

# August 10, 2025

### On the Horizon

Ladies' Night Out – We will meet at Spring Creek BBQ in Lake Worth, on Tuesday, August 12, at 6:30 PM.

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

### **Scheduled Activities**

Sunday, August 10

Bible Study at 9:45 AM Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, August 13

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

### Pastor's Pondering

Simon Peter answered Him, "Lord, to whom shall we go? You have words of eternal life." (John 6:68)

I know Peter didn't mean it exactly this way, but there is something to be said for not having options. Most of the time, having options is a good thing. We all like options, especially when looking at a menu or in your closet. Sometimes, having options creates a mess. Feeling we have the option to quit a difficult situation can make it hard for us to stay the course. Not having options keeps our focus on making the best of what is in front of us.

Many people left when Jesus' teaching became hard to accept. The disciples struggled with His teaching, too, but they didn't see any better options, so they stayed. Eventually, they got to the place where they did understand.

If you are out of options, it may be a blessing. It may be what keeps you faithful.

- Blessings, David

## **Worship Preparation**

This Sunday, we embark on a series based on Hebrews 11, looking at people of faith. It begins with faith about creation in Hebrews 11:3 and Genesis 1:1-18.

## **August Memory Verse**

Galatians 5:22-23

But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control; against such things there is no law.

#### **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 (MM)
- 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)
- Kelly Bickett has a blood clot in her leg (GL)
- Doug Cecil is being treated for cancer (DC)
- Dottie Blake has AMD in her eyes (TC)
- Linda W. is recovering from surgery (DC)
- Ed Hudson's Daughter, Carla Kohlmeier, fell & has a brain concussion & long recovery (MH)
- Tom Beaman for strength in his legs (TB)
- Cara, an American traveling in Turkey, had emergency surgery & is in great pain (MM)

### **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)

#### **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
- Flood victims in central Texas

### Ministry Requests:

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

#### In Nursing Care:

- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)
- Jane Sutton is on Hospice (MM)
- Bertha McBride (Azle Manor) (MH)

#### In the Hospital:

Matt Cornelius needs a heart transplant (AC)

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

Gaylon Rhodes passed away this week (CR)

#### Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman Army
- Andrew Cecil Army
- Alex Grant Army

#### **Praises:**

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#### **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!

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

#### Giving Report for 8.3.2025 World Missions Giving **Last Week** Year to Date Offering \$ 2,073.35 General Offering Needs: 2025 Goal \$ 64,273.85 \$6,000.00 General Offering Actual: 1,922.00 66,346.90 August Goal \$4,000.00 Designated Offering: 0.00 5,520.00 Last Week 0.00 \$ 1,922.00 **Total Offering:** \$ 71,866.90 Year To Date \$3,620.00