



March 23, 2025

On the Horizon

Ladies' Night Out – We will meet at the In-N-Out Burger in Lake Worth, on Tuesday, April 15, at 6:30 PM.

Easter Service – Invite a friend, family member, or neighbor, to join you on Sunday, April 20, as we celebrate Jesus' Resurrection!

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, March 23

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, March 26

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

In a movie I recently watched, a woman diagnosed with cancer said, "I have to believe that there's a reason. If one person's life is changed by what I go through, it will all be worth it." This is a common enough feeling. We want our lives to matter and for there to be a reason for our suffering.

But, what if somebody's life isn't changed? What if there isn't any higher purpose to our suffering? Is it worth it?

The poem *Character of the Happy Warrior* closes by suggesting that, if he leaves "a dead unprofitable name," he will still find "comfort in himself and in his cause;" and "draws his breath in confidence of Heaven's applause."

Our lives have meaning because God created us, not because of any impact we might have on others. Such an impact would be nice, for sure, but it does not give our lives value. God does that.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

This week, we cross into Holy Week as Jesus arrives in Jerusalem and narrows His ministry focus in John 12:12-26.

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:

- 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:

- William Cecil's Birthday is on 3/28

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

Giving Report for 3.16.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 22,806.85	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,615.00	\$ 28,825.80	March Goal	\$1,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 150.00	\$ 2,830.00	Last Week	\$ 150.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,765.00	\$ 31,655.80	Year To Date	\$1,030.00