

REFLECTIONS

Early in our marriage I told Dorothy one of my life goals was to minister on all the continents of the world, based on the great commission of Jesus to “Go into all the world...” By allowing God to lead at His pace, I have been blessed to minister on all seven of the continents of the world, including the sub-continent of India. I have found these short-term experiences to be refreshing and renewing personally. Through the years I have discerned that I bring a spiritual gift of encouragement to the missionaries, pastors, and believers in each of the places I have been privileged to serve. Missionaries can find themselves in a lonely outsider kind of place emotionally. I remember going to Africa in a dominant Muslim area where the three missionary families told me I was the only non-fulltime missionary visitor that had come to spend time with them in over three years. They were starving for encouragement. God moved in a mighty way that week.

These opportunities have given to me a sense of perspective on the world at large, our church community in Tulsa, and my place in it all. With the events of September 11, 2001 and the rise of brutality throughout the world, frontline international missions have changed drastically. Add to this global financial instability and a world-wide pandemic, our global missionaries find themselves facing unimaginable challenges. Still, global missionaries trust the God who has called them to go forth.

The costs of livable wages and housing for full-time missionaries, plus life and health insurance risks in a foreign land, while also providing for their retirements, have necessarily shifted the realities for all missionary-sending organizations, Baptists included. Long-term missionary teams have grown smaller as their regions of service have grown wider. Short-term mission projects and teams have of necessity carried much of the weight for the mission fields. Global missions now focus on three primary areas for ministry: indigenous church planting and leadership training, mass migration relief, and natural disaster recovery.

There is a new urgency to support our missionaries. Our Lottie Moon Global Missions Offering this Christmas is a worthy and vital opportunity to support our efforts as a church to be a Great Commission people in a hurting and suffering world.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Pray for our missionaries. 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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LUKE 1:32



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

16 Lydia Ford
18 Kimberly Garrison
22 Michelle Pearcy

OUR APPRECIATION IS EXTENDED to those who helped decorate the church for the Christmas season: *Bryan Enos* for setting up all of the wreaths and the Christmas tree in the Sanctuary; *Dorothy DeBorde* for the decorations in Fellowship Hall; and *Patty Hickman, Josef Lindholm, Katy Cook, Bill Ess, Stephen Lovelace, Diep Vo, Molly and Hudson Avery, and Donelle, Carter and Deacon Enos* for decorating the Christmas tree and the foyer.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 12 The Third Sunday of Advent

10:00 a.m. The Blessing of Joy
—Luke 1:46-47

This week we continue with the Advent Season of preparation for the coming of the Lord. We reflect on the rich blessing and goodness of *Joy* promised 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 15

4:30 p.m. Meet at church to carpool to City Hall

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 19

10:00 a.m. The Fourth Sunday of Advent
—The Blessing of Love

Behind the Scenes

PROPERTY REZONING UPDATE

The Tulsa City Council has scheduled a vote on December 15 on a request by the owner to rezone the property next to the church from a classification of *Office and Light Commercial* to a *Full Commercial* designation. Three people from the neighborhood have been designated to speak against the proposal, including one person from our church. A full commercial designation no longer exempts undesirable businesses from this location simply because we are a church. We are seeking to have a sizable crowd present for the meeting. Because the meeting is downtown, we are encouraging gathering at the church at 4:30 p.m. to carpool to City Hall. The city council meeting will begin at 5:30.

CONSIDER YOUR PART IN OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR WORLD MISSIONS.

NEW YOUTH LEADER

David Anderson, who we've welcomed in our church these past few months, has agreed to lead our youth group. David is in his second year as a graduate law student at the University of Tulsa. He grew up in a Baptist pastor's family in the Dallas area, along with his twin sister and four other siblings. We are grateful that God has led him to our fellowship and we give him our prayer support in this new ministry.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,936.00
General Receipts December 5	\$ 1,355.00
Special Offerings December 5	\$ 100.00
Lottie Moon Global Missions to date	\$ 300.00

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