

REFLECTIONS

It was a wonderful gift given by some dear friends. They were downsizing and moving into the senior housing at the Baptist Village in Owasso, Oklahoma. Vernon Smith and his wife Esther helped organize our church in 1935. Vernon was a banker, a deacon, church treasurer and the first choir director. Esther's funeral service in 1975 was the largest I had ever officiated. Later, Vernon married Ollie Shannon, whom he had rediscovered at their high school reunion. When Vernon and Ollie moved, we received their grandfather clock.

Grandfather clocks need to be moved gently. There is a pendulum, heavy weights and chains, and delicate moving parts all housed in a cabinet nearly seven feet tall. It fit perfectly in our front hall just down from the bedrooms. It chimes every fifteen minutes, longer and longer rings until it "bongs" the hour. At first it nearly drove me crazy. I knew when it was 2:15 or 4:45 a.m. in my so-called sleep. Overnight guests would comment on the clock. The Westminster Chime is the classic ring that it is set to. Also, there are options to set it to the Winchester or the Whittington Chimes. I tried them all—still less sleep. Then one day, I adjusted.

What keeps you awake at night these days? For me it is the ever-present blanket of grief and loss this year that is weighing on my heart. Since last December I have officiated or participated in 18 funerals, all with long personal relationships. I listen for the "still small voice" of God's grace.

After I set the clock back to the Westminster Chime, I barely noticed 3 a.m. Before long I was sleeping through the night again. One day Vernon asked me how I was adjusting to the clock. He proceeded to tell me about the secret little hook that prevents it from chiming at all. By then it was too late. About thirty-five years have passed listening to that grandfather clock. It keeps perfect time if I remember to wind it regularly. The sound of the chime has become so familiar I rarely hear it at all. I have adjusted to its rhythm and sound. I wonder sometimes if the chimes were turned off, would the quiet keep me awake?

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Listen closely. 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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*Rejoice with those
who rejoice, weep
with those who weep.*

Romans 12:15, NRSV

Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Emerald Care Nursing Center #26 Gina Reynolds
 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 THE HOSPITAL

Gina Reynolds	St. John Medical Center
P. J. Shepard	St. Francis Hospital

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November
 11 Darryl DeBorde
 18 Marion Corbett (90 years)



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 7 *Time Change Sunday*

10:00 a.m. Living for the Long Journey, pt. 3
 —Romans 12:14-18

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, NOVEMBER 9

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer Meeting



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 14

10:00 a.m. Overcoming Evil
 —Romans 12:14-17

Behind the Scenes

**Remember
 To Turn Your
 Clocks Back
 One Hour
 For Sunday**



CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY REOPENS

Our **Clothes Closet Ministry** is reopening each Wednesday Evening from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. We are in need of gently used and clean winter items for all ages. Thank you for your on-going support.

SPRING 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 by *December 5*.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts October 31	\$ 615.00
Special Offerings October 31	\$ 00.00

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