



February 8, 2026

On the Horizon

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

Game Night – Join us at the **Tidwells' house** on **Friday, February 20**, from **6:30–8:30 PM**, 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 8

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Tuesday, February 10

Ladies Night Out at 6:00 PM

Wednesday, February 11

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

Unable to keep their dad's "forever home," my mom and uncle sold it to someone who "flipped it," which means that he made a lot of updates and sold it for a profit. My Mom was heartbroken from all the changes when she saw the real estate listing.

To be honest, as much as we all loved that house, the updates were an improvement. Had my mom or uncle kept it, they would not have made those updates. Our family would have kept the house more as a historical landmark.

When we are comfortable with something the way it is, we often struggle to imagine how it might be made better. I think that is a natural human tendency. As Jesus said: "And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.'" (Lk. 5:39) Fortunately, God has an eye for how things can be better.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

Our theme this Sunday is about receiving the word of the kingdom in **Matthew 13:1-23**.

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)
- David has kidney disease and refuses dialysis (BT)
- 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)

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:

- Patsy Martin passed away on 1/29 (BT)
- Gordon passed away on 2/1 (TC)

Family members in the military:

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

Praises:

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Special Days:

- Simon Bench's 5th Anniversary as Worship Leader is on 2/7
- Beverly Tidwell's Birthday is on 2/12
- Valerie Jones' Birthday is on 2/13

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

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

Giving Report for 2.1.2026

Offering	Last Week	Year to Date	World Missions Giving	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,201.00	\$ 11,005.00	2026 Goal	\$ 6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 2,765.00	\$ 9,095.00	Feb. Goal	\$ 1,000.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 100.00	\$ 370.00	Last Week	\$ 100.00
Total Offering:	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 9,465.00	Year To Date	\$ 370.00