



# January 4, 2026

## On the Horizon

Christmas Decorations – Please stay for a few moments after the service this Sunday to help put away our Christmas decorations.

Wednesday Night Bible Study – We will resume this week.

Ladies' Night Out – Join us at Jason's Deli in Lake Worth for our first gathering of 2026, on January 13, at 6:00 PM.

Community Caring Center – We have need for Ramen Noodles, canned meats, mac & cheese, soups, peanut butter, and jelly.

## Scheduled Activities

Sunday, January 4

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, January 7

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

## Pastor's Pondering

Do you adopt new year's resolutions? I have hopes for the new year, but I have never really made a resolution to adopt new behavior in a new year.

Our family conducts "end of year interviews." Amy finds or develops a set of questions, and we each answer them based on our experiences in the past year. As the years go by, we review old interviews and remember what was important to us and events or experiences that we had. Even in the short-term, it is valuable to review and evaluate the last year.

Remembering is a far better exercise for the new year than resolving. While there is "choosing" language in the Bible, God's people are called to "remember" far more often—to remember God's goodness and grace, to remember His commandments, etc. It is by remembering that we build hope for the future.

- Blessings, David

## Worship Preparation

Welcome to 2026! We begin the year with the Lord's Supper and the beginning of Jesus' ministry in [Matthew 3:13-4:11](#).

## 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)

**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:**

- Liz Bench's birthday is on 1/5

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

**Giving Report for 12.28.2025****Offering****Last Week****Year to Date****World Missions Giving**

General Offering Needs: \$ 2,073.35

\$107,814.20

2025 Goal \$6,000.00

General Offering Actual: \$ 2,017.15

\$107,160.55

Dec. Goal \$6,000.00

Designated Offering: \$ 180.00

\$ 8,645.00

Last Week \$ 180.00

Total Offering: \$ 2,197.15

\$115,805.55

Year To Date \$6,745.00