

## REFLECTIONS

Those who lie to others first lie to themselves. Those who lie to themselves lose the truth. The Bible has much to say against people who lie or bear false witness. We have seen the sinister effects this week of those who lie to others. The seditious actions of those who would destroy the hallowed halls of our democracy and attempt to assassinate our Vice-President and our Speaker of the House, or anyone else who would get in their way, makes my heart ache. To the insurrectionists, the lie was so true that the "others" deserved to die. Killing someone in revenge because you do not like how they vote is still murder. Doing it as a righteous crusade is blasphemy.

I am saddened by the effects this violent discourse has reflected on the witness of Christianity and people who say they worship Jesus as Lord. Have we not learned anything from history? When the Church embraces the Nation State, or the State embraces the Church, the result is always violence and corruption. That is why a major distinctive of Baptists throughout history has been the separation of Church and State with religious liberty for all. Because of Baptists like Roger Williams, Isaac Backus and John Leland, we have the first amendment to the Bill of Rights.

The musical *The Man of La Mancha* is a complicated story-within-a-story featuring *Don Quixote*. Quixote is a delusional character who sees windmills as giants to be fought. No one knows what to make of Don Quixote. The Don Quixotes of today post and repost, e-mail, and explore the dark alleys of the internet. They are psychologically manipulated, immersed in convoluted conspiracy stories, and financially preyed upon by cynical "true believers." In the musical, the people around Don Quixote try to guide him toward the truth that is obvious to them. He is staying at an inn, not a palace. It is an old rag Dulcinea tosses to him, not a silk scarf. He is a fool who thinks he is a knight. But then they begin to see his humanity. They see his need to be treated with respect. Not every modern Don Quixote is noble, but all should be treated with kindness. Remember, "Vengeance is mine, says the Lord." Treat people with grace. Answer with respect. Always speak the truth in love.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Be truthful. 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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*"All  
authority  
in heaven  
and on earth  
has been given  
to me."*

*Matthew 28:18*

# Our Church Family

## LIVING CENTERS

Emerald Care Nursing Center #26 ..... Gina Reynolds  
Emerald Care Nursing Center #36 ..... Carolyn Brese  
Pawhuska Nursing Center ..... Violet Crain  
Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 ..... Dorothy Lee

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January  
30 Sandra Smith



# 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 17  
(on Facebook)

**The Art of Making Disciples**  
Matthew 28:16-20

This Sunday Kevin Avery concludes our January Bible study on developing a strong and rich Christian life. This week he teaches us about the fulfillment found in discipleship. 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

## THANK YOU FOR TITHING

Each year the church receives an annual tithe distribution from the estate of the late *J. Ray and Ola Smith* through the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, now called WatersEdge Ministry Services. This year's tithe was \$8,126.44. This money goes into our general reserves and is set aside for unexpected maintenance expenses. It is a tremendous blessing to the Lord's work when faithful members include Braden Park Baptist Church in their wills.

**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**

  
Time, Talents & Treasure

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,934.00
General Receipts January 10 .....	\$ 1,850.01
Special Offerings January 10 .....	\$ 100.00
Christmas Missions Offerings to Date .....	\$ 745.00

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