



EPWORTH CHURCH APRIL 2025

“Something New...”

What is a theme that we are currently seeing from the Lord at Epworth? Two things really:

- God is definitely doing something new, something that His will is creating. This “new” has an exciting buzz to it. We can all sense its beauty, and we know it is “from above!” God’s nature is to create! We know it is Him. Isaiah 43:19
- He is calling us all to action. Brother Grant in his last message before retirement nailed it. In Acts, the Lord said, “You shall be my witnesses...” Notice it is not “may be” or “might be.” The “shall be” there is a command.

In John Findlater’s Monday Night Bible Study (which I highly recommend), John challenged us to live out our purpose with the time that the Lord has given us. I can honestly say that I sat there thinking that the Body of Christ gets stronger when we all put action to our faith. So collectively, it is a movement of God through the redeemed. Who is God calling you to check on or encourage? What does your action look like?



For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

—John 3:16

I told you all that I have been sent to you. I know that and totally believe that. Here is the curveball: Sent is not just a word for clergy. So what person or ministry is God sending you to?

Until the nets are full,
Rev. Chris Herbert

FUNFEST IS COMING!

Saturday, May 31st

11:00 am - 2:00 pm ET

Volunteers needed. Please contact the office by phone at 334-298-3186 or email at info@epworth-pc.org

Bring your family, friends, neighbors, and anyone else you meet!

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KidZ CROW NEWS

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April 2025

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EASTER EGGSTRAVAGANZA

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 4:00-5:30

Join us for our Easter Eggstravaganza on Sunday, April 13th, 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time, for some snacks, games and an age-level Egg Hunt! Invite your friends and neighbors to this family event.

Please email Amber McCart if you are able to volunteer:

amber.mccart@epworth.pc-org

DONATIONS NEEDED: Prepackaged Snacks, Cupcakes, juice boxes, and the small bottled waters.

VOLUNTEERS needed for games, hiding eggs, marking off the "hunting grounds," set up and clean up.

*Sixth grade students may help hide eggs if they are not hunting the eggs!

THANK YOU for all you do for the Epworth Kidz Crew Children's Ministry!

VBS Meeting



Coming Soon!

4/27 @ 4:30 in the fellowship hall. All adult participants are encouraged to meet this day!

We will be discussing the theme and signing up for work areas. Online registration for volunteers and attendees coming soon.



Kindergarten Graduates!!

The Epworth Kidz Crew would like to recognize all of our Kindergarten graduates by presenting them an Adventure Bible on Sunday May 4th at the 11 am worship service. Please email Amber by email (listed above) with your child's name, parent's name, and the school which the graduate attends.

EPWORTH KIDZ PREK & MDO SUMMER PROGRAM AND FALL REGISTRATIONS OPEN

Please go online to Epworth-PC.org and fill out the registration forms.

- 4/13: Cherub Choir Sings at 9:45 and 11 am
- 4/13: Children present palms during 11 am service.



Kids Summer Camp!!



The cost is \$250.00 per person
\$50 deposit per person due at time of registration. (Cash or check.)

Summer Camp registration is now open for students who have Completed 3rd - 6th Grade.

July 7th - July 10th, 2025
@ Shocco Springs Alabama Baptist Conference Center, Talladega, Alabama

The cost of Merge covers lodging, meals, camp shirts, camp booklets, and name tags.

EMAIL AMBER MCCART to register:
amber.mccart@epworth-pc.org

"He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay. "Matthew 28:6:

SAVE THE DATE!!

National Day of Prayer will be held at Epworth on **Thursday, May 1st**. Please save that day to join us in celebrating this special service. It will begin at 12:00 noon with special music, speakers, and many prayers for our country. The theme this year is: **"POUR OUT TO THE GOD OF HOPE AND BE FILLED"**

WANT TO JOIN OTHERS IN PRAYER AT EPWORTH?

Matthew 7:7-8 "Ask and it will be given to you; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you. For everyone who asks receives; he who seeks finds; and to him who knocks, the door will be opened." NIV

Come every month to the Prayer Vigil held on the third Tuesday of each month. The next meeting will be on April 15th at 6:00 pm in the chapel at Epworth.

A Time to Pray In Our Chapel During the Morning Worship Services

April 6, 2025

8:30 am Rendi Hall
9:45 am Shirley Goode
11:00 am Marcia Myles

April 20, 2025

8:30 am Vicky Moss
9:45 am Doris Abbott
11:00 am Pam Shores

April 13, 2025

8:30 am Gloria Griggs
9:45 am Kason Prins
11:00 am Sherry Martin

April 27, 2025

8:30 am Gary Dillard
9:45 am Becky Coreno
11:00 am Becky Ivey

Anniversaries	
April 1	Wayne & Wanda Griffin
April 5	Roy & Gail Hogge
April 6	Craig & Melissa Townsend
April 13	Sal & Eveline Picerno
April 16	Gene & Katherine Grantham
April 18	Doug & Cindy Cameron Don & Brindlea Griffin
April 20	Larry & Maria LaMee
April 21	Shane & Libby Clay George & Jennifer Gatewood



