



January 5, 2025

On the Horizon

Christmas Clean Up – Please stay after the service this Sunday to help us take down the decorations.

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

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

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

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, January 5

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, January 8

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor’s Pondering

As I write this pondering, it is 76 degrees outside. On a day like today, it can be hard for me to believe it is winter. Winter is supposed to be cold and gray, not warm and sunny. I haven’t even had the chance to use my fireplace this month. Fortunately, all of that should change next week, when we will go below freezing for a few nights and stay below 50!

Like this weather system, it can sometimes be hard for people to believe the truth of God’s word. God would say destruction was coming for a nation, but the people would see nothing but good times ahead. Scripture says the world is passing away, but people look around and think the world will just keep going like it is.

To know what season it is, I consult a calendar, not today’s experience. To know the truth about the world, we look to God’s Word, not our own understanding.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We begin the new year by celebrating the Lord’s Supper and starting our Gospel series with Jesus’ temptations in Luke 4:1-13.

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)

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

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:

- Brady & Beverly Tidwell's grandson, Arlow, had a high fever (BT)

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

Special Note:

Dear Church Family,
 We are overwhelmed with gratitude for your generous love offerings. Your monetary gift was more than money - it was a gesture of care and support, and we are blessed beyond words!
 Thank You!

Love, David, Simon, & Michelle

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

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

Giving Report for 12.29.2024

Offering	Last Week	Year to Date	World Missions Giving	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,121.43	\$110,314.36	2024 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,310.00	\$114,986.27	Dec. Goal	\$6,000.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 120.00	\$ 6,804.78	Last Week	\$ 120.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,430.00	\$121,791.05	Year To Date	\$4,285.00