



April 7, 2019

**Scheduled Activities**

**Sunday, April 7**

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

**Monday, April 8**

Ladies' Morning Bible Study at 10:00 AM

**Wednesday, April 10**

Prayer Meeting & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

**Saturday, April 13**

Family Kickball League at 4:00 PM

**On the Horizon**

**Family Kickball League** – Our Spring season begins on the 6th! Games are on Saturdays in April at 4:00 PM. Come on out and join the fun!

**Easter Egg Hunt** – We will have a hunt immediately after the morning worship service on Easter morning for children 12 years of age and younger.

**Spring Photos** – A backdrop is available in the foyer for the first three weeks of April for you to take Easter pictures!

**Egg Donations** – If you would like to help with Easter eggs for the Easter Egg Hunt, please bring a dozen or two filled eggs to the church by Easter morning. Alternatively, we do have some bags with empty eggs that you can take, fill with candy, and bring back.

**Pastor's Pondering**

**Have you learned how to “Spark Joy”?** It is a cleaning/organizing method advocated by Marie Kondo. Amy read her book recently and rearranged our drawers and cleaned out some closets. I must say, her method for putting clothes in a drawer is far superior to my former method.

As part of Amy's joy sparking, she encouraged the kids to get rid of some stuff. This idea didn't really spark any joy in the kids until they decided to hold a garage sale to make some money off their stuff. That sparked joy! So, that's what they did this weekend, except when they went to Dallas on Friday. For that day, I got to man the garage sale all by myself.

While I enjoyed serving my family, putting a price on stuff we no longer want does not spark joy in me. I would prefer to give it away! That's one of the things I like about the Gospel - we can't charge for it, but share it for free whenever we have the opportunity. Now, that is something that sparks joy with me!

- Blessings, David

**Worship Preparation**

**We celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday and hear Jesus' final proclamation to the crowds in John 12:44-50. What relationships between Jesus and the Father do you see in this passage?**

**Sunday Service Teams**

**Greeters**

James Rollins & Sharon Rollins

**Nursery**

Ali Carter & Maria Carter

Alternate: Marie Hudson

**Children's Church**

Jennifer Dousay

**Counters**

Dennis Bedford & Philippe Lalonde

**Physical Needs:**

- Louie Lapointe's friend, Richard, is on waiting list for liver and kidney donor
- The Cecil's friend, Dan Jansen, is being treated for depression due to vitamin deficiency
- Trish Raney will undergo surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Ginny Greenwood is treating cancer
- Louie Lapointe's friend, Alison, has cancer
- Amy Cecil's friend, Amanda Officer, is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Linda Wells, wife of Tom Beaman's friend, Jerry Wells, is being treated for breast cancer
- Pat & Ricky Ladner's multiple health problems
- Ryan Dignum, Bill Goggans' grandson, is receiving treatment for cancer in his lymph nodes
- Becky Trotter is receiving chemotherapy for Stage 3 multiple myeloma
- Eura Franklin's nephew, Riley Ligon, is healing from a broken foot and a head injury
- Ruth Corley is recovering from blood pressure and heart issues
- Eura Franklin's cousin, Keith Higgins, had surgery to remove melanoma from his arm
- Eura Franklin's sister, Helen Thompson's Alzheimer's is getting bad
- Joan Howard for her ankle to heal
- Arthur Adams has a malignant brain tumor, shared by Sharon Rollins
- Hannah Rector had surgery for Colon cancer, shared by Sharon Rollins

**In the Hospital:**

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**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.

**Personal Requests:**

- Those who are seeking employment
- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Loved ones struggling with broken relationships
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- For family members to endure the consequences of their actions with a positive spirit
- Chris is facing struggles with depression
- For the court to respond favorably in a child's best interest
- Family currently homeless, criminal case issues

**Ministry Requests:**

- Hailes Family in Madagascar
- Meagan Clark - in India with CSJ
- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

**In Nursing Care:**

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Oletha Oldham (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Roy Trotter (Azle Manor)

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

- Sharon Rollins' brother-in-law, Bobby Wilbanks, passed away

**Family members in the military:**

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Michael Britt - Navy
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alexander Cole - Air Force

**Special Days:**

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**Member Notices:**

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Please send new prayers or updates to [pastor@embcmail.com](mailto:pastor@embcmail.com). Thank you for keeping us up-to-date with your updates!