



# September 23, 2018

## Scheduled Activities

Sunday, September 23

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Monday, September 24

Ladies' Morning Bible Study at 10:00 AM

Royal Ambassadors at 5:30 PM

Wednesday, September 26

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

Back in 1950, some men from Ash Creek Baptist Church felt that the community of the Eagle Mountain area needed a Baptist church, and so they planted our church in a house by the Trinity River.

This thought process made perfect sense in the 50's, when your community was the area and the people among whom you lived. We may have had differences of opinion, but our proximity to one another dictated our bonds, not our ideology.

Over the years, the idea of community has changed, especially with the advent of the internet. Community now describes those who share our views and ideals, no matter where they live. Church plants today are focused on attracting people based on behavior or values, not location.

In many ways, community is no longer something you belong to, but something you find or create. I wonder what this change means for the church? It will probably be alright, because the church is a community based on shared belief; and it belongs to Jesus, after all. - Blessings, David

## On the Horizon

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.

Coat Drive – The Women's Ministry is collecting coats in September and October for the Union Gospel Mission. Coats brought to church may be placed in the box next to the shopping cart.

Good Neighbor Blitz – Join Servolution on October 12 or 13 to revitalize homes in Azle. See Pastor Brian for details and sign up at the greeter table.

## Worship Preparation

In preparation for this Sunday's sermon on [Matthew 23:8-12](#), it might help to read all of chapter 23 to get the context.

## Sunday Service Teams

Lead Greeter

James 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
- Eura's daughter-in-law, Mary Cole, had a procedure on Thursday to enlarge her esophagus

**In the Hospital:**

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**Praises:**

- Darin Walker is home

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:**

- Brian Berry's uncle passed away last Saturday

**Family members in the military:**

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

**Special Days:**

- Delmar Holly's birthday is on the 24th
- Roy Trotter's birthday is on the 24th
- Ed Hudson's birthday is on the 26th
- Henry Lalonde's birthday is on the 28th

**Member Notices:**

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Please send new prayers or updates to [pastor@embcm.com](mailto:pastor@embcm.com). Thank you for keeping us up-to-date with your updates!