



June 3, 2018

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, June 3

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, June 6

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

It has often been said that you can't earn God's love. No amount of sacrifice, no amount of service can gain you any extra love from Him. It is salvation by grace through faith, "not by works, so that no one can boast." (Eph. 2:9) I wonder, though, does it work the other way? In other words, can God earn your love?

Do you love God **BECAUSE** He sent Jesus to die on the cross for you? Do you love Him because He provides for you? In other words, is your love for God focused on what He does or on who He is?

Remember, *agape*, the word used in the Bible to describe God's love for us, means "unmerited favor." Unmerited means unearned. This is the type of love God has for us, and it is the type of love we are called to have for one another and for God. If our love for God is based on His sacrifice of Jesus or on His provision in our lives, then I would argue it is not unmerited.

God calls us to *agape* Him and to *agape* our neighbors, just as He *agapes* us. Maybe we don't start out that way, but we need to end up that way. To love God, not for what He has done or will do, but because we choose to love Him just because. Are you there yet?
- Blessings, David

On the Horizon

World Refugee Day – Saturday, June 23, from 11:00—3:00 PM at University Christian Church. See Pastor David if you would like to participate.

Evangelism Training – Sunday, June 24, from 12:00—1:30 PM. Lunch will be provided. Sign up next to the coffee station at the rear of the Sanctuary.

Riverbend Preteen Camp – July 16–20 for children who completed grades 3–6. Cost is \$180 a child and we have space for more children. Please see Philippe Lalonde for details.

Eagle Mountain Arts Camp – Our 2018 camp is **THE SHOW MUST GO ON**, and will be in the evenings of July 29 — August 2. We are looking for teachers to lead art classes and to teach Bible study classes. Please sign up at the back of the Sanctuary to teach a class, help with dinner, or to assist in a class.

Worship Preparation

This Sunday, we celebrate the Lord's Supper and consider a couple of healings performed by Peter in **Acts 9:32-43**. This passage is often overlooked, but we look to find the value in it for our lives today.

Sunday Service Teams

Lead Greeter

James Rollins

Nursery Ministry

Marie Hudson

Counters

Philippe Lalonde & Lonnie Hoyt

Physical Needs:

- Louie's friend, Richard, is on waiting list for liver and kidney donor
- Dan Jansen, a missionary to Rwanda, is receiving treatment for depression caused by a vitamin deficiency
- Wilburn Smith is recovering from cancer surgery on his face
- Trish Raney will undergo surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Ginny Greenwood is receiving treatment for cancer
- Ed Hudson will treat blocked by-passes with medication
- Alison Butler was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Mike Frizzell is suffering from vertigo and vomiting possibly caused by Miniere's disease

In the Hospital:

- Rick Ladner is on a new feeding tube
- Robert Williams has an infection in his lung
- Renee Smith is recovering from double mastectomy
- Darin Walker is recovering from surgery to remove the plate in his foot which was infected, on antibiotics for bone infection

Praises:

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Thank you for your prayers. We know that many of our praises are due to the prayers of our fellowship.

Personal Requests:

- Those who are seeking employment
- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Loved ones struggling with broken relationships
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- For family members to endure the consequences of their actions with a positive spirit
- Chris is facing struggles with depression

Ministry Requests:

- Hailes Family in Madagascar
- Meagan Clark - in India with CSJ
- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Oletha Oldham (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Eagle Crest)
- Roy Trotter (Azle Manor)

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Michelle May and her family on the passing of her father, Alan Sutton
- Paul, a friend of Louie Lapointe, who passed away while on vacation

Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Michael Britt - Navy
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alexander Cole - Air Force

Special Days:

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Member Notices:

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Please send new prayers or updates to pastor@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date with your updates!