



August 24, 2025

On the Horizon

Game Night – Join us on Friday, September 5, at 6:30 PM, at Bonnie Jones' house for dessert and games.

Riverbend Men's Fish Fry – We are responsible for frying the fish on Tuesday, September 30. We will leave the church at 2:00 PM and expect to return before 10:00 PM.

Ladies' Night Out – Tuesday, September 30, at 7:00 PM. We will meet at Braum's for dessert, but you are more than welcome to get dinner as well.

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, August 24

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, August 27

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

In keeping with what I said a few weeks ago, that this month marks the beginning of the year in my mind, I must confess that I do not enjoy August for itself. I only really care for August in that it means September is close, which itself points to October's approach, which in turn means November (and cooler weather) is not far behind! It may be August, but my heart and mind are having Thanksgiving dinner.

I don't think this is how God would have me be. God's word tells us that "there is a time for every event under heaven" (Eccl. 3:1), and to "not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own." (Matt. 6:34) In other words, God calls us to abide in the present. Each day has its own trouble, and each day its own blessing! "Give us this day our daily bread." (Matt. 6:11) Let us accept the blessings of the present.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

Next in **Hebrews 11:5** is Enoch, whose story is found in **Genesis 5:21-24**.

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)
- Carla Kohlmeier, is recovering from a concussion (MH)
- Cara, ongoing medical issues & care (MM)
- Bertha McBride, her daughter, and her son-in-law each have Covid

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)

In the Hospital:

- Matt Cornelius needs a heart transplant (AC)

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:

- Bertha McBride is home from Azle Manor (MH)
- Cara is now home from Turkey (MM)

Special Days:

- Tom Beaman, Jr.'s Birthday is on 8/26

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 8.17.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 68,420.55	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 2,865.00	\$ 71,526.90	August Goal	\$4,000.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 275.00	\$ 6,015.00	Last Week	\$ 275.00
Total Offering:	\$ 3,140.00	\$ 77,541.90	Year To Date	\$4,115.00