



July 7, 2024

On the Horizon

Wednesday Night Bible Study – We will not meet during the month of July. Bible Study will resume on August 7.

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

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

E-letter – Would you like to receive this e-letter through e-mail? If so, please send a request to info@embcm.com.

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

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, July 7

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Pastor's Pondering

We celebrated the signing of the Declaration of Independence yesterday, and, with it, the birth of our nation.

In declaring themselves independent of Great Britain, our founders simultaneously declared themselves bound together as “united States of America.” They were “Free and Independent States,” and to that end the signers would “mutually pledge to each other our Lives, our Fortunes and our sacred Honor.” In so doing, the signers made not only a Declaration of Independence, but also a declaration of dependence—on one another.

True independence is a myth; we are always beholden to someone. As believers, our proclamation of independence from our sin comes with a proclamation of our dependence on God. To be free from death is to be bound to the One who is Life. We are free from sin, and free to serve God.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday, and take a look at Jesus' teaching about seeking positions of leaders in [Matthew 20:20-28](#) and [23:1-12](#).

July Memory Verse

Ephesians 2:8-9

For by grace you have been saved through faith; and that not of yourselves, it is the gift of God; not as a result of works, so that no one may boast.

Physical Needs:

- Mike Perrin has 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)
- Linda Carrillo is suffering from liver disease and strokes (MC)
- Jesus Carreon, Sr. has a brain tumor (FC)
- 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 2nd Covid and pneumonia (TB)
- Beverly Tidwell is being treated for cancer (BT)
- Sheila Pierce has cancer spreading (TB)
- Dean has a terminal cancer diagnosis (EH)
- Stacey has breast cancer (BT)
- Alex Grant has stress related nerve pain (BT)
- Robert is being treated for cancer (DC)
- James Musick has a torn meniscus (JM)

Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- 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 (TB)
- Peace and justice in Israel & Gaza

Ministry Requests:

- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus
- Riverbend Preteen Camp July 8-12

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)

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 (TB)
- Andrew Cecil - Army (DC)
- Alexander Cole - Air Force (EF)
- Wesley Langley - Air Force
- Alex Grant - Army (BT)

Praises:

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Special Days:

- Gary Holly's birthday is on 7/13

Please send new prayers or updates to office@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us accurate with your updates!

Giving Report for 6.30.2024

| Offering | Last Week | Year to Date | World Missions Giving | |
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| General Offering Needs: | \$ 2,121.43 | \$ 55,157.18 | 2024 Goal | \$6,000.00 |
| General Offering Actual: | \$ 1,107.00 | \$ 51,074.27 | July Goal | \$3,500.00 |
| Designated Offering: | \$ 0.00 | \$ 2,690.00 | Last Week | \$ 0.00 |
| Total Offering: | \$ 1,107.00 | \$ 53,764.27 | Year To Date | \$1,545.00 |