



November 19, 2023

On the Horizon

Men's Prayer Breakfast – Saturday November 18, at 9:00 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Operation Christmas Child – Today is Collection Sunday!

Wednesday Night Activities – We will not meet on November 22.

Ladies' Night Out – Join us at a new location, Grumps Burgers in River Oaks, on Tuesday, November 28, at 6:00 PM.

Community Caring Center – Needs: Ramen Noodles, canned meats, mac & cheese, soups, peanut butter, and jelly.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, November 19

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, November 22

No Activities—Happy Thanksgiving

Pastor's Pondering

Recently, while grading some papers, I got to thinking about all the marks I was putting on the papers and how the students might feel when they received them.

When I was a student in seminary, the marks and comments on my papers usually hurt. To me, they pointed out failures and shortcomings. I could see a student feeling that way about my comments to them, too. But it is not true. My heart attitude toward my students is a desire to give them notes and guidance so that they will do better in the future. I do not view them negatively and I suspect my professors did not view me negatively either. They probably had the same desire I have - to help their students do better.

How sad it is to assume our feelings about a matter are the truth of the matter. I pray you are more generous in your thoughts toward others than I was.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We conclude our study in Proverbs this Sunday with a look at a Proverbs 31 Man in **Proverbs 31:1-9**.

November Memory Verse

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

¹⁶Rejoice always; ¹⁷pray without ceasing; ¹⁸in everything give thanks; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.

Physical Needs:

- George Cary has dementia (EH)
- Mike Perrin is on chemotherapy for stage 4 bone cancer (DC)
- Chris Lawry has lung cancer (EF)
- Cindy Pratt's treatment for lung cancer (AC)
- Judy Brigham fell and broke a bone (EH)
- Kathy Smith has stage 4 cancer (LH)
- Linda Johnson is recovering from hip surgery
- Sylvia Cary is undergoing chemo and radiation treatment for cancer
- Brady Tidwell needs neck surgery (BT)
- Joe Mears is in hospice with Stage IV liver cancer (AC)
- Linda Carrillo is suffering from liver disease and strokes (MC)
- Jackson has a broken back and chest from bus accident (AC)

In the Hospital:

- Sheila Pierce has meningitis & breast cancer (TB)

Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- Hilda Lapointe & Family
- People suffering from addictions
- Brandon, nephew of Doug (LL)
- Jane Sutton struggles with Dementia (MM)
- David C. suffers from PTSD and alcoholism (LL)
- Noah is looking for a new job (GL)
- Sonia Giron is moving from Mexico City to border
- Jennifer T. is going through a divorce (AC)

Praises:

- Eura Franklin is home
- Wilma Jean South is out of the hospital (NC)

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

World Events:

- Christians and allies in Afghanistan
- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- Peace and justice in Israel & 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)

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- J.L. Coleman's brother-in-law, Glen South, died in a car accident

Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Drake Bowers - Army
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alexander Cole - Air Force
- Wesley Langley - Air Force
- Alex Grant - Army (deployed to border)

Special Days:

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

Giving Report for 11.12.2023**Offering****Last Week****Year to Date****World Missions Giving**

General Offering Needs: \$ 2,126.68

\$ 97,827.28

2023 Goal \$7,200.00

General Offering Actual: \$ 2,083.00

\$ 92,548.56

Nov. Goal \$6,600.00

Designated Offering: \$ 200.00

\$ 5,850.00

Last Week \$ 200.00

Total Offering: \$ 2,283.00

\$ 98,398.56

Year To Date \$5,550.00