



December 9, 2018

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, December 9

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Monday, December 10

Royal Ambassadors at 5:30 PM

Ladies' Evening Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, December 12

Prayer & Adult Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

Do you ever wonder what God is doing in your life? I recently considered some aspects of my life that I have accepted as being part of who I am. However, as I thought about them, I realized I had not always been this way. What are those aspects? A dislike of using the phone and difficulty asking people in the church for help.

As I thought about them, I realized that my dislike of the phone grew out of my time as an insurance adjuster, and then solidified with the negative phone calls that make up 95% of church communication—people looking to get something other than the Gospel. I didn't always struggle to ask church members for help either, but years of reluctant responses and outright rejections have led me to expect negative results. End result - I don't like asking for help because I expect a negative answer. My, how jaded I have become.

But the question isn't, "What is wrong with me?" or, "What is wrong with people?" It is, "What is God doing with this?"

Look for how God is working in the struggles of your life. - Blessings, David

On the Horizon

Advent Season – This season of worship is a wonderful time to invite your family, friends, or neighbors to join you in worship. Draw closer together as we draw closer to Jesus.

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 get your picture taken.

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

Cecil Family Open House – Thursday, December 20 from 5–8:00 PM.

Christmas Eve Candlelight Service – Monday, December 24 at 5:00 PM.

Worship Preparation

We continue our Advent focus with the second candle, love, and a worship service focused on God's love for us. The message will come from Matthew 1:18-25, but you should read the entire first chapter, because God's love is throughout it.

Sunday Service Teams

Lead Greeter

Sharon Rollins

Nursery

Maria Carter & Ali Carter

Alternate: Bonnie Jones

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:

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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:

- Earl Winterrowd passed away on Tuesday

Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Michael Britt - Navy
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alexander Cole - Air Force

Special Days:

- Bobby Pack's birthday is on the 13th

Member Notices:

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