

# REFLECTIONS

Easter is the Day. I went back and read my 2020 reflections on church life concerning the pandemic, beginning with the first one on January 28. If you recall, the Averys returned to their home in Shenyang on January 21, the day China locked down. Reading that post again brought home for me the seriousness of their situation and ours. In my article for June 23, I was optimistic we would be gradually returning to in-person worship during the summer. Of course, that did not work out. But now I am sensing that Resurrection Day, April 4th, is the time to return to Sunday church worship. I believe we are coming to a place where many of our people have their vaccinations in process or have recovered from their own encounter with Covid-19. Tulsa seems to be coming down from the highest peaks and we are approaching where we were before Labor Day. Hopefully that trend will continue these next four weeks. Also, God provided us with an icy 10-day lockdown and enough accompanying inconveniences to keep many at home dealing with more pressing issues.

We have the church sanitation routine working smoothly. In addition to the previously reported upgrades in the restrooms, we have secured a better method of wiping down the pews twice a week that uses a fogger-type machine to pump an anti-bacterial mist into the air without harming the furniture. The tables and chairs in Fellowship Hall are cleaned as often as they are used. Monte Los Olivos is going back to Sunday morning and Wednesday evening church on a regular basis again.

Easter is the most important Sunday in the history of the world. Jesus arose from the grave to give us all new life. It was so hard and sad to close the church last year. I seek your prayers through these next weeks of preparation for this Easter. I am weary of decision making. I am weary of having to learn so many "work arounds" and adjust to never-ending pressures and expectations. In addition to Sunday morning worship, I see the need to keep the weekly Facebook services going. This has proven to be a great way for our church to minister, both near and far. We will need some additional time and expertise to help us get everything organized and operational for April 4.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Easter is the Day. 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>	9:20 a.m.
Continental Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:15 a.m.
Sunday School	
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	6:30 p.m.
Worship	
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	6:45 p.m.
Prayer Service	

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**I PRAISE YOU**  
  
**BECAUSE I AM  
FEARFULLY  
&  
WONDERFULLY  
MADE**  
Psalm 139:14

# 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	Waneta Reynolds
Elizabeth Burke	Ben and P J Shepard
Berta Caldwell	Delores Troxel
Gene Lessel	Homer Wager
Bonnie Nutting	Leslie White

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### March

5	Ben Shepard
10	Dorothy DeBorde
13	Kevin Avery



# 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, FEBRUARY 28**  
*(on Facebook)*

**To Be Known and Loved**  
Psalm 139:1-10, 13-14

This Sunday, Kevin Avery leads our worship with a message from Psalm 139, a favorite of many. Kevin will show the depth of God's love and care for us, even if we cannot feel it or see it. 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**, past services, and other features at our church website.

[www.bradenpark.org](http://www.bradenpark.org)

# Behind the Scenes

## 2020 MEALS ON WHEEL REPORT

This past year of pandemic restrictions has impacted our Eastside Meals on Wheels ministry with our five churches. In mid-March, we suspended our church system of delivery. The greater **Meals on Wheels of Metro Tulsa** took responsibility for the city-wide preparation and delivery of the meals. It became a mammoth operation with a combination of companies, community agencies, and volunteers safely storing and delivering mostly frozen meals, and distanced care for each recipient. The big picture from 2020 includes a record breaking 742,698 meals; 142,890 wellness calls; and 3,206 volunteers, who provided 16,872 hours of service. Thank you for your continued support of Meals on Wheels through our weekly offerings.

**OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of *Eric Bolton* in the loss of his wife, Cricket.

**NOTE:** There was not a printed edition of *The Evangel* last week because of the severe weather and massive postal delays. Last week's edition, for February 19, 2021, can be found on the church website: [www.bradenpark.org](http://www.bradenpark.org)

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts February 21 .....	\$ 450.00
Special Offerings February 21 .....	\$ 00.00

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