



May 25, 2025

On the Horizon

Guest Preacher – Please make Dr. John Mann feel welcomed today.

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

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

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, May 25

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, May 28

No Prayer & Bible Study meeting tonight

Pastor's Pondering

Going through USMC Officer Candidate School, I heard a quote by Thucydides regarding the Peloponnesian War:

"We should remember that one man is much the same as another, and that he is best who is trained in the severest school."

It was suitable for Marines, and I have applied it to my own kids as well. Better a challenging education than a cakewalk.

While my seminary education was no cakewalk, you could argue that other schools with more rigorous curriculums qualified as "the severest." Yet, unlike other schools, Denver Seminary had professors from different denominations who held various theological views, forcing me to understand and defend what I believed.

In light of that aspect of my education, I think Denver seminary was the "severest" school. It trained me more vigorously in what would ultimately matter most.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We will be joined this Sunday by a guest preacher, Dr. John Mann, Assistant to the President for Constituent Relations at Southwest Baptist Theological Seminary.

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)
- Dottie Blake has a blood clot in her eye (TC)

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:

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Special Days:

- Gary & Karen Holly's Anniversary is 5/25

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

Giving Report for 5.18.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 41,467.00	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,375.00	\$ 46,035.80	May Goal	\$2,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 85.00	\$ 4,020.00	Last Week	\$ 85.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,460.00	\$ 50,055.80	Year To Date	\$2,220.00