



December 1, 2024

On the Horizon

Season of Advent – Invite your friends and neighbors to join us as we begin our Advent Celebration this Sunday.

Hanging of the Greens – Plan to stay after the service Sunday, as we decorate the sanctuary for Christmas.

Ladies' Night Out – We will have a Christmas Ornament Exchange on Tuesday, December 10, from 6:00–8:00 PM, at Jason's deli in Lake Worth.

Cecil Family Open House – Plan to join us on Saturday, December 14, from 5:00–8:00 PM for this come & go event!

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, December 1

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Christmas Decorating at 12:00 PM

Wednesday, December 4

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

A staple of the Thanksgiving holiday is the Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade. It starts with the Radio City Rockettes and ends with Santa—welcoming Christmas before you have eaten the Thanksgiving feast. Hosted by a department store, this parade leads right into the primary focus of Christmas for many people—shopping.

What a conflict during this season! Not just for Thanksgiving, but for all of Christmas. There is so much that tries to rob us of the spiritual focus of thankfulness and the gift of Jesus. It is a shame there is such a conflict, as holidays are holydays; so the spiritual focus should reign.

Fortunately, there are actions we can take to keep our focus on the spiritual side of the holidays. Taking time to thank God is one way, and Advent is another. Advent directs our anticipation from presents to the perfect gift: Jesus.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

December 1 is a busy morning, as we celebrate the Lord's Supper, begin Advent, and decorate the church. Advent begins with the theme of Hope.

December Memory Verse

James 1:17

Every good thing given and every perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of lights, with whom there is no variation or shifting shadow.

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)
- 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)
- Tom Cann has a sprained arm (TC)
- Kelly Spear's sister, Beth, has cancer (AC)
- Mark Alexander has Parkinson's Disease (LL)
- Harrison had an MRI for a neck problem (LL)
- Belinda DeRossett is home from the hospital and in a great amount of pain (MH)
- Lillie DeRossett starts chemo on 12/10 (MH)
- Cherrie is suffering from a mysterious blood pressure malady (LL)

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)
- Tiffany's mom is off her bipolar meds (GL)
- Amanda Shi needs a job (AC)

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
- Hurricanes Helene and Milton victims
- Hostages in 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)
- JL Coleman is recovering from hip surgery (NC)

In the Hospital:

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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:

- James Rollins' birthday is on 12/4

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

Giving Report for 11.24.2024

Offering	Last Week	Year to Date	World Missions Giving	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,121.43	\$ 99,707.21	2024 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,199.00	\$ 93,282.27	Nov. Goal	\$5,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 50.00	\$ 5,484.78	Last Week	\$ 50.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,249.00	\$ 98,767.05	Year To Date	\$2,965.00