

REFLECTIONS

Just a few weeks after he had been inducted into the Baseball Hall of Fame, the celebrated pitcher Dizzy Dean arrived at our church—to lay a brick. Our pastor at the time, Rev. Patrick (Pat) Murphy, had a promotional idea to stir up some interest in the church and raise some funds for the completion of a new sanctuary. The building project had begun in 1949. Things were going slowly. That spring of 1954 the pastor invited Dizzy Dean to church. Pat Murphy was from Arkansas and was acquainted with some of the Dean family. Pastors occasionally have bright ideas like this.

This story, which I have told before, was recalled as I was contacted by Andrea Brixey Shoemaker after she was looking at some old photographs from the church. We have begun displaying old photographs from our church archives on the Braden Park Church Facebook page. Andrea's father, Herb Brixey, died in 2012. She was thinking about her dad and the red brick.

Ten-year-old Herby was chosen to go with Dizzy Dean and the pastor up on top of the roof of the northeast office where Herb handed the baseball player-turned-announcer a red brick. With wet mortar and trowel, Dean carefully placed the red brick up high on the east wall facing Yale Avenue. Pictures were taken, autographs were signed and then it was over. The workmen proceeded to add the beige-colored bricks that matched the rest of the building. If you stand across the street from the church and look real closely towards the upper north side of the big stained-glass window, you will not see the red brick.

I suspect the pastor went to sleep pleased with the day's events. But that very night some displeased church leaders had the red brick removed. The pastor's comments were not recorded. I think of it as a cautionary tale of a bright idea not completely talked through with those most affected. Some years before Herb had his double lung transplant in 2000, he and I were cleaning a closet near the back of the sanctuary. There we came upon a mortar-encrusted red brick. We decided this was "The Red Brick." It has since been kept in the church library. This week we passed the brick on to Andrea and her husband Curt, as the family reminder of the day Dizzy Dean came to church and met Herby Brixey.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Actions affect others. 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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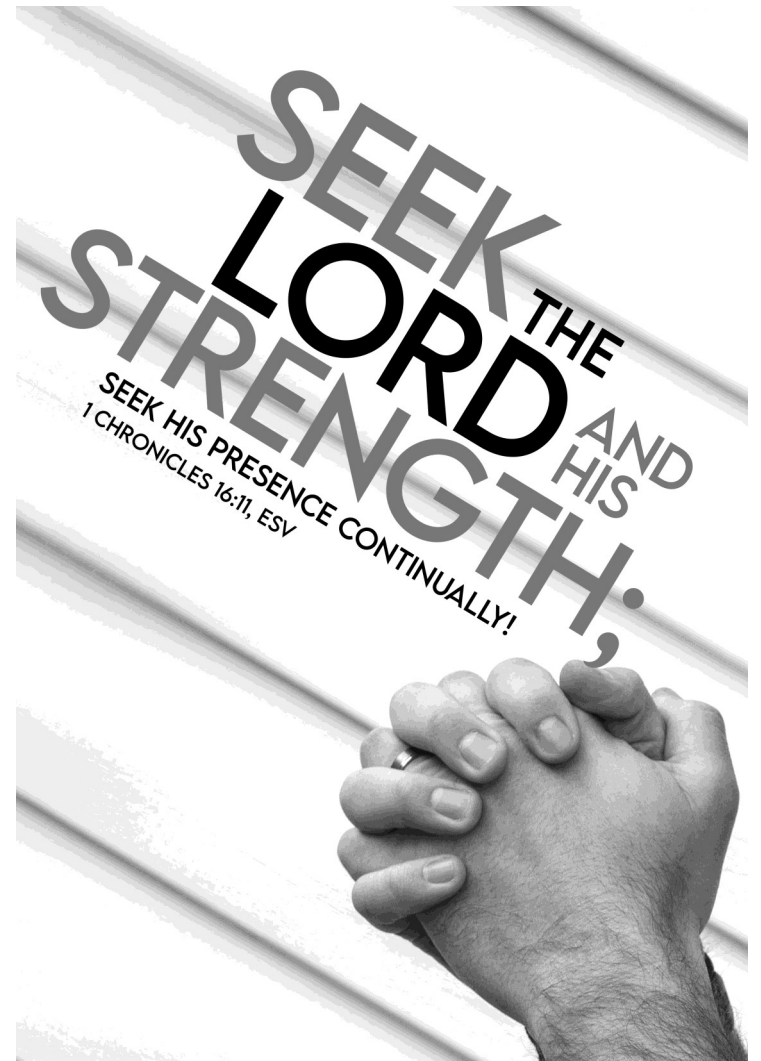


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Our Church Family

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	Margaret VanHorn
Gene Lessel	Homer Wager
	Leslie White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July	
1	Leslie White
5	Pauline Morton (102 Years)

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July	2	Gordon and Barbara Casey	61 Years
	2	Ben and P J Shepard	44 Years

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JUNE 27

10:00 a.m. Serving the Lord and Serving Others
 —Matthew 6:33

Ray Martin will be our pulpit guest this Sunday morning. Discipleship deepens as we fully enter into the kingdom work of God's through the local church. Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Bible Study and Conversation
 (Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal to follow)



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

*Tender Creation:
 How the Gospel is the Heart of Creation*
 Moment 11—Tempted

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, June 30
5:00 — 6:30 p.m.

People's Pantry Ministry
 Outside in the North Parking lot

Behind the Scenes

CHILDREN'S HOME BACK-TO-SCHOOL BRUNCH

The **2021 Back-to-school Style Show and Brunch**, benefiting the *Owasso Baptist Children's Home* will be held **August 7**, at 10:00 a. m. at Tulsa's Renaissance Hotel, Hwy 169 and East 71st Street. This year's theme is *Light of the World*, based on John 8:12. The program will be emceed by *LeAnne Taylor* and *Dave Davis*, anchors on the Morning News at Channel 6. The Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m. All proceeds from this event provide new clothes and school supplies for the children in the care of the Owasso Baptist Children's home.

Reserved tickets are provided at no cost through the WCBC Foundation. Our tickets are going fast. Contact Dorothy DeBorde at (918) 557-0047 for further information.



FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts June 20	\$ 1,063.00
Special Offerings June 20	\$ 0.00

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