

REFLECTIONS

In December of 1750, Benjamin Franklin had an idea for a tasty turkey dinner. He speculated that electrocuting a turkey might make it juicier to eat. It did not go well. Franklin was experimenting with electricity long before the famous kite test. According to a recent article by *Timothy J. Jorgensen* in the Smithsonian Magazine, Franklin was working with an invention called a *Leyden Jar*, which was a forerunner of the capacitor and the battery. Static electricity was transferred into the jar and stored until it could be discharged. Jorgensen writes, "One day, while performing a demonstration of the proper way to electrocute a turkey, (Franklin) mistakenly touched the electrified wire intended for the turkey while his other hand was grounded, thereby diverting the full brunt of the turkey-killing charge into his own body." It was a near-death experience which probably saved his life two years later. Try not to hurt yourself—turkeys can be dangerous.

Ben Franklin coined such terms as current, positive charge, negative charge, discharge, conductor, and battery. According to the article, Mr. Franklin was embarrassed and humiliated by the incident. His pride was wounded. After he regained consciousness, he felt excruciating pain and saw his blistered hand. It turns out traditional ways of killing a turkey have prevailed. Mr. Jorgensen speculates in his article that the turkey incident prepared Ben to take better precautions in 1752 when flying his kite in a thunderstorm holding a wet string with an iron key attached to it. Franklin tied a length of non-conductive silk to the string, separating him from the electric charge, which he captured through the key in his own Leyden Jar. I have a personal theory that most the ills of our modern world can be laid at the feet of our pride and all things electronic.

Benjamin Franklin is not alone in experiencing disaster getting a turkey ready for dinner. You might have your own story. I call those stories—*The Revenge of the Turkey*. There's the story about the weary mother getting up at 4:30 in the morning to put the turkey in the oven, setting the timer, but forgetting to turn on the oven. Or the one about the deep-fried turkey volcano in the kitchen, or the ever popular, "Mom, the dog is eating the turkey."

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

Bro. Darryl

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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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MY SOUL WAITS,
AND IN HIS WORD
I HOPE.

Psalm 130:5, NRSV

Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Southern Hills Rehabilitation Center #302 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	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

9 Paula McPherson
11 Katy Cook



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 28 The First Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. The Blessing of Hope
—Psalm 25:1-7

This week we begin the Advent Season of preparation for the coming of the Lord. We reflect on the rich blessing and goodness of Hope throughout the Bible. Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

**11:15 a.m. Bible Study, The Case for Christmas
Ladies Bible Study Class**

11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 1

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 5

10:00 a.m. The Second Sunday of Advent
—The Blessing of Peace

Behind the Scenes

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

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*.

NEW UPDATED CHURCH DIRECTORY

Copies of the newly updated abridged Church Directory are available beginning this Sunday, November 28. This new directory includes the changes and additions from this past year.

THE CASE FOR CHRISTMAS VIDEO SERIES

Join with us this Sunday during the 11:15 a.m. Bible Study hour as we begin a four-week study of *The Case for Christmas* by noted Christian journalist and apologist Lee Strobel. This Sunday we discuss the lesson, "Setting the Record Straight."

CONSIDER YOUR PART IN OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR WORLD MISSIONS.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts November 21	\$ 1,917.00
Special Offerings November 21	\$ 00.00

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