



September 22, 2024

On the Horizon

Riverbend Men's Fish Fry – We will meet in the church parking lot this Tuesday and plan to leave no later than 2:00 PM.

Ladies' Night Out – While the men are gone, the ladies will meet for dinner at Red's in Azle, at 6:30 PM.

Game Night – Our week will close out on Friday night, September 27, at 6:30 PM, at the Cecil house.

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

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, September 22

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Tuesday, September 24

Riverbend Men's Fish Fry at 2:00 PM

Ladies' Night Out at 6:30 PM

Wednesday, September 25

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Friday, September 27

Game Night at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

On October 27, we will hold our annual ministry conference where we will adopt a budget for 2025, select ministry teams and officers for 2025, and appoint a new Trustee to serve until 2029. On top of these regular items, we will also discuss our structure of church leadership.

That last item was added via a motion from our July meeting. During that meeting, I asked the church assembled to pray about our church leadership structure and to seek from God what might be the right direction we need to go in regard to leadership within the church body.

My hope in making this request was that, instead of being guided by one or two strong personalities, we might be guided by God at the annual meeting. I believe the best way to know it is God guiding us is to seek Him in prayer and look for our hearts to be in unity. Will you join me?

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We switch from words to visions this week, and see both God's patient mercy and terrible verdict in [Amos 7:1-8:3](#).

September Memory Verse

Jeremiah 29:11

“For I know the plans that I have for you,” declares the LORD, “plans for welfare and not for calamity to give you a future and a hope.”

Physical Needs:

- Cindy Pratt's treatment for lung cancer (AC)
- Kathy Smith has stage 4 cancer (LH)
- Linda Carrillo is suffering from liver disease and strokes (MC)
- Jesus Carreon, Sr. has a brain tumor (FC)
- Aly Biller is better - adjusting to a new normal partially paralyzed & in a wheel chair (MH)
- Beverly Tidwell is being treated for cancer (BT)
- Sheila Pierce has cancer spreading (TB)
- Dean has a terminal cancer diagnosis (EH)
- Stacey has breast cancer (BT)
- Alex Grant has stress related nerve pain (BT)
- Robert is being treated for cancer (DC)
- Leah Iglesias received a difficult diagnosis (TB)
- Steven Wells' stage 4 prostate cancer is getting worse (LL)
- Louis Lapointe has artery blockage (LL)
- Sylvia has breast cancer (EH)

Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- Unspoken prayers carried in our hearts
- People suffering from addictions
- Brandon, nephew of Doug (LL)
- Jane Sutton struggles with Dementia (MM)
- David C. suffers from PTSD and alcoholism (LL)
- Jason has family troubles (LL)
- Patricia has poor mental health and alcoholism (TC)
- Hilda Lapointe's extended family (HL)
- Ruth is going through a divorce (HL)
- Tiffany's mom is off her bipolar meds (GL)
- Amanda Shi needs a job (AC)

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

World Events:

- War in Ukraine, for Christians to be faithful, specifically those believers in Chernivtsi
- Peace and justice in Israel & Gaza
- USA Elections and leaders

Ministry Requests:

- Opportunities to strengthen relationships with people who don't know Jesus
- God's guidance concerning potential leadership roles at EMBC in preparation for a discussion in October's ministry conference

In Nursing Care:

- Bonnie McFarland (Azle Manor)
- Charlene Bagby (Azle Manor)
- Anita Boynton (Springtown Park) (KH)

In the Hospital:

- Ed Hudson has congestive heart failure (MH)

Families who have recently lost loved ones:

- Nick's mom passed away (GL)

Family members in the military:

- Matthew Beaman - Army
- Andrew Cecil - Army
- Alex Grant - Army

Praises:

- Sonia and Eloy received a favorable result to their legal process (HL)

Special Days:

- Ed Hudson's birthday is on 9/26

Please send new prayers or updates to office@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us accurate with your updates!

Giving Report for 9.15.2024

Offering	Last Week	Year to Date	World Missions Giving	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,121.43	\$ 78,492.91	2024 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 75,044.27	Sept. Goal	\$4,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 0.00	\$ 3,490.00	Last Week	\$ 0.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,695.00	\$ 78,534.27	Year To Date	\$2,345.00