

REFLECTIONS

In Psalm 3, King David is upset with his son Absalom for staging a coup to dethrone him. David had to flee for his life from the palace in Jerusalem. David prays, *Deliver me, O my God! Strike all my enemies on the jaw; break the teeth of the wicked.* He was upset. What a painful thing to pray, even if the wicked deserve it. Broken teeth are no laughing matter.

When the missionaries learned that it was my 50th birthday weekend, they took me to a moderate restaurant near downtown Ndjamena in Chad. They ordered pizza and cautioned me not to eat the salad. During the dinner conversation I cracked a tooth on an olive pit. It was Saturday night. I was upset. I was scheduled to preach the next morning in the largest church in that capitol city. With much prayer and a couple of aspirin, the service went well. After church they drove me to a small village where they asked the American dentist to have a look. He took me to his small house where he had a vintage 1960's dental office. He patched up my tooth and sent us back to town. I was thankful. I had to have a crown on the tooth after I returned to Tulsa. One stressful year I told my dentist that I was resigning from his "crown of the month club." I had four crowns in five months that year. He told me my teeth were getting old.

During this year of COVID-19, dentists are reporting a major spike in cracked and broken teeth. Not only are their patients not having their regular appointments (and they can understand why), but people are clenching their jaws so strongly, day and night, that their teeth are breaking. People are upset. We are upset with our circumstances, cancelled plans, the state of our politics and the condition of some of our relationships.

David was honest when he prayed. God can handle our emotions, clenched teeth and all. There are so many of these prayers in the book of Psalms that scholars have given them a name—imprecatory prayers. The name comes from imprecation—to call down a curse, misfortune, or judgment upon someone. Jesus came to show us a better way to live, act and pray. Read Matthew 5:33-48 and trust His way.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Relax your jaw. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning	9:20 a.m.
Continental Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:15 a.m.
Sunday School	
Sunday Evening	5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	6:30 p.m.
Worship	
Wednesday Evening	6:45 p.m.
Prayer Service	

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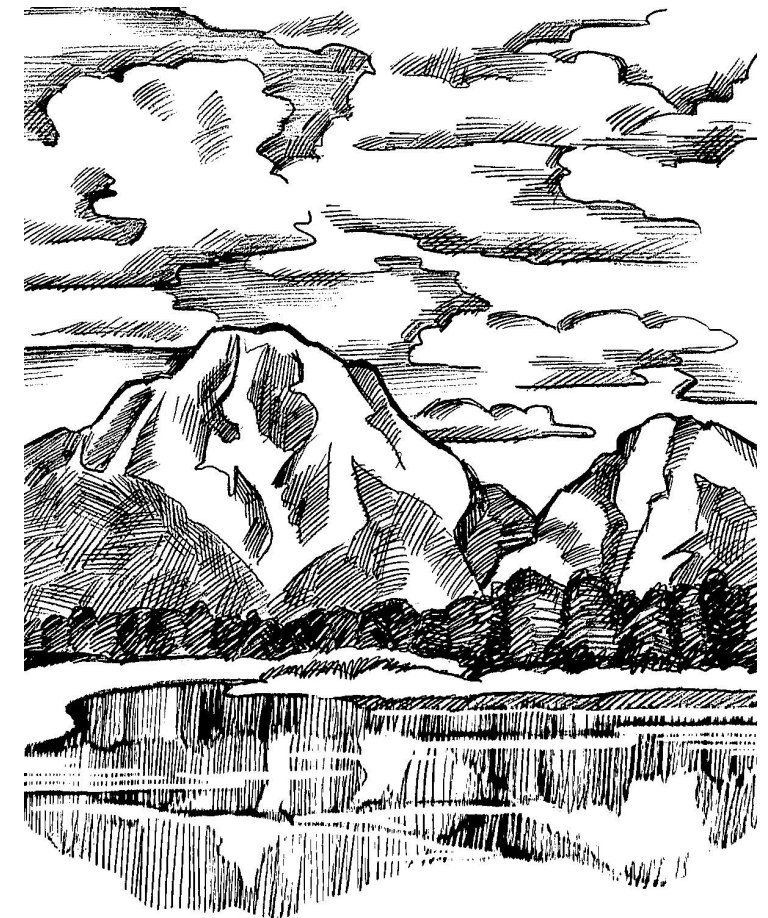


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*He is the reflection of God's glory
and the exact imprint of
God's very being*

Hebrews 1:3, NRSV

Our Church Family

ARMED SERVICES HONOR ROLL OF PRAYER

Chad and Holly Burke, Air Force Linda Jantzen, Army
Steve DeCoster, Army Jeremi Johnson, Air Force
Lesley Garnai, Navy Bill Kaiser, Air Force

OUR MISSIONARIES

Dayna and Kevin Avery
Blog: www.servepraylove.blogspot.com

The Avery family arrived in town safely on October 2.
Their address is 2004 W Louisville Street
Broken Arrow, OK 74012-4816

LIVING CENTERS

Emerald Care Nursing Center #26 Gina Reynolds
Emerald Care Nursing Center #C36 Carolyn Brese
Pawhuska Nursing Center Violet Crain
Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 Dorothy Lee

AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett Bonnie Nutting
Cricket Bolton Waneta Reynolds
Elizabeth Burke Ben and P J Shepard
Berta Caldwell Delores Troxel
Russell Ford Homer Wager
Gene Lessel Leslie White

Looking Ahead

The church is not having in-person worship services until it is safer for us to worship together.

We are able to worship online through Facebook at *Braden Park Church Tulsa* Sunday by 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11

Who We Really Are
Psalm 8
(on Facebook)

Psalm 8 is a song of praise to our Creator and a glimpse of who we are, and how we should live through these amazing circumstances. This is a psalm for our day. Join with us this week as we explore what it means to face each day with faith-filled courage.

Wednesday Evening
5:00 — 6:30 p.m.

People's Pantry Ministry
Outside in the North Parking lot

CONNECT WITH THE CHURCH

You can be with us on Sundays for worship and prayer through the new church Facebook page. Search Facebook for **Braden Park Church Tulsa**, and then select "Add friend" to friend us. Confirmation of your request will automatically include you each time we post a new message.

Behind the Scenes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 11th SERVICE
IS ONLY ON FACEBOOK THIS WEEK

THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY QUARTERLY REPORT

Our Wednesday evening community outreach, *The People's Pantry*, served our church neighbors outside on the north parking lot each week of July through September, through all types of weather. We provided 5,244 emergency meals to 165 families, including 437 individuals. We work with the *Community Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma* in purchasing our groceries. During this time we have also been receiving donations of clothing. Volunteers have been sorting, folding and hanging clothes in anticipation of one day reopening. Thank you for your continued financial support through the church budget each week. Thank you to our director *Lori Dryer* and our team of weekly volunteers.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October	13	Kay McKalip
	18	Bryan Enos

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,934.00
General Receipts October 4	\$ 1,250.04
Special Offerings October 4	\$ 0.00

Thank You to all who are sending sustaining offerings. On-line giving at <https://www.bfok.org/give-bradenpark>