

# 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

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

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*And those who  
know your name  
put their  
trust in you,  
for you,  
O LORD,  
have not  
forsaken those  
who seek you.*

*Psalm 9:10, NRSV*

# Our Church Family

## ARMED SERVICES HONOR ROLL OF PRAYER

Chad and Holly Burke, Air Force  
Steve DeCoster, Army  
Lesley Garnai, Navy

Linda Jantzen, Army  
Jeremi Johnson, Air Force  
Bill Kaiser, Air Force

## OUR MISSIONARIES

Dayna and Kevin Avery  
Blog: [www.servepraylove.blogspot.com](http://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  
Cricket Bolton  
Elizabeth Burke  
Berta Caldwell  
Russell Ford  
Gene Lessel

Bonnie Nutting  
Waneta Reynolds  
Ben and P J Shepard  
Delores Troxel  
Homer Wager  
Leslie White

**OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of *Diep Vo* in the loss of her father.

# 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 18

Psalm 9-10  
(on Facebook)

Righteous Justice

Psalms 9 and 10 may have once been woven together. The psalmist is pleading for righteousness and justice from God on behalf of those who suffer most in times of corruption and greed. 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 join with us on Sundays for worship and prayer through the 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. You can also find the EVANGEL, sermons, and other features at our church website.

[www.bradenpark.org](http://www.bradenpark.org)

# Behind the Scenes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18th SERVICE  
IS ONLY ON FACEBOOK THIS WEEK

**NOTE:** Last week's EVANGEL could not be printed and mailed due to an out-of-state emergency for our printer. This EVANGEL duplicates some of last week's emailed version.

## 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	
18	Bryan Enos
21	Martin Senske

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,934.00
General Receipts October 11 .....	\$ 4,250.00
Special Offerings October 11 .....	\$ 100.00

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