

REFLECTIONS

My father taught me “to expect the best and to prepare for the unexpected.” My father was a railroad man for the Seaboard Airline Railroad, now CRX, for 33 years. He spent years as a switchman until he decided he wanted more for his life and career. He got ahold of the Dale Carnegie book, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. He was so inspired that he enrolled in the Dale Carnegie Course. He found a way to impress his bosses by drawing a detailed map of all the unmarked rail spurs that went behind warehouses and manufacturing plants throughout the Miami-Dade County area. He was soon promoted to Assistant Yard Master. He joined the Toastmasters International organization, not to give speeches but to gain self-confidence when talking with people. He became Yard Master. Then in 1965, the unexpected happened.

This all came to mind when I came across a quote from Dale Carnegie this week, “First ask yourself: What is the worst that can happen? Then prepare to accept it. Then proceed to improve on the worst.” That seemed a little grim to me. I liked my father’s admonition better. Expect the best in people, opportunities, and circumstances first and foremost. Likewise, be prepared for the unexpected—the unpleasant surprise, the disappointing result, or the unimaginable experience. In 1965 my father received a call from the railroad company’s office in Birmingham, Alabama. He was offered a new position with the railroad to negotiate contracts with new companies needing to ship their goods. One requirement the company had of him was to learn to play golf. One requirement he had of the railroad was for him to keep his seniority if things did not work out. After four years, he decided to give up golf and go back to the railroad yards. He became General Yard Master over the Atlanta yards, eventually becoming a Terminal Train Master overseeing South Carolina.

There is a difference in our starting points—best or worst. We are a people of hope. We expect to see the best of life now and in the future. Others are a people of worst-case scenarios. They expect the worst outcome and plan accordingly, hoping against hope that something better happens. I prefer Paul’s prayer for us in Romans 15:13.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Expect the best. And let’s experience the love and power of God together while apart.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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Some trust in chariots
and some in horses,
but we trust in
the name of the
LORD our God.



Psalms 20:7

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

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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

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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



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, NOVEMBER 8

Psalm 20
(on Facebook)

A Prayer for Times of Turmoil

This is a Royal Psalm, which is a psalm sung in honor of the king. It is a song of blessing, strength and courage. We need to hear this word from God today. 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

Behind the Scenes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8th SERVICE IS ONLY ON FACEBOOK THIS WEEK

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

A new church directory is ready to be printed this week. This is an abridged directory and includes the names and addresses of the active members and friends of the church. Copies will be delivered over the next two weeks. Like any directory, there may be omissions and errors that need correcting. All who are listed in this directory will automatically receive a copy. If you would like the church to e-mail a copy of the directory to you, or, if you have any additions or corrections, let the church office know at (918) 834-3378, or by e-mail at office@bradenpark.org.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November

11	John Snellgrove Roy Smith
14	Darryl DeBorde
16	Carolyn Brese

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,934.00
General Receipts November 1	\$ 300.00
Special Offerings November 1	\$ 00.00

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