



February 1, 2026

On the Horizon

Fellowship Meal – Our Chili Cook-Off is this Sunday, prior to the Conference.

Quarterly Ministry Conference – The 1st Conference of 2026 will take place immediately following the Cook-Off. Join us as we make decisions for 2026.

Ladies Night Out – We will meet at Bosses Pizza in Lake Worth on Tuesday, February 10, at 6:00 PM.

Community Caring Center – We have need for Ramen Noodles, canned meats, mac & cheese, soups, peanut butter, and jelly.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, February 1

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Chili Cook-Off at 12:00 PM

Ministry Conference at 1:00 PM

Wednesday, February 4

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

In Matthew 12:1-8, Jesus teaches that the Sabbath was made for man, not man for the Sabbath. This means that we have things seriously wrong if we get to the point where we are hurting people in order to honor the Sabbath.

That was the case when the disciples were snacking on grain in the fields. The Pharisees would rather see men go hungry than for them to “break the law” by picking and separating the grains of wheat from the chaff. We can do the same if we make what we do as a church more important than the people who are our church, or those we are seeking to reach.

The problem for the Pharisees was they thought the day was more important than the people. They forgot that God gave us the Sabbath laws for rest. This is why it is okay to stay home when the roads are icy.

I hope you got some good rest Sunday.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

Hopefully, we get to celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday, and to finally hear the message from [Matthew 12:9-21](#).

February Memory Verse

Psalm 33:4

**For the word of the LORD is upright,
And all His work is done in faithful-
ness.**

Physical Needs:

- Cindy Pratt's treatment for lung cancer (AC)
- Sheila Pierce has cancer spreading (TB)
- Dean has a terminal cancer diagnosis (MH)
- Leah Iglesias received a difficult diagnosis (TB)
- Steven Wells' stage 4 prostate cancer is getting worse (LL)
- Dottie Blake has AMD in her eyes (TC)
- David Hester is receiving chemo for stage 4 throat cancer (SB)
- Roger Giddens has stage 4 liver disease and needs a living donor (BS)
- Gordon is in hospice care (TC)
- Todd Brooks has stage 4 prostate cancer (VJ)
- Jeff Bailey has leukemia (VJ)

Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Those who are unemployed & looking for work
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- David C. suffers from PTSD and alcoholism (LL)
- Pat has poor mental health and alcoholism (TC)
- Hilda Lapointe's extended family (HL)
- Tiffany's mom is off her bipolar meds (GL)
- Julie & Juan have legal and familial issues (LL)
- John Bickett is taking care of his sister (GL)
- Gabbie Vasquez (HL)
- Patsy Martin and her family (BT)

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

World Events:

- An end to the war in Ukraine
- Peace and justice for Israel & neighbors
- Freedom and justice for the Persian people in Iran

Ministry Requests:

- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

In Nursing Care:

- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)

In the Hospital:

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Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Jane Sutton, Michelle May's mom, passed away on 1/21

Family members in the military:

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

Praises:

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Special Days:

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

Giving Report for 1.18.2026 (no service on 1/25)

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,201.00	\$ 6,603.00	2026 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 2,664.00	\$ 6,330.00	Jan. Goal	\$ 500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 150.00	\$ 270.00	Last Week	\$ 150.00
Total Offering:	\$ 2,814.00	\$ 6,600.00	Year To Date	\$ 270.00