Birthdays	
April 1	Pat Vance Cheryl Bain
April 2	Kenny Smith Lance Brooks
April 3	Josh McCart Maggie Yeilding
April 4	Diane Velazquez Chase Morris
April 5	April Edwards AnnaLee Watson
April 6	Jay Coulter Ann Marie Rollo Maggie Sieck
April 7	Brad Word Becky Gaunt Scott Hebert Garrett Burttts
April 9	Emily Hogge Sumner Singer Ella Yeilding
April 10	Kathryne Baker Christina Yeilding James Word, Jr.
April 11	Bradley Durrance
April 12	Kathryn Perdue Will Prickett
April 14	Robin Hebert Amber McCart Fisher Clark
April 19	Shirley Goode
April 20	Mary Ensley Wes Shields Brynleigh Berklite
April 22	Brian Sieck Mason Redmond White Annabelle Johnson
April 23	Colton Lurker
April 25	Skip Myles Patti Denzik
April 26	Gentry Lee
April 27	Kay Hall Gracie Atchinson
April 28	Mary R Pittman
April 29	Linda Findlater



Epworth Mother-Daughter Banquet

Please join us for another great annual Epworth **Mother-Daughter Banquet on Friday, May 9th, 6:30 P.M. EDT, in the Church Fellowship Hall.** Tickets are: Adults - \$15.00 and Children (under 12) - \$10.00. A tremendous bargain for good food, great fellowship, great entertainment, door prizes and lots of love and laughter! This is a very special annual event in our church with daughters and mothers ranging in age from 2 years to 90+ years attending!

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the sheet on the Gathering Room Bulletin Board. Also, we need the wonderful men in our church to sign up to be waiters for the Mother-Daughter Banquet. What a nice way to honor the most important women in your lives. Door Prize donations are also welcomed! Hanging baskets, flowering plants, and gift cards are just a few suggestions for great door prizes.

Don't miss out on the fun of this great annual tradition at Epworth. It's a wonderful way to begin your Mother's Day celebration with your personal family and your church family. Invite your Mother, Sisters, Daughters, Granddaughters and Friends for an entertaining evening of Christian sisterhood and fellowship! It's A Time for Love & Laughter!

Additional information coming soon.



Looking for 2025 Graduating Seniors

We will honor our 2025 High School Seniors on May 4, 2025. We don't want to leave anyone out as we celebrate this special time in their

lives. Please help us in making our list of graduates complete by taking a look at the list below. If you know of other Graduating Seniors who are members of - OR -- attend Epworth regularly, we need to make sure they get on our list.

Please call or email the church office with any names. info@epworth-pc.org / 334-298-3186 or contact Diane Glass @ 706-681-2107 / diane-glass99@gmail.com

Thank you!

Cayden Clay -Northside High School
Gerritt Griggs—Central High School
Ally Supan -Central High School
Maggie Yielding—Central High School
Emory Yohn—Central High School
Coco Meacham - Central High School
Nate Riepe—Central High School
Jessica Griggs—Central High School

JOIN EPWORTH'S SECURITY MINISTRY TEAM

- **Members of our Security Ministry Team volunteer during every service to help ensure the safety of our worshippers and the sanctity of our services.**
- **The more Security Ministry Team members Epworth has, the less often any one of them needs to volunteer. We can certainly use your help. We will train you before you serve.**
- **Positions on our team do not require much physical activity – you can walk, drive the golf cart, or just sit.**
- **Join us! If you are interested or know someone who is, please contact the church office at (334)298-3186.**



April 2025

SUN	MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
		1 9:00 am— Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am Bible Study	2 9:00 am—Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm—Youth 6:30 pm Classes & Kids Konnections	3 9:00 am Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:30 pm Methodist Women's group will meet in the Fellowship Hall	4	5
6 5:30 pm Cherub Choir and Kidz Cruise	7 12:00 pm Happy Days Lenten Covered Dish Luncheon 6:00 pm— Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study	8 9:00 am— Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am—Bible Study	9 9:00 am - Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm—Youth 6:30 pm— Wednesday Night Classes & Kids Konnections	10 9:00 am—Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm—Men's Ministry	11	12
13 Palm Sunday 9:45 & 11:00 am Services— Cherub Choir will sing 11:00 am Service Easter Cantata 4:00 pm Easter Eggstravaganza	14 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study	15 9:00 am— Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am—Bible Study 6:00 pm Prayer Vigil	16 9:00 am - Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm—Youth 6:30 pm— Wednesday Night Classes & Kids Konnections	17 9:00 am - Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:30 pm— Maundy Thursday Service	18	19
20 EASTER 7:00 am —Sunrise Service 3 regular Sunday morning services No Children or Youth activities	21 Newsletter Deadline 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study	22 9:00 am - Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am Bible Study	23 9:00 am - Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm—Youth 6:30 pm— Wednesday Night Classes & Kids Konnections	24 9:00 am - Mom's Day Out & Preschool	25	26
27 3:00 pm Council on Ministries meeting 4:30 pm—VBS Volunteer meeting 5:30 pm Cherub Choir and Kidz Cruise	28 6:00 pm—Men's Bible Study and Women's Bible Study	29 9:00 am - Mom's Day Out & Preschool 9:30 am Bible Study	30 9:00 am - Mom's Day Out & Preschool 6:00 pm—Youth 6:30 pm— Wednesday Night Classes & Kids Konnections			

