



August 31, 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 31

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, September 3

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Friday, September 5

Game Night at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

For the majority of my life, I did not know how many steps I took in a day or an hour. However, ever since I received a Fitbit, I regularly check to see how many steps I have taken and will walk around to ensure that I get enough steps each hour. I think this is helpful, but it also makes me feel a bit neurotic at times.

I wonder if the day will come when I no longer care how many steps I take. How does this goal of steps per day or hour affect my thought process and practices? Is this a better way to live than without it?

Our habits make us. Healthy habits make us better, but unhealthy habits make us worse. A habit of spending time with God in prayer and Bible study can make us healthier, but a habit of listening to the accuser's lies can drive us deeper into despair. Just as the Fitbit makes me habitually walk, I pray we habitually listen to God.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We move from small stories in Genesis 1, 4, and 5 to a large story in human history from [Genesis 6-9](#), the summary of which is found in [Hebrews 11:7](#).

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)

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
- Flood victims in central Texas
- Children and families in Minnesota

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 no longer has Covid

Special Days:

- Lindy Hoyt's Birthday is on 9/2

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

Giving Report for 8.24.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 70,493.90	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 617.00	\$ 72,143.90	August Goal	\$4,000.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 100.00	\$ 6,115.00	Last Week	\$ 100.00
Total Offering:	\$ 717.00	\$ 78,258.90	Year To Date	\$4,215.00