

REFLECTIONS

Mother's Day, just like families, is special and complicated. Dorothy's maternal grandfather, *Paul Gummelt*, was the sixth of his parents' children. Paul's mother, *Mina*, died after the birth of her 9th child and his father later married an 18-year-old woman from their Baptist church at Cottonwood, Texas named *Minna*. Paul's dad and stepmother had 12 children.* Paul and his wife *Lydia* had one child, *Freda Mae*. Freda was 16 when her mother died. Her father later married another *Lydia*. Dorothy's mother, Freda, was the definition of humility and contentment. She married *Albert Niederer* and they were married 68 years at the time of her death in 2005. She and Albert lived a simple life, he as a church furniture maker, she as a homemaker and church volunteer. Their son, *Ray*, was a scholar and pastor, and their daughter married a minister. Freda never learned to drive a car, so when their church relocated in 1951, they built a home a block away so she could participate in all the activities. When Dorothy moved away from home after college, her mother began writing letters to her almost daily. Throughout our married life, until she was no longer able, Freda sent us a continuing account, almost a diary, of her thoughts and the news of the day. She ended many of her letters with, "I must close before the postman comes." Her next letter would begin telling us that the postman took her last letter to us. Sweet memories of love and devotion.

Mother's Day 2021 is a complicated day for many people. The first Mother's Day after a mother has died is often incredibly painful, as well as all the Mother's Days following the loss of a child. As a pastor, I feel the heart cry of the couples who wanted children, but it did not happen. I hear the pain of the "unwanted." I listen to some incredibly difficult stories of mother-child animosities and abusive addictions. I see the broken hearts of those who never knew their mothers, and the pain of grandmothers who have their grandchildren torn from them by divorce or court order. Yet, God has given us a rich gift in our complicated and sometimes messy families. This week, take a few minutes to reflect upon all the mothers and grandmothers in your family story. Somehow you and I have become who we are because God's love has embraced us, nurtured us, and redeemed us.

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

Bro. Darryl

*For those doing the math, *Peter Gummelt*, Dorothy's great-grandfather, had 21 children born across 49 years.

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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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Her children rise up and call her blessed...
Proverbs 31:28, ESV

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

May 9 Bill Ess
10 Deacon Enos

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

May 24 Ron and Lori Heerlyn 35 Years



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, MAY 9
(In-Person, At Church)

10:00 a.m. The Face of God
Psalm 80

The ancient hymn of the people of God, Psalm 80, was to be sung to the now lost tune, "The Lilies of the Covenant." The refrain is a call for God to show us His face. Recovery from any dreadful experience is found in the renewal of hope and faith as we begin to see the face of God once more. Join with us Sunday as we gather safely together for worship.

The Online Sunday Bible Study
Sundays by 10:00 a.m.

Tender Creation:
How the Gospel is the Heart of Creation

Led by Kevin Avery on Facebook
Braden Park Church Tulsa

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

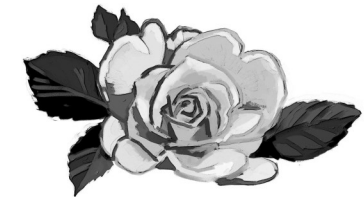


Wednesday Evening
5:00 — 6:30 p.m.
People's Pantry Ministry
Outside in the North Parking lot

Behind the Scenes

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of *Bob Ford* in the loss of his wife, *Julia Ann*.

Services for **Julia Ann Ford** will be held at the Braden Park Baptist Church, Saturday, May 8, at 11:00 a.m.



TIMOTHY SCHOLARSHIP FOR OBU

The Timothy McKinley Scholarship Fund is available for full-time students attending Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee for the 2021-2022 school year. We have one scholarship available. If you know someone related to the greater church family, or is the son or daughter of a pastor or missionary, who would like to attend OBU, contact the church at office@bradenpark.org.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts April 25	\$ 2,297.00
Special Offerings April 25	\$ 100.00

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