

# REFLECTIONS

As we have entered this new year, a two-word directive keeps coming to my mind—Press on. As the pandemic continues its rampage—press on. As threatened violence and political unrest continues—press on. As the winter grows colder and we grow older—press on. The image of a hiker staying on a narrow path through forest, hills and valleys to reach the mountain’s summit stays before me. Paul’s words from Philippians 3:14 are in my heart: *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* Press on.

I went ahead and bought a planning calendar for 2021, even though last year’s calendar was mostly unused. I’m in the process of mapping out a church budget, sermons and Bible studies, and looking for ways to be more effective in our mission efforts in the coming weeks. I anticipate one day returning to in-person services. Will Easter or Mother’s Day be too soon? Until we see more clearly, press on. The response to our on-line services has been excellent. Can we plan to keep doing that as we one day add going back to church? Will people be able to step forward and safely serve? Meanwhile there are still a multitude of big and little details that need to be fixed or maintained around the building. Our Hispanic church family has stepped up in sacrificial ways to support these efforts. Press on.

Hebrews 12 speaks of running the race set before us. Press on toward the prize. In 2 Timothy, Paul calls to mind these trustworthy words from an early church hymn, or maybe a sermon:

If we die with Him, we will also live with Him.  
 If we endure hardship, we will reign with Him.  
 If we deny Him, He will deny us.  
 If we are unfaithful, He remains faithful,  
 for He cannot deny who He is.

Everyone is watching how we conduct ourselves through these days. Will we try to cheat, or be half-hearted, or leave the race altogether? We must press on toward the mark of the high calling of God.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Press on. 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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Always  
 give  
 yourselves  
 fully to  
 the work  
 of the  
 Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

# Our Church Family

## 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

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to *Gena Vann and Gary Thompson* on their marriage December 19, 2020.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### January

20 Nancy Holdt  
21 Pam Utley

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### January

19 Ray and Judy Martin 61 Years

**OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of *Terry Fritz* in his passing December 21, 2020. Terry served as our Minister of Music from 1991-1995.

# 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, JANUARY 10**  
*(on Facebook)*

**Opening Both Windows**  
**John 3:6-12 & 19-21**

This Sunday Kevin Avery continues our January Bible study on developing a strong and rich Christian life. This week he leads us to see the windows of opportunity that are before us. Join with us online, and share in our time of worship.

**Every 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

## THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY MINISTRY REPORT

During the last three months, October-December, 128 families, 344 individuals, were provided with groceries for 4,128 meals. 8.14% of the people served were new individuals served in our neighborhood. 12% of the neighbors served are disabled. The pantry has also provided groceries, boots, socks, gloves and hats for several homeless neighbors and others on foot or bicycle. As we have since March, emergency groceries are being distributed outside on the north parking lot by the kitchen curb. We have been able to provide groceries every Wednesday evening this year in spite of the weather and all the other challenges of 2020. Thank you for your on-going prayers and financial support.

## THANK YOU IMPERIAL PRINTING

This year marks The Evangel's 51st year as our church newsletter. For all of these years The Imperial Printing Company has printed and folded our newsletter. Imperial Printing provides the paper and their services as a ministry gift, without charge to us. Thank You, *Jerry Dale*, and your father *Gary Dale* before you, for your generosity and excellent on-going work.

This week Jerry Dale is recovering from a severe bout with Covid-19. He spent 14 days in intensive care followed by 2 more days in monitored isolation. He was released from the hospital on December 26, and continues with oxygen therapy. He expresses his deep gratitude to our people for your prayers and support. He says this has changed his life and reordered his priorities of family, health and Jesus Christ. Imperial Printing is located at 9345 E 46th Street in Tulsa.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,934.00
General Receipts December 27 .....	\$ 1,800.00
Special Offerings December 27 .....	\$ 00.00
Christmas Missions Offerings to Date .....	\$ 745.00

**Thank You** to all who are sending sustaining offerings.