



March 16, 2025

On the Horizon

Game Night – Join us this Friday, March 21, at the Cecils’ house at 6:30 PM.

Special Luncheon – We will have a Baby shower luncheon, for Jeff & Brittany, on Sunday, March 23. Sign up in the foyer to bring a dish.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, March 16

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, March 19

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Friday, March 21

Game Night at 6:30 PM

Pastor’s Pondering

It was the first time I hungrily flipped through the Bible, page by page, looking for a verse. A character had prayed a Psalm in the movie *Zulu*, and I couldn’t believe it was really in the Bible. I went from Psalm 1 to Psalm 150, but couldn’t find the verse (no reference was cited). Finally, with my dad’s help, I found it! Psalm 46:9.

Psalm 46 has held a special place in my heart ever since. I was familiar enough with the Bible, and even memorized whole chapters prior to this event, but those experiences didn’t have the same effect on me. I think what made the difference was that, for the first time, I was searching for a passage for myself, not just going where I was told to by a Sunday school teacher.

Can you remember the first time your passion was ignited and you dug into the Bible for yourself? What was it that piqued your interest?

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We continue with the focus on positions of greatness within Jesus’ kingdom in **Mark 10:32-45**, in spite of Jesus’ focused mission headed to the cross.

March Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:10

For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand so that we would walk in them.

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 stopped all medical care (MH)
- Tom Cann is waiting for biopsy results and has an upcoming stress test (TC)

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)
- Wilson Roberts for victory in a lawsuit (DC)

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
- Remaining 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)

In the Hospital:

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Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- J.L. Coleman passed away on 2/27
- Marilyn Stevens passed away on 2/10

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 3.9.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 20,733.50	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 6,405.00	\$ 27,210.80	March Goal	\$1,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 200.00	\$ 2,680.00	Last Week	\$ 200.00
Total Offering:	\$ 6,605.00	\$ 29,890.80	Year To Date	\$ 880.00