A message from our Youth Minister Daniel Cook

Without April showers, there would be no May flowers!" How true this is! This month, you might find your plans changed or be stuck indoors with the kids due to the rain. While it may dampen our immediate plans, remember that these showers are necessary and purposeful. Just as the rain nourishes the earth, God uses life's "showers" – the unexpected changes, the frustrating delays – to nourish our souls and bring forth new growth. Let's embrace the purpose in every season, trusting that God is working, even when we can't see the blooms yet.

Scripture:

"Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds, because you know that the testing of your faith produces perseverance. Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything." (James 1:2-4, NIV)

This month, we'll experience a variety of rains – a drizzle, a downpour, a quick shower, or days of steady rain. Just as the rain varies, so do the trials we face. Some pass quickly, others linger. Some feel light, while others weigh heavily. Just as there's purpose in the rain, there's purpose in our trials.

The trials we face can lead us to dig deeper into our reliance on God. As we seek Him daily, we will see that He is all we need to persevere through the current trial we face. As He sustains us through our current trial, our faith grows, preparing us for the next one we are sure to encounter.

April showers may keep you indoors, but they also give you a chance to go play in the rain! As trials come your way this month, do not face them with sadness or worry, but find joy in them, knowing that God is growing you through this season. Trust that His way is better than our way, and that even though sorrow may last for the night, joy comes in the morning!



Events in April:

Wednesday Nights

April Series: Respawn: This is 4-weeks spreading the Resurrection story to help students see how Christ's victory on the cross is as much about the everyday as it is about eternity. "Respawn" will highlight why the empty tomb, and the eyewitness stories and lives of everyone who follows Jesus, reveals our victory over death, the reality of God's everyday presence, and the reason we must share the hope and truth of Jesus' resurrection.

Join us on Wednesday night from 6:00 - 6:30 pm as we hang out in the gym, game room, and snack bar. From 6:30 - 7:30 pm we have our youth service and then hang out for a few minutes after.

SUNDAY MAY 4th - Senior Recognition & Breakfast

We will honor our 2025 High School Seniors on May 4, 2024. This will be a day we celebrate the accomplishments of our High School Seniors as they are recognized during the 9:45 pm service. To help make this a special day we are asking all seniors to send in a baby picture and a current picture to be shown during the service. To help make it personal we also have a questionnaire each senior will need to fill out before April 13th. Please send pictures to Daniel at daniel.cook@epworth-pc.org & to get the link to the questionnaire.

Epworth Students Scholarship Opportunities

If you would like to help students be able to attend our upcoming Summer Camp, you can do so by donating to our Youth Scholarship fund. Any money donated will go toward participants who need financial help in order to attend the trip. The cost is \$300 per student and any amount will be greatly appreciated as you help us provide students with an unforgettable experience growing as a group and closer to Christ.

Sunday Mornings Worship

We invite all families and teenagers to attend a Sunday morning worship service. As you know there are three to choose from, with most teenagers attending the 9:45 am service. We would love to see your family worship with us!

Tuesday Morning Breakfast and Devotion

All students are invited to join us every Tuesday morning for a quick breakfast and devotion at Chick-fil-a in Phenix City. Our first group meets at 7:00 am and the second group meets at 8:00 am. We eat breakfast together and dive into God's word for about 20-25 minutes before heading off to school.

Small Group - Sunday Mornings at 11:00

Following the 9:45 am service there is a class offered for all teenagers. Some may call it Sunday School and others call it a Small Group. No matter what you call it, it is important. This is a place for teenagers to talk through the Bible and life with other teenagers to grow together as they navigate what it means to follow Christ.

Merge Youth Camp is full! The first night of registration we filled all the spots we had for youth camp. If your child missed the registration and would like to be placed on the waiting list please email Daniel at @daniel.cook@epworth-pc.org.

Save the dates for 2025:

Summer Camp: July 11-14, 2025

DNOW: August 15-17, 2025

Ski Trip - December 27-30, 2025



This is why I believe in Children's ministry!! Even Jesus acknowledged how important they are to Him. In Matthew chapter 19, verse 14, Jesus said, "Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these." Please consider volunteering in the Children's and Youth ministry at Epworth today!!!

Amber McCart

Age at Which People Become Believers in Jesus

