



February 22, 2026

On the Horizon

Wednesday Night Bible Study – We will not meet on February 25, and we do look forward to seeing you on March 4.

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

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, February 22

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, February 25

No Bible Study

Pastor's Pondering

Whenever I go to Riverbend Retreat Center, my bearings always get messed up. Forgetting where north is, I expect the sun to rise on one side of the camp only to see it rise on the other. I think this is due to a combination of driving south to get there and a map Riverbend provides that is skewed to the West. I am always surprised to see the camp tilted eastward when I look online at a satellite image of it.

I wonder if the world isn't like that sometimes. Everyone going about our business, building our ideas and values, and we don't have our bearings. We think we know which way is right and which way is wrong, until the Son rises on us and we get our bearings from God's word, and we realize that we have been off all along.

Do you get frustrated by all the different directions people go these days? Be patient, they have need to see the Son.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

This Sunday's message comes from **Matthew 15:1-20**. It pits religious actions vs. the heart's intent.

February Memory Verse

Psalm 33:4

For the word of the LORD is upright,
And all His work is done in faithfulness.

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)
- Todd Brooks has stage 4 prostate cancer (VJ)
- Jeff Bailey has leukemia (VJ)
- Joe is recovering from bypass surgery (BT)

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)
- Maya has concerns related to her husband's job (BT)
- Andrea has anxiety struggles (BT)

Please send new prayers or updates to office@embcm.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)
- Bertha McBride has RSV & congestive heart failure (LM)

In the Hospital:

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Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- David passed away on 2/14 (BT)
- Meghan Barrow passed away 1/22

Family members in the military:

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

Praises:

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Special Days:

- Amy Cecil's Birthday is on 2/25
- Dawson Tidwell's Birthday is on 2/26

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

Giving Report for 2.15.2026

Offering	Last Week	Year to Date	World Missions Giving	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,201.00	\$ 15,407.00	2026 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 2,760.00	\$ 12,413.10	Feb. Goal	\$1,000.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 150.00	\$ 570.00	Last Week	\$ 150.00
Total Offering:	\$ 2,910.00	\$ 12,983.10	Year To Date	\$ 570.00