



January 11, 2026

On the Horizon

Fellowship Meal – We will have a Chili Cook-Off for the meal, after the Service on Sunday, January 25, before the Quarterly Meeting.

Quarterly Ministry Conference – We will have our first Ministry Conference of the year on Sunday, January 25, after the Cook-Off Fellowship Meal. Plan now to join us as we make decisions about ministry activities for 2026.

Ladies' Night Out – Join us at Jason's Deli in Lake Worth for our first gathering of 2026, this Tuesday, at 6:00 PM.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, January 11

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Tuesday, January 13

Ladies' Night Out at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 14

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

Everyone who comes to our house is greeted by our dog for a good sniff. If you sit down, she'll want to jump into your lap and check you out even closer. We realize not everyone likes dogs, so we tell her to leave visitors alone.

Can you imagine if, instead of telling our dog to get down, we made our visitors allow her in their laps and expected them to pet her? Can you imagine us getting upset with people who don't want her in their laps? It's pretty ridiculous, isn't it?

It feels more and more like that is the way people think and act. We say, "You have to agree with my viewpoint," and there is often an "or else" attached.

Jesus doesn't want His disciples to be this way. He tells us, "Don't hinder them, let them come." Jesus went to the cross for people who did not agree with His viewpoint. He calls us to live in a similar way.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

This Sunday, we jump to **Matthew 9:9-17** as we focus on Matthew's theme of Jesus and His teaching being received by outsiders.

January Memory Verse

John 1:1

In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.

Physical Needs:

- Cindy Pratt's treatment for lung cancer (AC)
- Sheila Pierce has cancer spreading (TB)
- Dean has a terminal cancer diagnosis (MH)
- Leah Iglesias received a difficult diagnosis (TB)
- Steven Wells' stage 4 prostate cancer is getting worse (LL)
- Dottie Blake has AMD in her eyes (TC)
- David Hester is receiving chemo for stage 4 throat cancer (SB)
- Roger Giddens has stage 4 liver disease and needs a living donor (BS)
- Bob Shaw is recovering from radiation (BS)
- Gordon is in hospice care (TC)
- Todd Brooks has stage 4 prostate cancer (VJ)
- Jeff Bailey has leukemia (VJ)

Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Those who are unemployed & looking for work
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- David C. suffers from PTSD and alcoholism (LL)
- Pat has poor mental health and alcoholism (TC)
- Hilda Lapointe's extended family (HL)
- Tiffany's mom is off her bipolar meds (GL)
- Julie & Juan have legal and familial issues (LL)
- John Bickett is taking care of his sister (GL)
- Gabbie Vasquez (HL)

Please send new prayers or updates to office@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us accurate with your updates!

World Events:

- An end to the war in Ukraine
- Peace and justice for Israel & neighbors

Ministry Requests:

- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

In Nursing Care:

- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)
- Jane Sutton is on Hospice (MM)

In the Hospital:

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Families who have recently lost loved ones:

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Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alex Grant - Army

Praises:

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Special Days:

- Hilda Lapointe's Birthday is on 1/12
- Lonnie Hoyt's Birthday is on 1/15

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

Giving Report for 1.4.2026

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,201.00	\$ 2,201.00	2026 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 2,681.00	\$ 2,681.00	Jan. Goal	\$ 500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 20.00	\$ 20.00	Last Week	\$ 20.00
Total Offering:	\$ 2,701.00	\$ 2,701.00	Year To Date	\$ 20.00