



January 12, 2025

On the Horizon

Ladies' Night Out – Join us for dinner at Jimmy's Big Burgers in Lake Worth, on Tuesday, January 14, at 6:00 PM.

EMPHC Coffee Hour – The Eagle Mtn. Pregnancy Help Ctr. is hosting an informational meeting about their work on Thursday, January 16, at 9:30 AM. If you are interested, please register at www.emphc.org/coffee-hour

Game Night – Come have some fun on Friday, January 17, at the Tidwells' House, from 6:30 – 8:30 PM.

Quarterly Ministry Conf. & Meal – 1/26.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, January 12

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Tuesday, January 14

Ladies' Night Out at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, January 15

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Friday, January 17

Game Night at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

As the cold weather blew in on Sunday, I took our dog for a walk in the neighborhood park. Walking against the north wind, I looked up into a tree and saw a squirrel's nest (a drey) in the bare branches. A squirrel was sitting next to it, balancing itself against the hard wind with flicks of its tail.

Watching that squirrel fighting the wind, I couldn't help but wonder how they survive when the temps get below freezing.

That scene reminded me of Jesus's teachings in Luke 12:22-24, about how God feeds the ravens. God provides for the squirrels, too, and has given them a way to survive the cold nights. I suspect they are better off in those dreys than I imagine.

The lesson, of course, is that we are more valuable than ravens or squirrels, and God provides for us even more than He does for them. I suspect He does it in ways we can't imagine.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

This Sunday, we turn to Luke 4:16-37, where we see two different responses to Jesus' teaching and person.

January Memory Verse

James 1:2-3

Consider it all joy, my brethren, when you encounter various trials, knowing that the testing of your faith produces endurance.

Physical Needs:

- Cindy Pratt's treatment for lung cancer (AC)
- Kathy Smith has stage 4 cancer (LH)
- Sheila Pierce has cancer spreading (TB)
- Dean has a terminal cancer diagnosis (MH)
- Stacey has breast cancer (BT)
- Robert is being treated for cancer (DC)
- Leah Iglesias received a difficult diagnosis (TB)
- Steven Wells' stage 4 prostate cancer is getting worse (LL)
- Louis Lapointe has artery blockage (LL)
- Kelly Spear's sister, Beth, has cancer (AC)
- Mark Alexander has Parkinson's Disease (LL)
- Harrison had an MRI for a neck problem (LL)
- Lillie DeRossett is on chemo (MH)
- Cherrie is suffering from a mysterious blood pressure malady (LL)
- Marilyn Stevens has a terminal cancer diagnosis of three months (MS)

Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- People suffering from addictions
- Brandon, nephew of Doug (LL)
- Jane Sutton struggles with Dementia (MM)
- David C. suffers from PTSD and alcoholism (LL)
- Jason has family troubles (LL)
- Pat has poor mental health and alcoholism (TC)
- Hilda Lapointe's extended family (HL)
- Tiffany's mom is off her bipolar meds (GL)
- Amanda Shi needs a job (AC)

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

World Events:

- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- Peace and justice for Israel & neighbors
- Hurricanes Helene and Milton victims
- Hostages in Gaza
- People dealing with fires in Los Angeles

Ministry Requests:

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

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)
- JL Coleman is recovering from hip surgery (NC)

In the Hospital:

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Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Lindsey Campbell passed away 1/6

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 1.5.2024

Offering	Last Week	Year to Date	World Missions Giving	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 2,073.35	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,560.00	\$ 1,560.00	Jan. Goal	\$ 500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00	Last Week	\$ 75.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,635.00	\$ 1,635.00	Year To Date	\$ 75.00