



January 19, 2025

On the Horizon

Fellowship Meal – Bring a dish to share and join us for fellowship after the Service on Sunday, January 26, before the Quarterly Meeting.

Quarterly Ministry Conference – We will have our first Ministry Conference of the year on Sunday, January 26, after the pot-luck Fellowship Meal. Plan now to join us as we make decisions about ministry activities for 2025.

Community Caring Center – Needs: Ramen Noodles, canned meats, mac & cheese, soups, peanut butter, and jelly.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, January 19

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, January 22

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

The wedding we attended last Sunday was a beautiful ceremony followed by an extravagantly festive reception. It put me in mind of the weddings from Jesus' parables—the big, blowout celebrations of the wedding feast of the lamb! It made for quite the contrast with Amy's and my reception. To put it kindly, ours was a modest affair. We simply did not have access to sufficient funds for a proper party.

Thinking of these celebrations, I am reminded of Paul's admonition in 1 Timothy 6 that we should be content if we have food and covering, and James' warning that we quarrel because we are envious of other people's possessions.

It is easy to look at what others have and to be discontent with what we have, but God does not desire this for us. Instead, He calls us to be content today and to look to Him for the true joys to come.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We will learn from a man who recognized and acted on Jesus' authority in Matthew 8:5-13.

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@embcmail.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:

- Marie Hudson's Birthday is on 1/21

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

Giving Report for 1.12.2024

Offering	Last Week	Year to Date	World Missions Giving	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 4,146.70	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 2,921.00	\$ 4,481.00	Jan. Goal	\$ 500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 100.00	\$ 175.00	Last Week	\$ 100.00
Total Offering:	\$ 3,021.00	\$ 4,656.00	Year To Date	\$ 175.00