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1-2 6:00 pm	<b>Wednesday</b> Prayer Time	9:00 am	Family Worship Service Children's Worship (PreK/K only)
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