

# REFLECTIONS

When we were courting, Dorothy and I rode a roller coaster at Six Flags Over Texas. I had never been anywhere like a Six Flags in my life. She kept mentioning that it was an unusual day because there were no lines for any of the rides. We saw some shows, wandered throughout the little shops, and rode just about any ride whenever we wanted. We stayed that day until the park closed. It was as if the time together at the park was tailored just for us. Later we learned most people stayed home because of the record-breaking July heat (107°).

Dorothy and I rode only one other roller coaster together after we were married. She quit riding after watching people ride the *Zingo* at Bell's Amusement Park at the Tulsa Fairgrounds. Dorothy quietly said to me that I could ride as many coasters as I wanted, but she never wanted a newspaper headline to read, "Pastor's Wife Dies on Roller-Coaster Ride."

She has not wavered, even when our family, along with Dorothy's parents, spent another day at that same Six Flags—the day her 80+-year-old father rode both a roller coaster and the parachute drop! My last roller-coaster ride was at Branson's Silver Dollar City in December 2019. I strained my shoulder on that ride by holding on too tightly. I had forgotten the rule for riding all carnival rides. The secret to an enjoyable ride is to relax, lean forward and trust the operator of the ride. That is hard to do when your brain and all the voices around you are screaming, *you are going to die!*

2020 has been a current-event roller-coaster ride that just keeps on going, now into 2021. In fact, there are multiple roller coasters going. Many of us keep trying to get off one ride only to find ourselves on a different ride. I am not alone in thinking I might be going a little frazzled because of it all. We are all on life's roller coaster running full force for this season. This too shall change. Don't let the ride scare you away from faith and hope and love. Let your headline read, "Faithful Through It All."

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Lean forward and trust the Operator. And let's experience the love and power of God together while apart.

Bro. Darryl

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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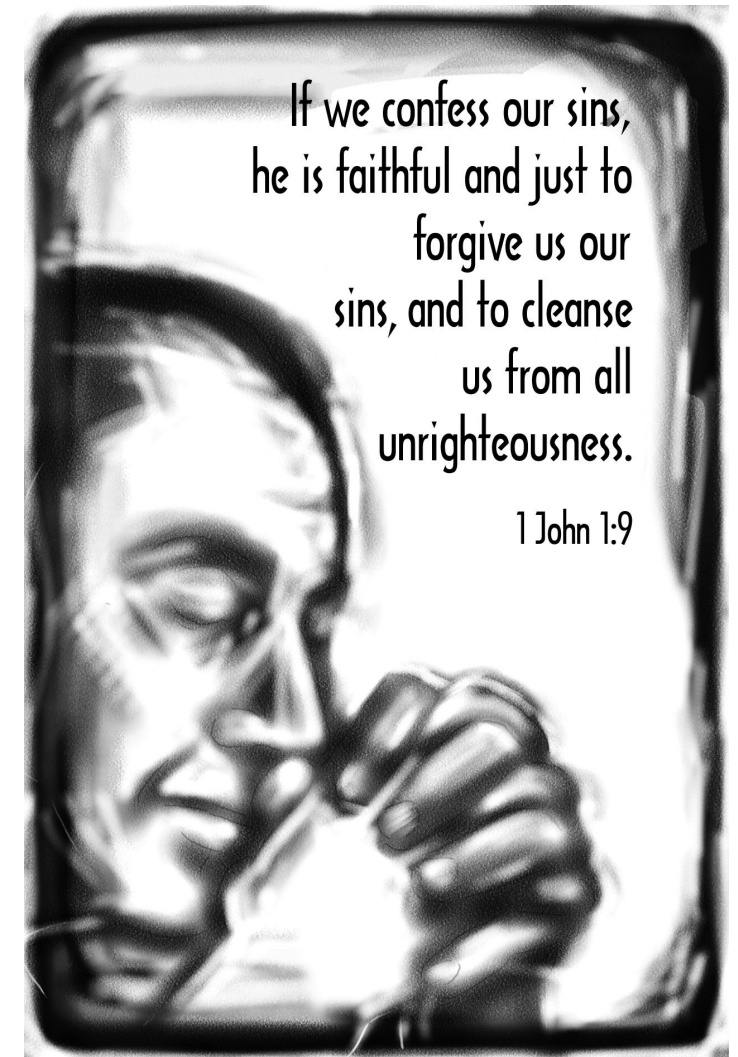


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If we confess our sins,  
he is faithful and just to  
forgive us our  
sins, and to cleanse  
us from all  
unrighteousness.

1 John 1:9

# Our Church Family

## LIVING CENTERS

Emerald Care Nursing Center #26 ..... Gina Reynolds  
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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### February

4	Connie Connely
10	Berta Caldwell

**OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of *Carolyn Sue Brese*, a church member of nearly 50 years;

**AND** to the family and friends of *German Rios*. German, pronounced Herman, was a long-time volunteer with our People's Pantry Ministry and part of our Wednesday Bible studies;

**AND** to the family of *Rhonda Williams*, a former member, in the loss of her father.

# 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 31  
(on Facebook)

The Fellowship  
1 John 1:1-10

This Sunday we start an in-depth look at the Apostle John's first letter to the early church, and to our church. John begins by describing true fellowship. Join with us online, and share in our time of worship and reflection.

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

## CHURCH CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

The 2020 Individual Contribution Statements are being mailed this week. Please notify the church office if you fail to receive your report by February 12th, or if you have any questions concerning your annual statement.

**OUR CONGRATULATIONS** to *Berta Caldwell* on the occasion of her *105th Birthday* on February 10. Berta still resides at 12424 E 75th St North, Apt 1, Owasso, OK 74055-4052. Her phone number is (918) 609-6757.

**YOUR GIVING  
MATTERS!**

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,934.00
General Receipts January 22 .....	\$ 1,081.00
Special Offerings January 22 .....	\$ 50.00

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