



September 2, 2018

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, September 2

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Monday, September 3

Labor Day—No Church Activities

Wednesday, September 5

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

One of the benefits to moving every few years as I grew up was that I had the opportunity to reinvent myself. Not majorly, of course, but in small ways. Through the years, I tried many different variations of myself. At one time, I put aside my rocker ways and adopted more of a country boy vibe. It lasted for years, on and off, but the country boy variation of myself didn't stick; I was a rocker at heart.

In a similar way, I think people sometimes join a church in an attempt to try out a different variation of who they are. They genuinely want to be a better person or to be religious in some way, but just like my country boy stint, it's something they're trying on and it doesn't stick because it isn't who they are at heart. Over time, their devotion wanes and they eventually drop out.

For the change to stick, it has to be more than skin deep. It has to be a change of heart; a change brought about through faith in Jesus. That is what we are looking for: Jesus at heart. - 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.

Ladies' Morning Bible Study – Meets at 10:00 AM every other Monday beginning on September 10. The study book on Matthew can be purchased from the church office for \$10.

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.

Family Kickball League – We will play 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

This Sunday we celebrate the Lord's Supper and focus on Jesus as our all in all. The sermon comes from Luke 16:9-13, as we look at Jesus' command based on a very peculiar parable.

Sunday Service Teams

Lead Greeter

Lindy Hoyt

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
- The wife of Tom Beaman's friend, Jerry Wells, has been diagnosed with 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
- Anne Hice has extremely high blood pressure

In the Hospital:

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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

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:

- Stephanie Berry's friend, Pamela Dean, passed away

Family members in the military:

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

Special Days:

- Gordon & Bonnie Jones celebrate their anniversary on the 2nd
- Lindy Hoyt's birthday is on the 2nd
- Labor Day is on the 3rd
- J.L. Coleman's birthday is on the 4th

Member Notices:

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Please send new prayers or updates to pastor@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date with your updates!