



# September 14, 2025

## On the Horizon

**Food Drive** – For September, we are collecting food for the CCC of Azle. Please bring Ramen Noodles, canned meats or vegetables, mac & cheese, and soups.

**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, September 14

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, September 17

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

## Pastor's Pondering

I read in a book recently: "A dirty person can wear clean clothes, but that doesn't make the person clean underneath." Put another way: a wicked person may be able to do acts of righteousness, but they are still wicked inside.

The same cannot be said for the reverse. While clean clothes don't make a dirty person clean, dirty clothes will make a clean person dirty. A righteous person with one act of wickedness can no longer be said to be righteous.

This is why we need Jesus' death and resurrection. What little good we do can never overcome all our wickedness. We need Jesus' righteousness to cover us. But Jesus doesn't just give us clean clothes to cover up our dirty selves, He cleans us from the inside out, and He gives us His righteousness in place of our wickedness. It is an ongoing work that He will complete one day.

- Blessings, David

## Worship Preparation

We often focus on Abraham's faith, but what of Sarah? **Hebrews 11:11-12** highlights her faith as seen in **Genesis 16, 18, & 21**.

## September Memory Verse

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.

**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)
- David Hester is receiving chemo for stage 4 throat cancer (SB)

**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
- Charlie Kirk Assassination, for his family and our nation

**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)
- Belinda DeRossett had to have a stent from last year reopened

**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:**

- Carla Kohlmeier is back at work and doing well (MH)

**Special Days:**

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

**Giving Report for 9.7.2025**

<b><u>Offering</u></b>	<b><u>Last Week</u></b>	<b><u>Year to Date</u></b>	<b><u>World Missions Giving</u></b>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 74,640.60	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 2,303.00	\$ 75,656.90	Sept. Goal	\$4,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 100.00	\$ 6,365.00	Last Week	\$ 100.00
Total Offering:	\$ 2,403.00	\$ 82,021.90	Year To Date	\$4,465.00