



September 9, 2018

Scheduled Activities

Sunday, September 9

Morning Worship at 10:45 AM

Monday, September 10

Ladies' Morning Bible Study at 10:00 AM

Royal Ambassadors at 5:30 PM

Wednesday, September 12

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

Watching the hearing on Judge Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court, I am struck by his hesitancy to give direct answers to questions because those answers will be twisted and misused. I realize that everybody does this in these hearings, I just wish it wasn't this way. I wish Americans had enough good will for one another that we could be honest without being demonized.

Watching this hearing reminds me of how well Jesus handled the questions of the Jewish leaders. Once, he deflected a question with a question—"Was John's baptism from heaven or from man?" Mostly, he answered with such wisdom that they could not catch him in what he said: "Render to Caesar..."

In the Kingdom of Heaven, our yes is to be yes and our no should be no. We should be able to speak honestly with one another, even when we are wrong, trusting in one another's love and grace. It's not always this way, but it should be, just as it is with Jesus.

- Blessings, David

On the Horizon

Ladies' Morning Bible Study – Meets at 10:00 AM every other Monday beginning on September 10. The study book on Matthew can be purchased from the church office for \$10.

Ladies' Evening Bible Study – Priscilla Shirer's Armor of God, a 7 week study, begins on September 17. See Amy Cecil for details.

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.

Family Kickball League – We will play the four Saturdays in October. This is for all ages, and is a great event for your neighbors and friends to join in.

Worship Preparation

As we gather to worship this Sunday, we focus on the trust we have in God and go to [Luke 17:1-4](#). It may be a short passage, but it packs a punch.

Sunday Service Teams

Lead Greeter

Lindy Hoyt

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

In the Hospital:

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Praises:

- Anne Hice's blood pressure is back under control
- Jerry Wells shares that his wife's condition is improving and thanks you for your continued prayers

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

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:

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Family members in the military:

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

Special Days:

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Member Notices:

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Please send new prayers or updates to pastor@embcmail.com. Thank you for keeping us up-to-date with your updates!