



January 6, 2019

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, January 6

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, January 9

Prayer and Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

Rest. It's what God did on the seventh day, it's what He called His people, Israel, to do on the seventh day, it's what He commanded they give to the land every seven years, it's what Jesus offers to those who are weary and heavy-laden. Our bodies need rest. God has hard-wired it into us to need to lay down and recharge every night. Of God alone can it be said, "He never sleeps, never slumbers."

With such a focus on rest in the Bible, why is it so hard for us to actually rest? We have developed so many technologies that were supposed to make life easier, and yet we are even more busy now than ever. Do you ever walk up on a person and wonder what they are doing, only to be told they are doing nothing, they're resting. What do you think of them at that moment? I once had a person walk out of a Bible study because I invited the group to consider what it would look like if we rested, as a church, in a similar manner to the nation of Israel.

Well, look to the Horizon section, you will see there's not much going on. We're going to rest for a while. Enjoy it. There's plenty to do in the coming months.

- Blessings, David

On the Horizon

Wednesday Evening Activities – All activities are back to normal this Wednesday, the 9th.

New Sermon Series – Beginning on January 13, we will begin a 6 week series called "Whats' Why," which will review the motivation behind our actions and the foundation for our vision statement.

Worship Preparation

As we begin a new year, let us go back to the beginning of the Gospel of John, who, himself, goes back to the beginning in John 1:1-14. Join us in beginning 2019 with our focus on Jesus.

Sunday Service Teams

Greeters

Darren & Clorinda Cooper

Nursery

Maria Carter & Ali Carter

Alternate: Linda Musick

Children's Church

Amy Cecil

Counters

Lonnie Hoyt & Dennis Bedford

Physical Needs:

- Louie Lapointe's friend, Richard, is on waiting list for liver and kidney donor
- Dan Jansen, a missionary to Rwanda, is receiving treatment for depression caused by a vitamin deficiency
- Trish Raney will undergo surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Ginny Greenwood is receiving treatment for cancer
- Louie Lapointe's friend, Alison Butler was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Amy Cecil's friend, Amanda Officer, is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Linda Wells, wife of Tom Beaman's friend, Jerry Wells, is being treated for breast cancer
- Pat & Ricky Ladner's multiple health problems
- Darin Walker is receiving medication to mitigate his dementia
- Jerry Wells had surgery to repair an abdominal aneurysm
- Ryan Dignum, Bill Goggans' grandson, is receiving treatment for cancer in lymph nodes
- Becky Trotter is receiving chemotherapy for Stage 3 multiple myeloma
- Michelle May is recovering from knee surgery
- Lindy Hoyt is recovering from hip replacement surgery
- Eura Franklin's nephew, Riley Ligon, has a broken foot & ankle, and a head injury, from an auto accident
- Michael Winterrowd is receiving a series of injections for treatment after a stroke in his eye
- Ruth Corley is recovering from blood pressure and heart issues

In the Hospital:

- Becky Trotter is receiving rehabilitation after her latest hospitalization

Praises:

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

Personal Requests:

- Those who are seeking employment
- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Loved ones struggling with broken relationships
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- For family members to endure the consequences of their actions with a positive spirit
- Chris is facing struggles with depression

Ministry Requests:

- Hailes Family in Madagascar
- Meagan Clark - in India with CSJ
- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Oletha Oldham (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Eagle Crest)
- Roy Trotter (Azle Manor)

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Sandy Snipes passed away on the 23rd

Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Michael Britt - Navy
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alexander Cole - Air Force

Special Days:

- Terry Williams' birthday is on the 6th
- Hilda Lapointe's birthday is on the 12th

Member Notices:

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Please send new prayers or updates to pastor@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date with your updates!