



December 2, 2018

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, December 2

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Monday, December 3

Ladies' Morning Bible Study at 10:00 AM

Royal Ambassadors at 5:30 PM

Wednesday, December 5

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

Adult Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Pastor's Pondering

It's a fairly common trope in Christmas movies—having a perfect Christmas. Of course, problems ensue and the protagonist discovers that there is no such thing as a perfect Christmas, and to make the best of what you do have.

I think this story line is popular because so many of us do want to have a perfect Christmas, we want to capture, as adults, the magic that we felt as children. Or, we want to create the magic that we never experienced or felt, but were sure everyone around us was experiencing. Of course, just like our movie protagonists, we must learn that there is no such thing as a perfect Christmas.

The good news is that our celebrations don't have to be perfect, and neither do we. The whole point of Christmas is the arrival of the one who is perfect and who covers over all our imperfections with his love and sacrifice. We get to let go of the drive to be perfect or to create something that is perfect, and instead enjoy and delight in the one who is. - Blessings, David

On the Horizon

December Sermon Series – Our sermons and worship services during December will follow the season of Advent, touching on the themes of Hope, Love, Joy, and Peace. We begin with the Hanging of the Greens this Sunday! Join us, and invite someone to join you, too!

Christmas Specials – All December long, you will find a photo booth and the Christmas Mailbox in the back of the sanctuary. Be sure to check for cards each week, and why not get a picture or two taken.

Children's Ministry Christmas Party – Wednesday, December 19 at 6:30 PM.

Worship Preparation

We are going to have a wonderful service this Sunday as we Hang the Greens! We begin Advent with the focus on Hope, Pastor David will share some thoughts from Luke 1:8-23, and we will observe the Lord's Supper.

Sunday Service Teams

Lead Greeter

Lindy Hoyt

Nursery

Maria Carter & Ali Carter

Alternate: Marie Hudson

Children's Church

Amy Cecil

Counters

Ed Hudson & Amy Cecil

Physical Needs:

- Louie Lapointe's friend, Richard, is on waiting list for liver and kidney donor
- Dan Jansen, a missionary to Rwanda, is receiving treatment for depression caused by a vitamin deficiency
- Trish Raney will undergo surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Ginny Greenwood is receiving treatment for cancer
- Louie Lapointe's friend, Alison Butler was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Amy Cecil's friend, Amanda Officer, is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Linda Wells, wife of Tom Beaman's friend, Jerry Wells, is being treated for breast cancer
- Pat & Ricky Ladner's multiple health problems
- Darin Walker is receiving medication to mitigate his dementia
- Jerry Wells will have surgery to repair an abdominal aneurysm
- Ryan Dignum, Bill Goggans' grandson, is receiving treatment for cancer in lymph nodes
- Becky Trotter is receiving chemotherapy for Stage 3 multiple myeloma
- Michelle May is recovering from knee surgery
- Lindy Hoyt is recovering from hip replacement surgery

In the Hospital:

- Jonathan Simpson recovering after surgery

Praises:

- Jonathan Simpson had successful surgery for a wound on his back
- Becky Trotter was in the hospital with dizziness, but she is now home

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

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)
- Oletha Oldham (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Eagle Crest)
- Roy Trotter (Azle Manor)

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:

- James Rollins' birthday is on the 4th

Member Notices:

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Please send new prayers or updates to pastor@embcm.com. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date with your updates!