

REFLECTIONS

Rev. Robert Turner, pastor of the Vernon AME Church, spoke briefly at a luncheon I attended that was sponsored by the Oklahoma Baptist Convention and hosted at Tulsa's First Baptist Church on April 1. The Vernon AME Church is the only structure to partially survive the Tulsa Race Massacre of 1921. The church basement became a place of shelter and refuge from the fires and destruction of May 31 and June 1. The basement held strong, and still holds strong today. Rev. Turner told of an unusual incident that had just occurred on the previous Friday, March 26. While some workmen were renovating a basement bathroom, they accidentally broke through an historic wall. They were startled and confused by the smell that filled the bathroom. Rev. Turner was called to inspect. The strong odor was the smell of smoke and ashes that still lingers in the soil buried for 100 hundred years.

There are approximately 70 days until the centennial anniversary becomes the focus of the nation. It was reported that hotel rooms for the week are being reserved quickly. Bus tours and pilgrimages are anticipated. Much has been planned for each week from this weekend forward. Phil Armstrong, project manager for the 1921 Tulsa Race Massacre Centennial Commission, spoke of the new museum, Greenwood Rising. On Sunday, May 30, churches are asked to stand in unity with the spirit of reconciliation and renewal.

Following the luncheon, we were invited to the Tulsa Race Massacre Prayer Room designed by the people at First Baptist Church. The stated purpose of the Prayer Room is to explore the events in 1921 and to "prayerfully oppose the sin of racism in our world, in our churches and in our heart." The Prayer Room is open Monday – Friday, 8:30 to 5:00, without cost. It is well worth the time. Parking is free in the lot at 5th and Detroit by parking in the spaces marked for "FBC."

The lingering smell of racial sin is all around us. The fires of hatred still burn in the hearts of so many. The smoke of prejudice and pride clouds our eyes with tears and pain. We are seeing it played out before us every day. Our only hope is in Jesus, who has given to us the ministry of reconciliation. (2 Corinthians 5:12-20)

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

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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And whatever you do, whether
in word or deed, do it all in the
name of the Lord Jesus, giving
thanks to God the Father
through him.

Colossians 3:17

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

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of *Katy Cook* in the loss of her sister..

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April
27 Dorris Doyle
30 Elizabeth Burke
April Yingst

OUR CONGRATULATIONS!

To **Iglesia Bautista Monte los Olivos** as they celebrate their 21st Anniversary this Sunday, April 18; and

To our neighbor congregation, **Yale Ave Presbyterian Church**, as they celebrate their 90th Anniversary this Sunday.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, APRIL 18
(In-Person, At Church)

Come Into His Presence
Colossians 3:12-17

This Sunday morning we continue to celebrate our return to in-person worship with a service of praise and prayers. We will sing more of the favorite songs of our congregation. There will be a time of guided prayers as we offer ourselves unto God with confession, petitions and thanksgiving for how God has provided His grace throughout the past year. Join with us as we safely gather together for worship.

The Online Sunday Bible Study

Tender Creation

The Heartbeat of the Gospel

Led by Kevin Avery on Facebook

Braden Park Church Tulsa,

Sundays by 10:00 a.m.

Followed by
live discussion and prayer on Zoom
Mondays at 7:00 p.m.

Wednesday Evening

5:00 — 6:30 p.m.

People's Pantry Ministry

Outside in the North Parking lot

Behind the Scenes

IN-PERSON SUNDAY 10 A.M. WORSHIP

APRIL 18 **Praise and Prayer**
 Come Into His Presence

APRIL 25 **A Time for Remembrance**
 Lord's Supper Service

TENDER CREATION NOW AVAILABLE

Kevin Avery's latest book, *Tender Creation* is now available on Amazon in both the Kindle and paperback versions. The Kindle version is only \$2.99. Even if someone does not have a copy of the devotional book, Kevin is teaching the devotional lessons on the *Braden Park Church Tulsa* Facebook page on Sunday mornings. On Monday evenings from 7:00 until 7:40 p.m., he will host an interactive discussion through Zoom. To be included in the Monday evening sessions, contact Kevin at (539) 766-0787 .

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts April 11	\$ 1,787.28
Special Offerings April 11	\$ 100.00

Thank You to all who are providing sustaining tithes and offerings.