



September 7, 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 7

Bible Study at 9:45 AM

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Wednesday, September 10

Prayer & Bible Study at 6:30 PM

Pastor's Pondering

I have been reflecting on the son's return in the parable of the prodigal son. While he is focused on his worthlessness, his father is focused on his presence. Overjoyed that his son who was lost is now found, the father calls for the best robe, a ring, sandals, and the fattened calf!

The robe, ring, and sandals were about restoring the son in the family, but the calf was about celebrating! It had been saved for just such an occasion, and fed grain to bulk it up and get it ready for the slaughter. Perhaps the father had saved this calf for the son's return, or maybe he always had one just in case he needed to throw a party. Either way, the fact is that the father was prepared to celebrate.

Is there an equivalent of a fattened calf in our lives? What would it look like if we prepared for future celebrations so that we were ready when the time came?

- Blessings, David

Worship Preparation

We celebrate the Lord's Supper and get into the life of Abraham in **Hebrews 11:8-10** and **Genesis 12-13**. Abraham lived as an alien in the land of his inheritance.

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)
- Carla Kohlmeier, is recovering from a concussion (MH)

Personal Requests:

- Unbelieving family, friends, and acquaintances
- 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

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 needs 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 8.31.2025

<u>Offering</u>	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>Year to Date</u>	<u>World Missions Giving</u>	
General Offering Needs:	\$ 2,073.35	\$ 72,567.25	2025 Goal	\$6,000.00
General Offering Actual:	\$ 1,210.00	\$ 73,353.90	August Goal	\$4,000.00
Designated Offering:	\$ 150.00	\$ 6,265.00	Last Week	\$ 150.00
Total Offering:	\$ 1,360.00	\$ 79,618.90	Year To Date	\$4,365.00