

REFLECTIONS

A stranger showed up one day at the church office, before this pandemic. He wanted to talk to the pastor. But this time it was different. Hundreds of strangers show up at church office doors wanting to talk to the pastor. Basically they all want help, as in money. It's not hard to get cynical and skeptical. I have had to get philosophical over the years. I've decided that begging for money is a full-time job for some. Many times I have seen "shift change" at an area street corner where one person with the "Anything Helps" sign is replaced by another with the "Will Work for Food" sign. Going church door to church door is another full-time job for some. Discerning the true need from the really good story is not as easy as it sounds. I have found that the people who get angry and chew me out are the scammers. Most people in deep need are slightly embarrassed, not manipulative.

The man at the office door wanted two things—a chance to listen and a chance to pray. Listen to what? Listen to God and listen to the pastor. I took him to a pew where he asked me to sit near by. I kept a respectable distance. He silently stared at the Good Shepherd window for a few minutes. Then he turned to me and asked me to talk to him. Thinking he wanted a counseling session, I tried to find his need. "No," he said, "Tell me about your walk with God." Okay. So I began to tell my faith story, my call to the ministry and my daily spiritual "routine." We came to a stopping point and he told me "thank you." Then he offered to pray for me, a sweet and genuine prayer. He said goodbye and a thank you once more. It reminded me that not all strangers at the church door want food and money.

That passage about Christian hospitality near the end of Hebrews encourages us to "entertain strangers," outsiders, because they just might be angels. A stranger may have unwelcome motives, or they may be someone sent to bless your life. The only way to know the difference is to engage them in a conversation, and pray.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Be friendly to all the angels. And let's experience the love and power of God together while we are 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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WISE GOD BE
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FOREVERMORE
THROUGH
Jesus Christ!

ROMANS 16:27, ESV

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
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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



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 29
1st Sunday in Advent

Psalm 24
(on Facebook)

The King of Glory

As the Advent season begins, we light the Candle of Hope. Psalm 24 ties the coming of the Anointed One into our world with the Second Coming of Jesus, our hope of Glory. Join with us this week as we enter into the Christmas season.

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 29th SERVICE
can be found on FaceBook and at
www.BradenPark.org, under the
Sermons tab

SUPPORT THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY OF TULSA

Our People's Pantry food ministry is a recognized charity of the AmazonSmiles program. If you have registered through the Amazon site, each purchase you make through Amazon Smiles provides a small donation to our People's Pantry. Go to smile.amazon.com/gp/ch/list/45-5481268 and sign up to support The People's Pantry of Tulsa Inc.

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The **Glenn and Joan McKinley Scholarship Fund** is available for students attending schools, colleges and universities other than Oklahoma Baptist University. Applications need to be returned to the White City Baptist Foundation Education Committee no later than **Sunday, December 6.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

9 Paula McPherson
11 Katy Cook

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need \$ 1,934.00
General Receipts November 22 \$ 2,375.00
Special Offerings November 22 \$ 0.00

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