

# REFLECTIONS

In our year or so of the pandemic, the phrase *carpe diem* has taken on a fresher meaning than the carefree “seize the day” attitude it had come to represent. The words come from Horace, who died about 8 B.C., in a poem in his first book of Odes: *Carpe diem, quam minimum credula postero*. Which translated reads, *Pluck the day, trusting as little as possible in the next one*. (There is no need to completely lose those four years of Latin I took in high school and college.) Over the last 300 years *pluck* became *seize*. *Carpe diem* is another way of reminding us not to miss out on life today by focusing too hard on the tomorrows yet to come. What is God up to today? Ready or not, our todays are filled with the divine moments that form, change and define our lives. But we do have to guard ourselves from the fatalistic *Eat, drink and be merry, for tomorrow we may die*. Paul warned believers about this attitude in 1 Corinthians 10.

Our expanded view of *carpe diem* includes *seize the opportunity*. As those extraordinary moments are happening, go ahead and enjoy them. Relish in the opportunity at hand. What gift is God providing? What are you experiencing? Say “Yes” when it might be easier to say a habit-formed, “No.” Put aside the phone and look around. Smile, listen and see what is really taking place all around you. Look up into the night sky and be awed. Look into your heart and discover who you have become.

Today’s new understanding of *carpe diem* includes *seize the ordinary*. Most often our life is experienced in the ordinariness of everyday. Author Dallas Willard once said that “the ordinary is a place where the life of God flows.” Thus, if you are mowing the lawn, doing the dishes, cleaning your room, or just pumping gas into your car, God can be found even in the ordinary and mundane tasks of everyday life. Do not assume that God is only found in the extraordinary but be sensitive to the divine ordinariness of the day. Where is God in your routine and in your relationships? The Bible tells us to “give thanks in all things.” Gratitude always seizes the moment.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Seize the divine. 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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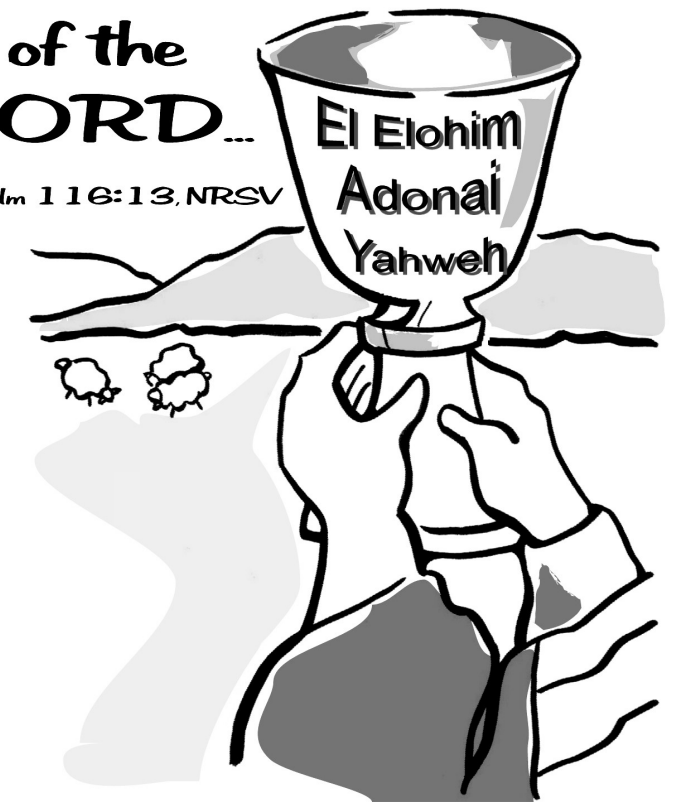
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I will lift up the cup  
of salvation and call  
on the name  
of the  
**LORD...**

Psalm 118:13, 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	Bonnie Nutting
Elizabeth Burke	Waneta Reynolds
Berta Caldwell	Ben and P J Shepard
Russell Ford	Homer Wager
Gene Lessel	Leslie White

## IN THE HOSPITAL

Julia Ford St John Medical Center, Tulsa

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April  
27 Dorris Doyle (90 years)  
30 Elizabeth Burke  
April Yingst



# Looking Ahead

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

**A Time for Remembrance and Healing**  
Psalm 116

This Sunday morning we continue to celebrate our return to in-person worship with a service to remember those we have lost over the past year, and to find healing in the sufferings of our Savior. There will be a time for the reading of the names of those we have lost. God's grace will meet us as we partake in the Lord's Supper. 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  
Tuesday 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

## NEW CHURCH SIGN TO BE INSTALLED

A new LED church sign has been given to the church to replace the marquee sign on 4th Place. This full color, computerized sign comes as a generous gift from **David and Lori Dryer**. A permit application has been filed with the city. The sign variance process will take up to six to eight weeks for final approval. If all goes well, the new church sign should be completed by the end of June.

## TENDER CREATION BIBLE STUDY TIME CHANGE

Kevin Avery is teaching the devotional lessons from *Tender Creation* on the *Braden Park Church Tulsa* Facebook page on Sunday mornings. Due to a change in his schedule, the live interactive discussion through Zoom will be **on Tuesday evenings from 7:00 until 7:40 p.m.** Contact Kevin at (539) 766-0787, to be included in the Tuesday evening sessions.



## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts April 18 .....	\$ 1,055.80
Special Offerings April 18 .....	\$ 00.00

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