



April 7, 2024

### On the Horizon

**New Sermon Series** – This Sunday 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.

**Community Caring Center** – Needs: Ramen Noodles, canned meats, mac & cheese, soups, peanut butter, and jelly.

### Scheduled Activities

#### Sunday, April 7

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

#### Wednesday, April 10

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

### Pastor’s Pondering

Do you think it odd that I would advocate against using Easter to boost church growth? After all, shouldn’t we want our church to grow? Yes, it would be nice to see our church grow, but that can never become our focus because it is not what Jesus has called us to do.

If you look at Jesus’ instructions to His disciples, you will see that He wants us to focus on making disciples by telling others about Him and teaching them to obey everything He commanded us. Search the Scriptures - Jesus never charged us with growing the church. If anything, He reserved that for Himself (Matt. 16:18).

I suspect we would all like our church to grow, but focusing on that is like focusing on a side effect. Our primary focus is to make disciples. If we do that, we will be faithful; and if we are faithful, we will be successful, regardless of our size.

- Blessings, David

### Worship Preparation

We celebrate the Lord’s Supper this Sunday and begin our new series with Luke 4:17-21, which is based on Isaiah 61:1-2.

### 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 has suspected lung cancer (TB)
- Beverly Tidwell is being treated for cancer (BT)
- Joe Lapointe will have heart surgery in March
- 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)
- 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)
- 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:**

- Nathan Moody-Musick is back to school

**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 3.31.2024**

<b>Offering</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>World Missions Giving</b>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,121.43	\$ 27,578.59	2024 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,590.00	\$ 24,875.20	April Goal	\$2,000.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 10.00	\$ 1,800.00	Last Week	\$ 10.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 26,675.20	Year To Date	\$ 745.00