

REFLECTIONS

We have lived in our house now 15 years. In the early years we were surrounded by open farmland and wooded hills. Overseeing this kingdom sat an old hawk on a telephone line. When other, smaller birds got too close, the hawk would stare them down and open his wings menacingly. They would move further down the line. One day machines tore down the old farmhouse and collapsed barn and began to excavate the fields. New housing additions, apartment buildings and a full hospital and medical complex rose in their place.

Soon other machines began to cut side roads through the wooded hills. The old hawk moved to the top of a dead tree nearer to our house. Every day more of the wildlife was displaced. It became easy for the hawk to catch the fleeing mice and rabbits. Each day as I headed to the church, I would watch the hawk watch the shrinking fields and severed woods. In the evenings coming home I would see him circling overhead. A few years ago, he moved on. Four or five younger hawks took over circling the area. The dead tree began collapsing, ever shrinking. The hawks began to rest on area roof tops. One day, just before sundown, I went out in the backyard to cover the faucets from the winter freezes. When I looked up, a hawk was looking at me.

He was sitting on our back fence, just a few yards in front of me. I pulled out my phone and he posed for pictures. Even the flash did not faze him. Then he turned suddenly, opened his mighty wings, dropped down and took off with his prize. I mistakenly thought he was watching me. I was just a manageable distraction. Too many distractions and the hawk would come up short. He stayed on mission. It was getting dark quickly. The little creatures now live in suburban backyards and flowerbeds. The majestic hawk has learned to adapt to his changing world.

This has been a hard year with curtailed activities and distractions everywhere, but the church has stayed on mission. Since God's people are the church, that means that you have stayed on mission—worshiping, praying, serving others in the name of Jesus. Thank you for being the church in this year of pandemic.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Keep your eye on the prize. And let's experience the love and power of God together while still 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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Psalm 29:11, NRSV



Our Church Family

ARMED SERVICES HONOR ROLL OF PRAYER

Chad and Holly Burke, Air Force
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Linda Jantzen, Army
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OUR MISSIONARIES

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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, DECEMBER 6
2nd Sunday in Advent

Psalm 29
(on Facebook)

The Voice of Glory

This week we light the Candle of Peace. Psalm 29 points us to the voice of the Lord as God speaks to us through the chaotic times of life. Peace will come upon us as we listen to the voice of Glory, even in the storms. Join with us this week as we draw closer to the Prince of Peace.

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, DECEMBER 6th SERVICE
can be found on FaceBook and at
www.BradenPark.org, under the
Sermons tab

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

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 **this Sunday, December 6.**

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

14 Homer Wager
16 Lydia Ford

CHURCH DIRECTORY

If you have not received your copy of the Church Directory, call the church office at (918) 834-3378 and leave a message.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Joe Crotser* in the loss of *Patsy Green*, his daughter and *Sandy Smith's* sister.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need \$ 1,934.00
General Receipts November 29 \$ 1,880.00
Special Offerings November 29 \$ 50.00

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