

REFLECTIONS

The only way to arrive at Easter is through the Cross. When the people of our church were dreaming of a new and grand sanctuary in 1949, they asked the architect to include a cross. The conceptual drawing for the church looks very much like our present sanctuary. The drawing shows the angled windows, multiple doors on Fifth Street for more accessibility and the high barreled roof that we have today. The cross, on the other hand, was drawn on top of a large free-standing tower located to the west of the main entrance. It was thought a traditional steeple would not be fitting for the shape of the church.

The pictured tower with the cross stood over six stories high so it would be above the sanctuary roof line. Because the tower did not prove practical, a large flagpole was erected in its place. As an alternative to the steeple, a cross was included on the face of the building. It is a large cross. It is my observation that most people either do not ever see the cross on the building, or it has become so familiar that people have forgotten about it. The cross has become invisible. The Good Shepherd window is the feature most will associate with our building, not the large cross. Recently, on our Facebook services, we have been featuring a picture of the church where the cross can be seen reflecting the sunlight.

The frosted glass cross stands 10 feet tall and has a span of 6 feet. It is located above the main entrance to the building. It is set in a large frame of glass tiles. Metaphorically, God's people pass beneath the cross each time we gather to worship and serve. The only way anyone arrives at Easter is through the Cross. Jesus had to die for our sins and conquer death itself for us to celebrate Easter, or Resurrection Day. The Cross of Christ was the Altar of Sacrifice for our redemption, our forgiveness, and our salvation. Because of the cross and empty tomb, we are an Easter people, living transformed lives. When the cross becomes invisible, we lose sight of Easter's meaning, the purpose of the church and the victory of the Christian life.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Look to the Cross and see Easter. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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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
Russell Ford	Homer Wager
Gene Lessel	Leslie White
Bonnie Nutting	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April
13 Alice Barrett
Al Plummer

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April 13 Roy and Sandy Smith 47 Years



Looking Ahead

We begin in-person worship on
Easter Sunday, April 4, 2021.

**SUNDAY, APRIL 4
EASTER**

(In-Person, At Church)

He Lives!
John 20

“They have taken the Lord out of the tomb, and we don’t know where they put him,” cries Mary as she reports to Peter and John that the stone was rolled away. Thus begins the incredible story of disciples struggling to believe and discovering it is true, Jesus lives! Join with us as we meet together for our first worship service in 2021.

The online service

To the Cross
Ephesians 1:3-14

Led by Kevin Avery on Facebook
Braden Park Church Tulsa, Sundays by 10:00 a.m.

CONNECT WITH THE CHURCH

You can join with us on Sundays for worship, Bible Study 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

Behind the Scenes

IN-PERSON SUNDAY 10 A.M. WORSHIP

APRIL 4 Easter Sunday
Resurrection Day

APRIL 11 Praise and Testimonies
How Great Thou Art!

EVERYONE is invited to join with us for the return of Sunday morning worship, if you are ready, willing to distance or sit in family groups, and wear masks.

THE SUNDAY FACEBOOK SESSIONS will continue as an alternative and supplement for the in-person services.



FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts March 28	\$ 1,205.00
Special Offerings March 28	\$ 00.00

Thank You to all who are sending sustaining offerings.