



September 28, 2025

On the Horizon

Food Drive – There is still time to donate, this Sunday, to our September collection for the CCC of Azle.

Riverbend Men's Fish Fry – We leave the church this Tuesday, at 2:00 PM and expect to return before 10:00 PM.

Ladies' Night Out – We hope to see you this Tuesday, at 7:00 PM, at Braum's.

Game Night – Friday, October 17, from 6:30–8:30 PM. Join us for desserts, games and a spooky good time!

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, September 28

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Tuesday, September 30

Riverbend Men's Fish Fry at 2:00 PM

Ladies' Night Out at 7:00 PM

Wednesday, October 1

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

In *Paradise Lost*, Satan says, “*Better to reign in Hell, then serve in Heav'n.*” While not necessarily invoking heaven or hell in that way, many people today express this sentiment in how they live. Contrarily, Psalm 84:10 tells us “*Better is one day in Your courts than a thousand elsewhere; I would rather be a doorkeeper in the house of my God than dwell in the tents of the wicked.*” The way of sin is to place yourself as ruler, but the way of God is to serve.

Without the influence of the Holy Spirit in our lives, we probably would not want to be doorkeepers, but as we follow Jesus, Who came to serve and not to be served, we increasingly see the value and the joy of serving. For my part, I enjoy when I am able to open the door and welcome people; it lets them know they are wanted and expected. It is great to serve, especially when we can serve God and one another.

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

Abraham's son, Isaac, can seem overlooked. His story is largely just Abraham's promise and Jacob's beginning. Hebrews 11:20 shows us the faith angle.

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:

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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 9.21.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 78,787.30	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,520.00	\$ 80,939.90	Sept. Goal	\$4,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 100.00	\$ 6,565.00	Last Week	\$ 100.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,620.00	\$ 87,504.90	Year To Date	\$4,665.00