

October 6, 2024

On the Horizon

Wednesday Night Bible Study – We will not meet on October 9. Bible study will resume on October 16.

Ministry Team Sign Up – It's not too late to take a ministry team volunteer form this Sunday and prayerfully consider how you might serve and lead in 2025.

Annual Ministry Conference – We will meet on Sunday, October 27, to review the 3rd quarter and plan for 2025. A pot luck fellowship meal will precede the meeting. Please bring a dish to share with another family.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, October 6
Bible Study at 9:45 AM
Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Pastor's Pondering

The other day, our dog growled at Nathan when he suddenly acted like he was going to pick her up. Immediately after this interchange, she turned her belly up to him in a posture of remorse.

As I explained that she was apologizing and submitting to him, I got to thinking about just how much she loves belly rubs, and how few she would get if she lived in the wild. First off, she'd probably be dead by now if she lived in the wild. Beyond that, though, was the realization that all the pleasures she enjoys in our house come with her submission to us as her owners. She has lost scavenging and subsistence living, but gained so much more.

Of course, this got me thinking about our lives and the things we experience because we submit to God's lordship in our lives. We may have given up going our own ways, but we have gained so much more!

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We finish our study on the book of Amos with God's last act of judgment and the promise of a remnant in Amos 9:1-15.

October Memory Verse

1 John 1:9

If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Physical Needs:

- Cindy Pratt's treatment for lung cancer (AC)
- Kathy Smith has stage 4 cancer (LH)
- Linda Carrillo is suffering from liver disease and strokes (MC)
- Jesus Carreon, Sr. has a brain tumor (FC)
- Aly Biller is better adjusting to a new normal partially paralyzed & in a wheel chair (MH)
- Sheila Pierce has cancer spreading (TB)
- Dean has a terminal cancer diagnosis (EH)
- Stacey has breast cancer (BT)
- Alex Grant has stress related nerve pain (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)
- Sylvia has breast cancer (EH)
- Tom Cann has a sprained arm (TC)
- Kelly Spear's sister, Beth, has cancer (AC)

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)
- Ruth is going through a divorce (HL)
- Tiffany's mom is off her bipolar meds (GL)
- Amanda Shi needs a job (AC)

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

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

World Events:

- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- Peace and justice for Israel & neighbors
- USA Elections and leaders
- Hurricane Helene victims

Ministry Requests:

- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus
- God's guidance concerning potential leadership roles at EMBC in preparation for a discussion in October's ministry conference

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)

In the Hospital:

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Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Glenn Beaman passed away Monday night
- Ed Hudson passed away Tuesday night

Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman Army
- Andrew Cecil Army
- Alex Grant Army

Praises:

Beverly Tidwell's scans are clear of cancer (BT)

Special Days:

- Michelle May's 10th Anniversary as Ministry Assistant is on 10/6
- Louie Lapointe's birthday is on 10/10

Special Notice: Ed Hudson's funeral will be at Bigger's Funeral Home on Thursday, October 10 at 10:00 AM, followed by internment at the National Cemetery at 1:30 PM. Visitation will be Wednesday evening from 6:00-8:00 PM.

Giving Report for 9.29.2024 **Last Week** Year to Date **World Missions Giving Offering** \$6,000.00 General Offering Needs: \$ 2,121.43 \$ 82,735.77 2024 Goal General Offering Actual: \$ 871.00 \$ *77*,215.27 Oct. Goal \$5,000.00 4,084.78 Designated Offering: 0.00 Last Week 0.00 **Total Offering:** 871.00 \$ 81,300.05 Year To Date \$2,465.00