

REFLECTIONS

Over the course of the summer, I have watched construction crews redesign the entrance to the Expo Building by the Golden Driller statue at the Fairgrounds. They have been frantically painting the outside of the building, roof and all, to the new colors of light grey and royal blue. This is to match the new logo on the reimagined gates at each of the old entrances. It looks to me like they may be painting late into the night for another week. The Tulsa State Fair is about to open on September 30. On the other side of the fairgrounds, where the barns are, the fair has already begun for the future farmers of America.

Trucks with trailers filled with large animals have been rumbling past the church this week headed for the fairgrounds. While the painting continues, midway rides have been assembled, new parking signs have been added, and RV's filled with people and merchandise have assembled in the designated parking lots, creating their own little camp towns. Corn Dog and Cotton Candy trailers are escorted down the street like honored guests arriving at the ball. All that is left is for about 1,000,000 people to show up, discovering along the way that it costs real money to go to the State Fair.

I enjoy the Fair. Last year it was cancelled because of *you know what*. This year seems to be full steam ahead. I enjoy watching the people, eating the *food*, and discovering the latest, greatest miracle-working gadget ever seen on the face of the earth. If we make it to the fair, I will be searching for the first sign of autumn—the deep-fried, bacon-wrapped, pumpkin-spiced cheesecake on a stick. There is nothing quite like a state fair. But it would never happen at all without detailed preparations, hardworking people, and a common goal to hold the finest fair ever. So when you see the 4H-ers with their prize cow or pig, the blue ribbon cakes or quilts, the hot tubs or the glasses cleaners, remember the effort and sacrifice that is behind it all. Any worthy endeavor takes preparation, commitment, and sacrifice. That includes your family, your church, and your daily life.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Do what it takes. 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	6:30 p.m.

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*Do not be
conformed to
this world,
but*

**BE
TRANSFORMED**

*by the
renewal of
your mind.*

ROMANS 12:2,
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 PJ Shepard
Marion Corbett	Margaret VanHorn
Russell Ford	Leslie White
Paula McPherson	

IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL

P J Shepard

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

4 Pastor Francisco Gaona



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

10:00 a.m. Wisdom for the Journey
The Disciple's Way, part 2
—Romans 12:2

This Sunday we continue our sermon series on the Journey of Discipleship. As a follower of Jesus, we are disciples. We have the assignment to make disciples of others. How do we walk this journey of discipleship in a world of chaos and pain? Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Bible Study and Conversation
Ladies Bible Study Class

11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal



Wednesday, September 29

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting

Behind the Scenes

ROOFING PROJECT COMPLETED

The long anticipated repair and replacement of the roof on our education building was completed September 18, on time and on budget. This project was delayed from all of last year. A tremendous **Thank You** goes to *Pastor Francisco Gaona* for daily overseeing this project. The cost was underwritten by our two congregations, Monte Los Olivos and Braden Park, and paid in full.

PAVILLION UNDER CONSIDERATION

We are weighing the cost and the options for building a large, multipurpose pavilion, or shelter, within the fenced area in the north parking lot. Resting on a concrete foundation, this facility could shelter our People's Pantry Ministry food distributions, church and neighborhood meals, worship and Bible study groups, and fellowship parties. We are exploring something in the size of 20 feet wide and 30 feet long.

CORRECTION

In last week's Reflections column, the name of the town of Gander, Newfoundland was misspelled.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts Sept 19	\$ 1,615.00
Special Offerings Sept 19.....	\$ 471.00
(Faith Comes by Hearing, to date)	

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