

REFLECTIONS

I still have not recovered from the last two times we sprang forward then back. Now it is back to springing forward again on Sunday, March 14. Every day something else is changing. Some days I am confronted with multiple changes and the decisions that go with each change. Apparently, I keep asking myself the wrong question: Do I *like* this change? *No* seems to be my first standard reply to myself. I have to remind myself of my own philosophy of transformational change: Embrace change because change is embracing you. I am not always happy about the way changes on every hand are embracing me. Each day I gaze into the mirror ever hopeful for a change back of about 20 years. I go to the closet only to discover that my favorite old clothes seem to have shrunk during the night. I can't wear some things right now, but I hope to one day if I lose a few pounds, exercise, eat healthy, get enough sleep, but that would mean having to change.

My 2020 vision for 2020 and 2021 did not factor in a year, or two, of constant, unrelenting change, adapting and chaos at every turn. Change is here again and always will be. Change takes a lot of time and energy, but so does denying it. Change is hard work, but so is battling it. Either way I have to deal with it somehow. It is never "one and done," once and it's over. Embracing change has some important strategies that I am learning to implement: I may have to adapt, re-learn, discard and develop new ways, methods and routines. Pretending not to change always seems easier. With all the big and small changes thrust upon me, I must learn to grieve the losses, face my emotions honestly, and seek refuge in faith, family and friends. I must find a way to laugh or sing, somehow, each and every day.

Some folks believe that people cannot really change, even though they say they believe the Gospel, the power of God's Spirit and new life in Christ. Maybe Christians are supposed to be personal examples of transformational change. "I once was lost but now I'm found. I once was blind but now I see." Maybe we Christians have put too much emphasis on the "once was" instead of the "but now."

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Embrace change. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

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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See what love the
Father has given us,
that we should be
called children of God.

1 John 3:1, NRSV

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

IN THE HOSPITAL

Roxie Jones Hillcrest Medical Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

10 Dorothy DeBorde
13 Kevin Avery

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March

17 Alice and Bill Barrett 37 Years

Looking Ahead

The church will begin in-person worship on Easter
Sunday, April 4, 2021.

Until then we are able to worship online
through Facebook at
Braden Park Church Tulsa Sundays by 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, MARCH 7
(on Facebook)

We Are the Children of God
1 John 3:1-10

This Sunday we continue our in-depth look at the
Apostle John's first letter to the early church, and to our
church. John's emphasis deepens as he amplifies the
responsibilities of being God's children. 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

Behind the Scenes

CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATES

The following changes and corrections are for your church directory.
The change is in **bold type**.

Avery, Kevin & Dayna
(Molly & Hudson)
9260 S 92nd East Ave, Tulsa, OK 74133

Connely, Wilma & Connie
4322 E 5th St, Tulsa OK 74112-2714
918-513-2890 Wilma
918-606-6714 Connie

Dickson, Raelyne
511 N Kingston Ave, Tulsa, OK 74115-7733
918-361-7382

Heerlyn, Ron & Lori
6314 E 89th Pl, Tulsa, OK 74137-3101
918-806-6667

Thompson, Gena
1202 S New Haven Ave, Tulsa, OK 74112-5130
918-906-1446

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need \$ 1,936.00
General Receipts February 28 \$ 2,750.00
Special Offerings February 28 \$ 325.00

Thank You to all who are sending sustaining offerings.