

April 21, 2024

On the Horizon

Ladies' Night Out – Please join us as we gather this coming Tuesday, April 23, at 6:30 PM. We will meet at Jimmy's Big Burgers.

Fellowship Meal – On April 28, please bring a dish to share after the service.

Ministry Conference – We will meet at 1:00 PM on Sunday, April 28.

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, April 21
Bible Study at 9:45 AM
Morning Worship at 10:45 AM
Tuesday, April 23
Ladies' Night Out at 6:30 PM
Wednesday, April 24

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

America is awash in celebrities. We celebrate and honor actors, athletes, business leaders, politicians, musicians, children of rich people, and even pastors. To be a celebrity is to be known and honored for being known. There is a stage of being a celebrity wherein the person no longer serves their original desire, but rather to maintain their status as a celebrity.

It is a dangerous thing to become a celebrity, especially if you purport to serve Jesus. Whereas celebrity says "you deserve this," Jesus says our response should be, "I have only done what I ought to do." (Luke I7:10) It says, "hold on to your fame," but Jesus told us, "whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake, will save it." (Luke 9:24)

We should not seek to make celebrities of pastors or teachers. It will be more destructive than good, to them and to us.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

This Sunday sees the apostles in jail as the Sanhedrin, out of jealousy, orders them not to preach about Jesus in Acts 5:17-41.

April Memory Verse

Romans 8:28

And we know that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose.

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)
- Bryan Conkling needs a lung transplant (TB)
- Beverly Tidwell is being treated for cancer (BT)
- Cherie is having neck surgery (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)
- Jennifer T. is going through a divorce (AC)
- Jason has family troubles (LL)
- Patricia has poor mental health (TC)
- Jane Sutton struggles with Dementia (MM)

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:

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Family members in the military:

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

Praises:

 Joe Lapointe is home and recovering from heart surgery

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 4.14.2024 **Last Week** Year to Date **World Missions Giving** Offering General Offering Needs: \$ 2,121.43 \$ 31,821.45 2024 Goal \$6,000.00 General Offering Actual: \$ 1,871.00 30,161.20 April Goal \$2,000.00 Designated Offering: 200.00 2,000.00 Last Week 200.00 **Total Offering:** \$ 2,071.00 \$ 32,161.20 Year To Date 945.00