



# March 3, 2024

## On the Horizon

Daylight Saving Time – Don't forget to Spring Forward one hour on Sunday, March 10, to be on time for church!

Guest Preacher – We are blessed to have Conrad Mills, an MDiv student from SWBTS, join us in worship on Sunday, March 10.

Spring Break – We will not meet for Wednesday Night Bible Study on 3/13.

Ladies' Night Out – Please join us at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 19, at Bosses Pizza off Lake Worth Blvd.

## Scheduled Activities

Sunday, March 3

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, March 6

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

## Pastor's Pondering

Early in my discipleship, I was taught the ACTS method of prayer: Adoration, Confession, Thanksgiving, Supplication. You may notice that I basically still follow this pattern in my congregational prayers.

Compare that format with the Lord's Prayer, where Jesus instructs us to ask for our daily bread and then to ask for forgiveness of our sins. In the ACTS terminology, that puts the S before the C.

Through the ACTS method, I was taught that we needed to confess our sins before we brought God our requests. It is as if we can earn God's ear with our confessions.

In contrast, Jesus's pattern would have us ask for provision (bring God our requests) and then seek forgiveness and deliverance. In the Lord's Prayer, we do not earn supplication, but seek His provision as those in need of grace. I like Jesus' way. Now, to see about changing my prayer pattern...

- Blessings, David

## Worship Preparation

We celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday and continue to look at our need to pray with Jesus' parable in [Luke 18:1-8](#).

## March Memory Verse

Colossians 3:17

Whatever you do in word or deed,  
do all in the name of the Lord Jesus,  
giving thanks through Him to God  
the Father.

**Physical Needs:**

- George Cary has dementia (EH)
- Mike Perrin is on chemotherapy for stage 4 bone cancer (DC)
- Chris Lawry has lung cancer (EF)
- Cindy Pratt's treatment for lung cancer (AC)
- Kathy Smith has stage 4 cancer (LH)
- Brady Tidwell needs neck surgery (BT)
- Linda Carrillo is suffering from liver disease and strokes (MC)
- Jesus Carreon, Sr. has a brain tumor (FC)
- Juanita Giron's health (HL)
- Aly Biller has another brain tumor on the other side of her brain (MH)
- Sean will have surgery for a brain tumor (LL)
- Buddie Thompson has colon cancer (EF)
- Anthony Cole has a foot problem (EF)
- Nathan Moody-Musick is recovering from surgery on his hips and tendons (LM)
- Cathy Loyd is recovering from a procedure

**In the Hospital:**

- Brian Olafson has liver problems (LL)

**Personal Requests:**

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- Hilda Lapointe & Family
- People suffering from addictions
- Brandon, nephew of Doug (LL)
- Jane Sutton struggles with Dementia (MM)
- David C. suffers from PTSD and alcoholism (LL)
- Noah is looking for a new job (GL)
- Jennifer T. is going through a divorce (AC)
- Chris Cole has personal problems (EF)
- Jason has family troubles (LL)
- Patricia has poor mental health (TC)

**Praises:**

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

**World Events:**

- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- Peace and justice in Israel & Gaza

**Ministry Requests:**

- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus
- Riverbend Preteen Camp Reservations
- Plans for Arts Camp

**In Nursing Care:**

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)
- Nancy Holly (Springtown Park) (KH)

**Families who have recently lost loved ones:**

- Wendy Marsden passed away early on 2/25

**Family members in the military:**

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alexander Cole - Air Force
- Wesley Langley - Air Force
- Alex Grant - Army

**Special Days:**

- Louis & Hilda Lapointe's Anniversary is on 3/3
- David Cecil's Birthday is on 3/9

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

**Giving Report for 2.25.2024**

<b><u>Offering</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>	<b><u>World Missions Giving</u></b>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,121.43	\$ 16,971.44	2024 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 876.00	\$ 15,827.80	March Goal	\$1,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 0.00	\$ 1,630.00	Last Week	\$ 0.00
Total Offering:	\$ 876.00	\$ 17,457.80	Year To Date	\$ 580.00