



March 31, 2024

On the Horizon

Resurrection Sunday – Today, we celebrate our risen Savior! Jesus Christ is risen indeed! Praise God, praise God!

New Sermon Series – Starting on April 7, we begin “Captive Liberty,” a series based on the Messianic claim of proclaiming liberty to captives and freedom to prisoners.

Eagle Mountain Arts Camp – We will host EMAC on June 16–20 from 6:30 PM –8:30 PM nightly. Please talk to Pastor David if you would be available to teach an art class or Bible class.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, March 31

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, April 3

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

I have received invitations from several regional churches encouraging me to join them for Easter this weekend. Yes, I said “weekend,” because many churches have Easter services available on Saturday, too.

I understand the extra services are a response to practical issues, but there seems to be something wrong with an Easter service on Saturday when Jesus rose from the dead on Sunday. I have the same problem with Christmas Eve services on the 23rd; it starts to feel somewhat mercenary to me.

I wonder if these churches would need the extra services if they weren't using Easter as a time to attract new people to their churches? Yes, it is a fact that more people will attend on Easter, but that doesn't mean we should turn it into a spectacle for church growth. Our focus at Easter should be on Jesus' resurrection, not using the service as a marketing ploy.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We celebrate the resurrection and complete our Easter series with Luke 24:36-48 this Sunday.

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:

- 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)
- Nathan Moody-Musick is recovering from surgery on his hips and tendons (LM)
- Bryan Conkling has suspected lung cancer (TB)
- Beverly Tidwell is being treated for cancer (BT)
- Joe Lapointe will have heart surgery in March
- Cheri is undergoing observation for possible paralysis (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)
- David C. suffers from PTSD and alcoholism (LL)
- Noah is looking for a new job (GL)
- Jennifer T. is going through a divorce (AC)
- Jason has family troubles (LL)
- Patricia has poor mental health (TC)
- Victor is looking for a home & employment (LL)

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
- Plans for Arts Camp

In Nursing Care:

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

In the Hospital:

- Brian Olafson has liver problems (LL)

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Nancy Holly passed away March 13

Family members in the military:

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

Praises:

- Chris Cole won his court situation
- Anthony Cole's foot surgery went well

Special Days:

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

Giving Report for 3.24.2024

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,121.43	\$ 25,457.16	2024 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 900.00	\$ 23,285.20	March Goal	\$1,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 50.00	\$ 1,790.00	Last Week	\$ 50.00
Total Offering:	\$ 950.00	\$ 25,075.20	Year To Date	\$ 735.00