



September 16, 2018

### Scheduled Activities

Sunday, September 16

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Monday, September 17

Royal Ambassadors at 5:30 PM

Ladies' Evening Bible Study at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, September 19

Prayer Meeting at 6:30 PM

Soaring Eagles at 6:30 PM

Praise Team Rehearsal at 6:30 PM

Bible Study at 7:00 PM

### Pastor's Pondering

Did you know that the USSR lost between 20-28 MILLION people in WW2? By comparison, the US lost 418,000 and Germany lost 7-7.5 Million. Why did the USSR suffer such a disproportionate amount of loss? In studying this question, I learned a couple differences between us and the Russians: 1) they are more empire-minded and less individualistic, & 2) they were largely illiterate, so their soldiers could not think abstractly as Western soldiers did and needed simple instructions and goals.

Throughout the Cold War, and even today, we expect other nations to be working from the same basic understandings that we do. We don't take into consideration how growing up in an Arabic state is will give someone a different perspective than that developed growing up in the US.

We do this with people in our own communities as well. We generally take our experiences for granted and judge other people as if they had the same experiences. How much better would it be if we tried to understand first? - Blessings, David

### On the Horizon

Ladies' Evening Bible Study – Priscilla Shirer's Armor of God, a 7 week study, begins on September 17. See Amy Cecil for details.

Riverbend Men's Fish Fry – Tuesday, October 2, from noon till 10:00 PM. Men, this is a great opportunity to serve as we fry the fish for this annual event. Your help is needed this year. Sign up in the Sanctuary next to the coffee station.

Family Kickball League – We will play at 4:00 PM on each of the four Saturdays in October. This is for all ages, and is a great event for your neighbors and friends to join in.

### Worship Preparation

How's your prayer life? Do you ever lose heart and wonder if God will ever answer you? Join us this Sunday as Pastor Brian brings the message from Luke 18:1-8.

### Sunday Service Teams

Lead Greeter

Sharon Rollins

Nursery

Maria Carter & Ali Carter

Children's Church

Amy Cecil

Counters

Lonnie Hoyt & Bonnie Jones

**Physical Needs:**

- Louie Lapointe's friend, Richard, is on waiting list for liver and kidney donor
- Dan Jansen, a missionary to Rwanda, is receiving treatment for depression caused by a vitamin deficiency
- Trish Raney will undergo surgery and chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Ginny Greenwood is receiving treatment for cancer
- Louie Lapointe's friend, Alison Butler was recently diagnosed with cancer
- Amy Cecil's friend, Amanda Officer, is undergoing chemotherapy for breast cancer
- Hilda Lapointe's sister, Sonja Giron, is having stomach trouble
- Linda Wells, wife of Tom Beaman's friend, Jerry Wells, is being treated for breast cancer
- Terry Williams' mom is suffering from shingles
- Terry Williams' dad, Robert, is weak and in need of recovery at home
- Jesus Carreon has prostate cancer and is refusing surgery
- Felicitas Carreon has high blood pressure
- Rosemary Barreda has gastritis, depression
- Pat & Ricky Ladner's multiple health problems
- Darin Walker is receiving medication to mitigate his dementia
- Jerry Wells will have surgery to repair an abdominal aneurysm

**In the Hospital:**

- Darin Walker is at Harris in Azle for his heart

**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.

**Personal Requests:**

- Those who are seeking employment
- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Loved ones struggling with broken relationships
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- For family members to endure the consequences of their actions with a positive spirit
- Chris is facing struggles with depression
- Residents in the path of Hurricane Florence

**Ministry Requests:**

- Hailes Family in Madagascar
- Meagan Clark - in India with CSJ
- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus

**In Nursing Care:**

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Oletha Oldham (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Eagle Crest)
- Roy Trotter (Azle Manor)

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

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**Family members in the military:**

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Michael Britt - Navy
- Stephen Cecil - Air Force
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alexander Cole - Air Force

**Special Days:**

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**Member Notices:**

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