



August 7, 2022

On the Horizon

New Sermon Series – We will look at verses with a focus on Faith throughout August.

Special Called Ministry Conference – Sunday, August 14, after the morning worship service, on the question of sponsoring Riverbend Preteen Camp.

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

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, August 7

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, August 10

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Worship Preparation

We celebrate the Lord's Supper this Sunday, and begin a new series on Faith in Romans 1:16-17.

Pastor's Pondering

A discussion among pastors centered on how different churches responded to Covid-19 and the lockdowns. One pastor wondered if those churches that either fully embraced or fully rejected mask mandates and lockdowns came out ahead of those who were torn in the middle.

I think those churches may look better from a human standpoint, but not necessarily from God's point of view. In fact, as I observed the discussion, I found a surprising lack of focus on what God was doing, or what His purposes during the pandemic might be. Everything centered on who had the best response or strategy; there seemed to be no need of God.

Christians, and even pastors, talk a good game about faith, but I have observed few who fully live it out. I hope to live by faith more each year, and want to lead you to do the same. That is our focus this month.

- Blessings, David

July Memory Verses

Romans 1:16-17 – For I am not ashamed of the gospel, for it is the power of God for salvation to everyone who believes, to the Jew first and also to the Greek. For in it the righteousness of God is revealed from faith to faith; as it is written, "But the righteous man shall live by faith."

Hebrews 11:6 – And without faith it is impossible to please Him, for he who comes to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of those who seek Him.

1 Peter 5:6-7 – Therefore humble yourselves under the mighty hand of God, that He may exalt you at the proper time, casting all your anxiety on Him, because He cares for you.

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:

- Roy Reinert has stage 4 B-cell lymphoma (TB)
- Beverly's daughter-in-law's mom, Michelle, has multiple health issues
- Brady Tidwell has pinched nerves in his neck and vertigo
- Sharon Rollins is recovering from her TAVR
- Misty Heath is receiving chemotherapy (AC)
- John Quellhorst has a brain tumor (AC)
- Tom Cann may have neck surgery in August
- Anthony Cole has lingering lung problems (EF)
- Mary Standfield has heart cancer (AC)
- Ken's wife has congenital heart failure (LL)
- Lillie DeRossett is having trouble with her eyes
- Brad Brigham's colon cancer surgery is scheduled for August (EH)
- Lavern Vandusen struggles w/dementia (DW)
- Linda Musick has Covid & is doing well
- Kathy Kowalski has stage 4 cancer (LL)
- Beverly Tidwell's granddaughter, Belle, is seeing a hematologist due to low blood platelets

In the Hospital:

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Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Loved ones struggling with broken relationships
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- For those looking for work
- Tom's sister, Patricia, needs help with alcoholism
- Hilda Lapointe & Family, sister Elizabeth is sick
- Ken's brother who suffers from alcoholism
- Geoff is suffering with alcoholism (LL)
- John Ashworth needs a new home & job (GL)
- Michael Dike is transferring to a new unit, expected home in March (DW)
- Eric is having trouble with his Son (LL)

Praises:

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

World Events:

- Christians and allies in Afghanistan
- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- Families and community of Uvalde, TX
- Families and Highland Park, IL community

Ministry Requests:

- Hailes Family in Nairobi, Kenya
- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus
- To bless families and kids at Arts Camp

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Ruth Corley

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Roy Trotter passed away on July 26
- Darcy Willis' uncle passed away

Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Drake Bowers - Army
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Alexander Cole - Air Force
- Wesley Langley - Air Force

Special Days:

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Giving Report for 7.31.2022

Offering	Last Week	Year to Date	World Missions Giving	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,706.00	\$ 83,886.00	2022 Goal	\$7,800.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 340.00	\$ 52,301.14	August Goal	\$5,200.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 0.00	\$ 6,930.00	Last Week	\$ 0.00
Total Offering:	\$ 340.00	\$ 59,231.14	Year To Date	\$4,270.00