

REFLECTIONS

Some of us, of a certain age, will remember *The Lone Ranger*, a made-for-TV western series that ran from 1949 to 1957. As the story goes, six Texas Rangers were ambushed by a gang of outlaws. The one survivor, the unnamed younger brother of ranger Captain Daniel Reid, was nursed back to health by a Native American frontier scout named Tonto. When the ranger told Tonto he was the only ranger left, Tonto called him the Lone Ranger. Because he was assumed dead, the ranger decided to hide his true identity from everyone except Tonto, so he could “stand for justice and fight for what is right.” They marked six graves. The Lone Ranger was wealthy, for he owned a silver mine which provided the ore for his silver bullets. When they found the ranger a new silver-white horse, Tonto called the horse Silver. Tonto’s own horse was called Scout. The Lone Ranger shot his guns sparingly, but when he used them, he always aimed to disarm the bad guys. He never identified himself publicly as the Lone Ranger. He always left a silver bullet as an answer to the question, “Who was that masked man?”

I met Clayton Moore once in the Richland Mall in Waco, Texas. He had been court-ordered to remove his mask, for Hollywood wanted to cast a new, younger Lone Ranger, not one that was over 65. He wore black wrap-around sunglasses under his Stetson. He greeted everyone and signed autographs for fans like me. I think I heard *The William Tell Overture* playing in the background. Clayton Moore was born in Chicago. Jay Silverheels (born Harold J. Smith) was the son of a Canadian Mohawk tribal chief. Their lives as actors are forever intertwined in our memories. *Tonto* means “wild one.” Tonto called the Lone Ranger *kemosabe*, “faithful friend or trusty scout.” They needed each other. The Lone Ranger never rode alone, and neither should we.

Who is your faithful friend? Who is your *kemosabe*? You do not need to wear a mask today or shoot bullets to stand for justice or fight for the good. We do still need each other. I think that is why, when he was at his loneliest, Solomon was reminded that, *There is a friend who sticks closer than a brother.* (Proverbs 18:24) You also can be that friend.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Never ride alone. And let’s experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning	9:20 a.m.
Continental Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:15 a.m.
Sunday School	
Sunday Evening	5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	6:30 p.m.
Worship	
Wednesday Evening	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Service	

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Comfort those in any
trouble with the comfort
we ourselves have
received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:4

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 PJ Shepard
Russell Ford	Margaret VanHorn
	Leslie White

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of **Rosser "Gene" Lessel** in his passing on August 4.



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, August 15

10:00 a.m. Extending Compassion
— 2 Corinthians 1:3-4; John 11:33-36
with Romans 12:15

.This week *Kevin Avery* will be showing us ways we, as God's people, can extend compassion to others and help guide them into a deeper relationship with Jesus. Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

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



The Online Sunday Bible Study
Tender Creation:
How the Gospel is the Heart of Creation
Moment 17—Shine as Light

Led by **Kevin Avery on Facebook**
Braden Park Church Tulsa
Live discussion and prayer on Zoom
Tuesdays at 7:00 p.m.



Wednesday, August 18

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
Clothes Closet Ministry

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Behind the Scenes

NEW CHURCH SIGN INSTALLED

Our new dynamic computerized sign has been installed on the north parking lot on 4th Place, replacing the older sign which we had to change letter by letter. We will be good neighbors and not light the sign after 9:30 each night. Our appreciation is extended to **Lori and David Dryer** for their generosity for making this possible.

EASTSIDE MEALS ON WHEELS UPDATE

Volunteers from our Eastside Meals On Wheels churches have begun working together delivering meals each Friday at 11:00 a.m. If you would like to become a trained volunteer in the new procedures for this time of Covid, contact Bro. Darryl at (918) 230-0781.

FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The **Glenn and Joan McKinley Scholarship Fund** is available for students attending schools, colleges and universities other than Oklahoma Baptist University. Applications need to be returned to the White City Baptist Foundation Education Committee no later than **this Sunday, August 15.**

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts Aug 8	\$ 776.75
Special Offerings Aug 8	\$ 30.00

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