



September 21, 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 21

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, September 24

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

Written in 1806, the poem *Character of the Happy Warrior* by William Wordsworth has some lines that seem to say one thing, but originally said something else.

For instance, the happy warrior is described as "the generous spirit." Reading that, I wondered why sharing more than is normal (generous) was important in a warrior. Looking into the meaning of generous, I discovered it is from the Latin *genus*: stock or race. In 1806, it meant someone of noble birth. The poem is saying he is a noble spirit. Granted, I hope a noble person will also share abundantly.

We have to be careful when we read older works with our modern understanding. Since the meaning of words changes over the years, we might miss the author's intent. Plenty of bad theology is based on nothing more than modern sensibilities interpreting ancient words and ideas.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We continue with Abraham's progression of faith in [Hebrews 11:17-19](#) as he faced his greatest test.

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
- Those who are unemployed & looking for work
- 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 is recovering from 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:

- Matt Cornelius received a successful heart transplant
- Belinda DeRossett is home from the hospital

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 9.14.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 76,713.95	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 3,813.00	\$ 79,469.90	Sept. Goal	\$4,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 100.00	\$ 6,465.00	Last Week	\$ 100.00
Total Offering:	\$ 3,913.00	\$ 85,934.90	Year To Date	\$4,565.00