



May 18, 2025

On the Horizon

Wednesday Night Bible Study – We will not meet for Wednesday, May 21 & 28, we will resume on June 4.

Guest Preacher – Dr. John Mann will join us to bring the message on Sunday, May 25.

Community Caring Center – We have need for Ramen Noodles, canned meats, mac & cheese, soups, peanut butter, and jelly.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, May 18

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, May 21

No Prayer & Bible Study meeting tonight

Pastor's Pondering

A few weeks ago, I was serving at the door for an event. As I welcomed people in, some friends we had invited entered. I had seen them walking up, but did not recognize them until the wife said my name. In a moment, these “strangers” morphed into the friends I have known for 25 years! As I think about seeing them walk up the sidewalk, I wonder how I did not recognize them.

This experience reminded me of Jesus' appearances after the resurrection. Mary did not recognize Jesus in the garden until He said her name, and the two disciples walked with Him and did not recognize Him until He handed them the bread. Maybe, like me, you have wondered how they did not recognize Him. What must that have been like? To know Him so well and yet not recognize Him, and then, all of a sudden, to see Him for who He truly is?

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

What does a soldier, a farmer, and an athlete have in common? 2 Timothy 2:3-7 will show us this Sunday.

May Memory Verse

Hebrews 10:23-25

²³Let us hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering, for He who promised is faithful; ²⁴and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, ²⁵not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging *one another*, and all the more as you see the day drawing near.

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 (DC)
- Leah Iglesias received a difficult diagnosis (TB)
- Steven Wells' stage 4 prostate cancer is getting worse (LL)
- Kelly Spear's sister, Beth, has cancer (AC)
- Lillie DeRossett stopped all medical care (MH)
- Kelly Bickett has a blood clot in her leg (GL)
- Ben Price's broken jaw is wired shut (CR)
- Michelle is recovering from surgery (DC)
- Carolyn Rains will have hip replacement surgery on May 22 (DC)
- Doug Cecil is receiving treatment for prostate cancer (DC)
- Beverly Tidwell's upcoming 6-month cancer scan (BT)
- Kaylee Bartell suffers from mood swings due to drug affects as a baby (BW)
- Hilda's mom has a blocked tear duct (HL)

Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- 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)
- Julie & Juan have legal and familial issues (LL)
- James and Sharon Rollins as he cares for her
- John Bickett is taking care of his sister (GL)

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

Ministry Requests:

- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)
- Jane Sutton is on Hospice (MM)

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:

- Louis Lapointe's artery blockage has cleared up

Special Days:

- Brady & Beverly Tidwell's Anniversary is 5/19
- James Musick's Birthday is 5/24

Thank you for your prayers. We know that many of our praises are due to the prayers of our fellowship.

Giving Report for 5.11.2025

| <u>Offering</u> | <u>Last Week</u> | <u>Year to Date</u> | <u>World Missions Giving</u> | |
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| General Offering Needs: | \$ 2,073.35 | \$ 39,393.65 | 2025 Goal | \$6,000.00 |
| General Offering Actual: | \$ 1,490.00 | \$ 44,660.80 | May Goal | \$2,500.00 |
| Designated Offering: | \$ 30.00 | \$ 3,935.00 | Last Week | \$ 30.00 |
| Total Offering: | \$ 1,520.00 | \$ 48,595.80 | Year To Date | \$2,135.00 |