

# REFLECTIONS

It is being called “The Great Resignation.” The Great Resignation was first noted by economists following the release of the April 2021 Jobs Report. Articles continue to be written about this in the nation’s leading financial and business journals. What happened was that 4 million US workers resigned or quit their jobs all at once in April. This was separate from those being laid off or fired from their places of employment. It happened again in May and by the end of June a total of 11.5 million workers had stepped away from their careers. Millions of these were high paying professionals making well over six-figure salaries. This is a seismic shift in the economic landscape of America. It also coincides with a massive return to the workplace following the shutdown. Millions of workers said, “Not me.” Speculation centers on low wage earners demanding better pay, and lingering health concerns in the time of a virus resurgence. But the astounding number of high paying job resignations points to a reordering of personal priorities.

“The Great Reprioritization,” as some are now calling it, is earnestly gaining momentum across our land. As a pastor, I can see where this last year of sickness and upheaval is causing people to reevaluate their lives and dreams. Congregational studies are reporting that fully one-third of all church attenders before the pandemic are not planning to go back to church with any regularity, if at all.

This all gives me great hope for our future as a nation, and for the local church. People who make such dramatic changes in their lives are thoughtful, aware of the risks, and seeking fulfillment in body, mind and spirit. *The great resigners* will seek a healthier job and life balance. They will create new incomes and deeper satisfactions. Those who have tasted the joys of Christ, but been hurt or betrayed by *church people*, will discover a healthier faith and life balance with authentic believers. The disillusioned and discouraged need genuine relationships that are honest and true, just like you and I do. Now is the opportunity to reprioritize our faith with service and justice for all. Or, as Isaiah put it, *Today... is the day of salvation.*

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Reprioritize. 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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One  
**SPIRIT**

Many  
**GIFTS**

A large graphic of a cross with rays of light emanating from the top. The cross is stylized with a thick vertical stem and a horizontal bar. Above the cross, there are several curved lines that resemble rays of light or a fan. The text 'One SPIRIT' is on the left and 'Many GIFTS' is on the right, both in a bold, sans-serif font.

# 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
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Marion Corbett	Margaret VanHorn
Russell Ford	Leslie White
Paula McPherson	

## IN THE HOSPITAL

P J Shepard	St. Francis Hospital
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**October**  
 18 Bryan Enos  
 21 Martin Senske



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10

**10:00 a.m. The Disciple's Walk:  
 The Many Gifts of Grace**  
 —Romans 12:3-8

This Sunday we continue our sermon series on the Journey of Discipleship. As followers 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, OCTOBER 13

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry  
 6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting



## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 17

**10:00 a.m. Humble Confidence**  
 Kevin Avery, preaching  
 —Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-8

# Behind the Scenes

## THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY MINISTRY REPORT

The People's Pantry provided 110 individuals with enough groceries for 1,320 meals during the past three months, July through September. The pantry has also provided groceries and personal products for several homeless neighbors and others on foot or bicycle. Groceries are being distributed outside on the north parking lot by the kitchen curb. The Clothes Closet was opened for three weeks until the rise of the Delta variant forced us to close and provide only limited access. Thank you for your on-going prayers and financial support.

## MEALS ON WHEELS REPORT

Our Eastside Meals On Wheels Ministry restarted limited meal delivery of seven fresh frozen meals each Friday beginning August 20th to an average of 28 recipients (196 meals). With the assistance of volunteers from Will Rogers Methodist, St. Luke's Episcopal, and Yale Ave Presbyterian church, our volunteers deliver on a once-every-three weeks system. Our Meals on Wheels volunteers all have significant connections to our church: *Karen and Bruce Betts, Connie Connely, Katy Cook, Darryl DeBorde, Heidi and Charles Highfill, and Sue Rendon.*

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts October 3 .....	\$ 2,066.00
Special Offerings October 3 .....	\$ 00.00

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