

A legacy of books and literacy

The director of Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Alabama will be at Edgewood on Sunday, September 27th to tell us about the work of the singer's program.

Books and literacy were a particular focus of Dolly Parton during her lifetime. Our very special guest speaker on Sunday, September 27, will be Kaelyn Christian, state director for Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Alabama.

Kaelyn took on this role upon moving to the Birmingham area in early 2024 after more than a decade as a librarian in Michigan. She has been a friend of Pastor Joe's for more than five years and now seems like a perfect time for her to come and tell the EPC faithful about the work of the Imagination Library.



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Dolly Parton's Imagination Library is dedicated to inspiring a love of reading by gifting books free of charge to children from birth to age five, through funding shared by Dolly Parton and local community partners in the United States, Canada, United Kingdom, Australia and Republic of Ireland. Each month, the Imagination Library mails a high-quality, age-appropriate book to all registered children, addressed to them, at no cost to the child's family. Inspired by her father's inability to read and write Dolly started her Imagination Library in 1995. Today, her program spans five countries and gifts millions of free books each month to children around the world.

Kaelyn will take on the task of the proclamation of the Word that Sunday morning as she tells us about her work, the impact of the Library, and how we can help. Session has authorized a special offering in worship that will be sent to support the ongoing work of the Imagination Library. Kaelyn will stick around for the Worship Reflection Class to talk more and answer any questions.

As we prayed on August 30:

I can see the light of a clear blue morning.

I can see the light of a brand new day.