



# September 29, 2024

## On the Horizon

Ministry Team Sign Up – Please take a ministry team volunteer form this Sunday and prayerfully consider how you might serve and lead in 2025.

Annual Ministry Conference – We will meet on Sunday, October 27, to review the 3rd quarter and plan for 2025. A pot luck fellowship meal will precede the meeting.

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

## Scheduled Activities

Sunday, September 29

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, October 2

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

## Pastor's Pondering

I recently saw a clip of a Christian musician named Mike Donehey sharing the answer he gives to children who ask him how he knew being a musician was God's will for his life. His answer: being a musician is not God's will for his life.

As he goes on to explain, if being a musician is God's will for his life, what happens if he has an accident and can no longer sing or play an instrument? Is God's will for his life somehow missed in that situation? He points out that God's will for our lives is found in I Thessalonians 5:16-18 and Micah 6:8.

What a refreshing reminder that God's will is not about activities or vocations, but our hearts. No matter our circumstances or physical condition, God wants us to rejoice always, to pray without ceasing, to give thanks, to do justice, to love kindness, and to walk humbly with Him.

- Blessings, David

## Worship Preparation

In **Amos 8:4-14**, God addresses those who can't wait to get out of church to watch the Cowboys play. Well, not really, but kind of...

## 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)
- Tom Cann has a broken arm (TC)

**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 & Covid-19 (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:**

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**Special Days:**

- Carolyn Rains' birthday is on 10/3
- Kathryn Cecil's birthday is on 10/4
- Simon Bench's birthday is on 10/4

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

**Giving Report for 9.22.2024**

<b>Offering</b>	<b>Last Week</b>	<b>Year to Date</b>	<b>World Missions Giving</b>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,121.43	\$ 80,614.34	2024 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,300.00	\$ 76,344.27	Sept. Goal	\$4,500.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 594.78	\$ 4,084.78	Last Week	\$ 120.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,894.78	\$ 80,429.05	Year To Date	\$2,465.00