



# February 16, 2025

## On the Horizon

**Game Night** – Our next game night will be at Bonnie Jones’ house, on Friday, February 28, at 6:30 PM. Please plan to join us for fun and fellowship!

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

## Scheduled Activities

Sunday, February 16

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, February 19

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

## Pastor’s Pondering

This past Sunday, the Eagles won the Super Bowl by 40-22. That seems like a fairly close game until you realize that the Eagles were leading by 34 when the Chiefs finally scored with 34 seconds left in the 3rd quarter. It was a blowout!

Personally, I prefer losing blowouts than close games, although I hate winning blowouts. I don’t like the feeling of destroying another team, but being destroyed is a bit easier to swallow than coming up just short. When you lose by a large amount, you realize you were never really in the game. When you lose by 1, you question what more you could have done.

When it comes to our need for redemption, it is a blowout. There is nothing more you could have done to be righteous; you were never in the game. Thankfully, Jesus’ victory over our sin is also a blowout, and there is nothing more to be done.

- Blessings, David

## Worship Preparation

In **John 6:26-71**, Jesus confronts those who, though they want food from Him, do not actually believe in Him.

## February Memory Verse

Proverbs 11:24

There is one who scatters, and yet increases all the more, And there is one who withholds what is justly due, and yet it results only in want.

**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)
- 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)
- Kelly Spear's sister, Beth, has cancer (AC)
- Mark Alexander has Parkinson's Disease (LL)
- Lillie DeRossett is on chemo (MH)
- Marilyn Stevens is receiving hospice care at home after stopping chemo treatments (MS)
- Tom Cann will have a biopsy of cancer lesion on 3/11 (TC)
- Dan Moody-Musick has pneumonia (LM)
- Ella & Samuel Moody-Musick have a respiratory virus (LM)

**Personal Requests:**

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- People suffering from addictions
- Jane Sutton struggles with Dementia (MM)
- 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)
- 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
- People recovering from fires in Los Angeles

**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:**

- Tom Beaman's aunt, Diane Tindall, passed away

**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 2.9.2025**

<b>Offering</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>World Missions Giving</b>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 12,440.10	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 990.00	\$ 12,686.00	Feb. Goal	\$1,000.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 100.00	\$ 2,230.00	Last Week	\$ 100.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,090.00	\$ 14,916.00	Year To Date	\$ 430.00