

## REFLECTIONS

How do you handle your disappointments? P.T. Barnum (1810-1891) is famous for the phrase "There's a sucker born every day." If he really said it, he was talking about himself. I read his autobiography when I was a young teen. He wrote in his book that when he was born, his grandfather deeded to him a piece of property called *Ivy Island*. He was reminded throughout his childhood that he owned Ivy Island and dreamed of the adventures he would have on his personal island one day. When he was 10, he finally saw Ivy Island. "It was a worthless piece of barren land," he wrote. The joke was on him. He was 15 when his father died. He became sole provider for his mother and five sisters and brothers. P.T. Barnum understood disappointment and pain, yet somehow discovered the faith and courage to embrace life.

It is my observation that people tend to undervalue their victories and overrate their disappointments. We undervalue our victories, joys, and successes with words such as, "It was just luck," "I happened to be in the right place," or "It's no big deal." We overrate our disappointments with words such as, "Things never work out for me," "No one understands," or "I always get the raw deal." If I'm not careful, I can nurse my disappointments as if they are wounds that will never heal. If I'm not careful, I can focus on the circumstances around me rather than on the Spirit that forever holds me.

Around age 30, P. T. Barnum wanted to buy what would be his first museum of curiosities. He was not able to raise much money, so he made a deal. He mortgaged himself to the building's owner, proposing for collateral: good references, a determination to succeed, and a "valuable and sentimental" piece of property known as Ivy Island. A year later he was out of debt. In his 50's, Barnum took positions against slavery and the death penalty and for temperance and equal voting rights. He was nearly 70 when he teamed with James Bailey to provide "The Greatest Show on Earth." If you read about Barnum's whole story, you will discover he spent his life overcoming disappointments and severe setbacks with a Christian's faith and courage.

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

Bro. Darryl

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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My Grace  
is sufficient for you, for  
my **power**  
is made perfect  
in weakness.

2 Corinthians 12:9

# 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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**August**  
 25 Sherri Strope  
 26 Carter Enos  
 27 Jack Strope  
 28 Billy Shafer

**OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** is extended to the family and friends of *Philip Stevenson* in the loss of his wife *Patty*, on August 9.



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, August 22

**10:00 a.m. The Door Before Us**  
 — 2 Corinthians 12:7-10 and Revelation 3:7-8

*Kevin Avery* will be showing us ways that even though we may be weak, we enter the open doors before us by faith in the strength that only God provides us. 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 18—In Preparation for Restoration*

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



## Wednesday, August 25

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

**6:30 p.m.** Prayer Meeting

# Behind the Scenes

## EASTSIDE MEALS ON WHEELS

Volunteers from our Eastside Meals On Wheels churches have begun working together delivering meals each Friday at 11 a.m. We have set up a system where our volunteers go together in 2 teams of 2 people, with each team only serving every third week. As we train more volunteers, we can extend the time of service to every fourth week. 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.

## FRESH START WORK DAYS PLANNED

Saturday outside work days are being planned for **August 28, September 4 and 11**. We are needing to prune the shrubbery around the church, power wash the brick planter along Yale, and remove two trees. Also, there are other minor repairs that need to be made around the building.

## FAITH COMES BY HEARING

In observance of the 20th Anniversary of 9/11, we are planning a time of remembrance that includes an offering to *Faith Comes By Hearing* and an effort to provide Bible sticks in the native languages of the world.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts Aug 15 .....	\$ 1,539.00
Special Offerings Aug 15 .....	\$ 500.00

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