i> <i>Meal - Salads</i>	16 <i>Backpack Buddies</i> 10:30am Chicken Tortilla Soup	17	18 <i>Good Friday</i> <i>Service 5:30pm</i> 	19 <i>Neighborhood</i> <i>Blitz 10am</i> <i>Family Fun Night</i> 5:30pm
20 <i>Resurrection</i> <i>Sunday</i> <i>No PM Activities</i>	21 <i>Intentional</i> <i>Christian</i> <i>Grandparents</i> 6-7:15pm/FH	22	23 Nachos	24 <i>SAM Lunch &</i> <i>Game Day 12pm</i> 	25	26
27 <i>Sonbeam Sunday</i> 10:30am <i>Members Mtg.</i> 6:30pm	28	29	30 <i>Backpack Buddies</i> 10:30am Baked Potatoes			



Members' Birthdays

- 1 Oaklee Kirby
Trey Witt

2 Wanda McSwain

4 Brad Walker
Cohen Witt

5 Doris Horrocks

6 Matthew Runion

10 Mason Moore

11 Jordan Story

12 Jodi Christensen

13 Bryce Edmonds

16 Joe Britt

17 Pam Gassett
Eric Velasquez
- 18 Jack Miller
Lisa Velasquez

20 Jerry Maxey

21 Jeff Christian
Ashley Miller
Carol Walker

22 Bryton Thomason

23 Lori Ellington

24 Johnnie Stone Sr.

25 Chevy Jones

26 Colby Witt

29 Linda Carter
Ed Emig

Members' Anniversaries

- 1 Ken & Beverly Crews
- 5 Ronnie & Marilyn Hargrave
- 7 Robby & Betty Clifton
- 22 Hershey & Margaret Barnett
- 26 Whit & LaCresha Dale
- 30 Jerry & Ashley Miller

