REFLECTIONS

The big news on South Yale at Target Drive, which would be about 17th Street in a normal time, is the new construction project underway next to the *Starbucks*. It will be a *Dunkin Donuts* restaurant and drive thru. I am already planning my new work schedule for that storied time when I can regularly dine inside places again. Dorothy and I have not eaten a meal inside a restaurant since last March. My imaginary future day would go something like this. First, a healthy homemade breakfast at home, which might be followed up at the new donut place on my way to the church or to see someone. Lunch at *Tally's* where conversations, sermon thoughts and illustrations come easily. After a quick check to see if the mail has arrived, to listen to phone messages and to make phone calls at church, it would be time for a stop by *Sweets and Cream* for an afternoon ice-cream cookie sandwich (butter pecan between two chocolate-chocolate chip cookies). They have free wi-fi there, and quiet tables for meditation and reflection on the goodness of life. Then off from there to reading and study and planning at the *Starbucks* before moving on for the evening activities. Some of these plans could be modified by reality, but I must start somewhere dreaming about this world slowly opening up around us.

This entire last 12 months has been a lesson in reality versus our wishes. I can not count the number of times I said to myself or out loud, *I wish I could* . . . I wish I could visit… I wish we could go … I wish, I wish, I wish. But now there seems to be a growing sense that we are able to see the other side of this swamp. There is dry land ahead. But the caution remains–don't unbuckle your seatbelts until this swamp buggy ride fully stops. There are still a couple of snakes and alligators to get past. I remember when my ideal day consisted of wanting a quiet day at home.

As we begin to venture out, let's make certain to encourage others to get both of their vaccinations as quickly as possible. Dream big and large but hold all plans loosely. In Luke 14:25-34, Jesus invites us to count the cost before we get ahead of ourselves and become the fool. Jesus is talking about discipleship and sacrifice as we love others into the Kingdom of God.

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

Bro. Darryl

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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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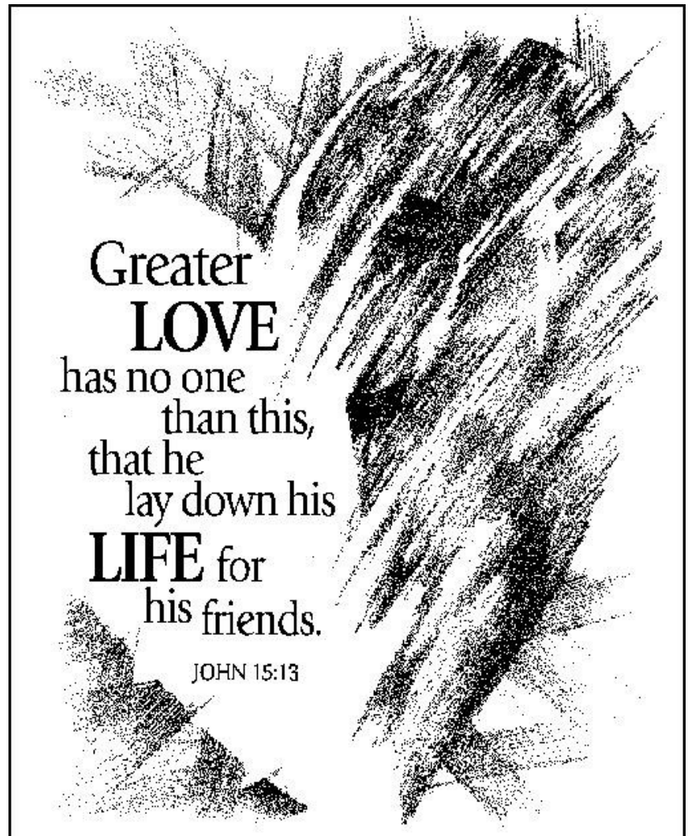

Our Church Family

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

19 Lori Heerlyn
20 Gina Reynolds

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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 14
(on Facebook)

Greater Love
1 John 3:11-24

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

The People's Pantry

KENDRA SCOTT BENEFITS THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

The women's jewelry and home store **Kendra Scott** seeks to benefit ***The People's Pantry*** at their store in Woodland Hills Mall on **March 19** with a donation of 20% of every purchase when the customer mentions *The People's Pantry* by name. The benefit also applies to **on-line purchases** made on **March 18 and 19** at www.kendrascott.com when the "coupon code" GIVEBACK-128K is entered at checkout.

THIS SUNDAY, MARCH 14

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need ..... $ 1,936.00
General Receipts March 7 ..... $ 1,543.00
Special Offerings March 7 ..... $ 150.00

Thank You to all who are sending sustaining offerings.