



March 30, 2025

On the Horizon

Singing Men Concert – At the SWBTS Chapel on Thursday, April 3, at 7:00 PM. See Pastor David if you would like to meet for a ride.

Game Night – At the Tidwells' house on Friday, April 11, from 6:30–8:30 PM.

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 30

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, April 2

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Thursday, April 3

Singing Men Concert at 7:00 PM

Pastor's Pondering

The Barna Group's new initiative, *The Thriving Church* framework, has 15 metrics to measure a ministry's health and effectiveness. 15! Reading through them is suffocating. To their credit, these 15 areas are worthy of consideration, but focusing on them could take our focus off the one thing Jesus says we must do—"Follow Me."

Now, following Jesus will lead us to undertake different activities, but the degree or quality to which we are doing those activities are not the metric that matters. Jesus indicates He will respond to some people who perform miracles in His name with, "I never knew you." (Matt. 7:23) It may even be His will that we are ineffective in some areas, because His "power is perfected in weakness." (2 Cor. 12:9)

It is not the activity or our effectiveness that matters, but whether or not we know Jesus and are actively following Him.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

As Jesus prepared to be rejected, He told a parable about a wedding feast in **Matthew 22:1-14**.

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)
- Robert is being treated for cancer (MM)
- 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)

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)
- Wilson Roberts for victory in a lawsuit (DC)
- Julie & Juan have legal and familial issues (LL)

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:

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Family members in the military:

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

Praises:

- Tom Cann's biopsy was negative for cancer
- Stacey is now cancer free

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 3.23.2025**Offering****Last Week****Year to Date****World Missions Giving**

General Offering Needs: \$ 2,073.35

\$ 24,880.20

2025 Goal \$6,000.00

General Offering Actual: \$ 1,950.00

\$ 30,775.80

March Goal \$1,500.00

Designated Offering: \$ 150.00

\$ 2,980.00

Last Week \$ 150.00

Total Offering: \$ 2,100.00

\$ 33,755.80

Year To Date \$1,180.00