



October 5, 2025

On the Horizon

Game Night – Friday, October 17, from 6:30–8:30 PM. Join us for desserts, games and a spooky good time!

Ministry Conference & Fellowship Meal – We hold our annual meeting on Sunday, October 26, with a fellowship meal between the service and conference.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, October 5

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, October 8

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

Studying the power and importance of the Patriarchal blessings in Genesis leads me to consider the importance of blessings in our own lives. Looking in the New Testament, I see that blessings are an even more important part of the Christian's life than the patriarchs' lives.

Jesus tells us to bless those who curse us (Luke 6:28), Peter tells us to give a blessing instead of repaying people in kind (1 Peter 3:9), and Paul reiterates both Peter's and Jesus's teaching about blessings in 1 Corinthians 4:12 & Romans 12:14 respectively.

Unlike in Genesis, where blessings are based on being blessed, the New Testament teaches us to bless our enemies and those who mistreat us. This is not the world's way, and, if we are honest, goes against our natural response as well.

Based on the New Testament ethic, who should be receiving your blessing today?

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday and see the hope in Jacob's blessings on Joseph's sons in [Hebrews 11:21](#) and [Genesis 48](#).

October Memory Verse

Deuteronomy 6:4–5

"Hear, O Israel! The LORD is our God, the LORD is one!

You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might."

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)
- Robert is being treated for cancer (MM)
- Leah Iglesias received a difficult diagnosis (TB)
- Steven Wells' stage 4 prostate cancer is getting worse (LL)
- Kelly Spear's sister, Beth, has cancer (AC)
- Kelly Bickett has a blood clot in her leg (GL)
- Doug Cecil is being treated for cancer (DC)
- Dottie Blake has AMD in her eyes (TC)
- David Hester is receiving chemo for stage 4 throat cancer (SB)

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)
- James and Sharon Rollins as he cares for her
- John Bickett is taking care of his sister (GL)

World Events:

- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- Peace and justice for Israel & neighbors
- Remaining hostages in Gaza
- Flood victims in central Texas
- Children and families in Minnesota
- Charlie Kirk Assassination, for his family and our nation

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:

- Matt Cornelius is recovering from a heart transplant (AC)
- Jonathan Pokluda has transverse myelitis
- A resident of Eagle Mtn. Drive had a stroke

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:

- Carolyn Rains' Birthday is on 10/3
- Kathryn Cecil's Birthday is on 10/4
- Simon Bench's Birthday is on 10/4

Please send new prayers or updates to office@embcmail.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 9.28.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 80,860.65	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 880.00	\$ 81,819.90	Sept. Goal	\$4,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 225.00	\$ 6,790.00	Last Week	\$ 225.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,105.00	\$ 88,609.90	Year To Date	\$4,890.00