



October 20, 2019

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, October 20

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Monday, October 21

Ladies' Morning Bible Study at 10:00 PM

Wednesday, October 23

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Worship Team Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles at 6:30 PM

Saturday, October 26

Family Kickball League at 4:00 PM

Pastor's Pondering

“Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one! ⁵You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might.”

- Deuteronomy 6:4&5

You are probably familiar with this passage. The three synoptic Gospels all include Jesus' teaching that this is the greatest commandment. It is so familiar you might not notice just how amazing it is; I know I didn't until it hit me earlier this week: “You shall LOVE the LORD...” Love. Not fear, not serve, not obey, but LOVE.

How do we LOVE God? I think we have interpreted it to mean following and obeying Him, but He didn't use those words.

Maybe it would help to ask how we LOVE another person? Doesn't it have something to do with caring for them, enjoying them, feeling for them, wanting their good, sacrificing for them, understanding them, etc.?

I think it means the same to LOVE God, and He said for us to do that beyond all other things. That is pretty amazing!

- Blessings, David

On the Horizon

Ministry Team Sign Up -Volunteer forms are due this Sunday. Forms can be obtained on the greeter table in the foyer.

Fellowship Dinner – Sunday, October 27, at 12:00 PM, immediately following the morning service. Please bring a dish or two to share.

Annual Ministry Conference – Sunday, October 27, at 1:00 PM. Generally, these meetings are over by 2:30 PM, but we will shoot for 2:00 PM!

Community Caring Center – We are collecting stuffing, cranberry sauce, corn-bread muffins, cake mix, and icing for the upcoming holidays.

Operation Christmas Child – Collection Sunday is November 24.

Worship Preparation

Our series, “Light and Love”, continues to circle back to earlier themes, with 1 John 4:1-6 getting back to the contrast between God and the world, the spirit of truth and the spirit of the antichrist.

Sunday Service Teams

Greeters

James Rollins & Sharon Rollins

Nursery

Ali Carter & Maria Carter

Alternate: Bonnie Jones

Children's Church

Amy Cecil

Counters

Dennis Bedford & Lonnie Hoyt

Physical Needs:

- Louie Lapointe's friend, Richard, is on waiting list for liver and kidney donor
- Amy Cecil's friend, Amanda Officer, is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Becky Trotter is receiving chemotherapy for Stage 3 multiple myeloma
- Lupe Gutierrez has bone spurs in his hips and pain caused by impact on sciatic nerve
- Eura's son-in-law, David Rosen, is on dialysis, has a hernia, and leg muscle problems
- Louie Lapointe's co-worker, Mike Shehan, is receiving treatment for leukemia
- Bonnie Jones' friend, Jean Nettles, has cancer
- Louie's friend, Joorge Banuelos, suffered a brain hemorrhage
- Bonita Blake, Bob Shaw's sister-in-law, has stage 4 throat cancer
- LaVonda Gamage has bladder cancer, undergoing chemo for 6 weeks
- Mytyl Tatro has minor pneumonia
- JB Stanley unable to have surgery for kidney cancer due to heart problems
- Amy Cecil's dad, Mike Frizzell, has heart issues
- James Rollins had cataract surgery
- Andi Cole is having her wisdom teeth taken out

In the Hospital:

- Eura Franklin's great-granddaughter, Hanna Cole, tried to commit suicide

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
- For the court to respond favorably in a child's best interest

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)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Roy Trotter (Azle Manor)
- Delmar Holly (Westside Campus of Care)
- Joan Howard is receiving rehab at Azle Manor for broken leg

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

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Family members in the military:

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

Special Days:

- Brian Berry's 2nd anniversary as Outreach Pastor is on the 22nd
- Clorinda Cooper's birthday is on the 23rd
- Paula Britt's birthday is on the 27th

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!