

REFLECTIONS

Dorothy thawed the stew meat we bought early in December. She is preparing her famous homemade oven-baked beef stew recipe for dinner tonight. There is a chill in the air. Tulsa broke a 90-year record for the warmest December ever. It was 1931, during the dust bowl era, when the record was set—the average temperature for the month was 47.3 degrees. This year we averaged 52.2 degrees. We had 11 days with temperatures over 70° and three days when we officially reached 78°, December 4, 11 and 24. It was even a beautiful day for New Year's Eve. Naturally we had to cancel church on January 2nd because it was a frigid 16 degrees when the wind wasn't blowing!

The hardest part of winter for me is the Sunday Snow Day decision. This past Saturday, New Year's Day, it rained off and on, and the temperatures dropped into the upper 20's. Weather forecasts told of freezing temperatures and strong winds for Sunday morning, with a chance of snow, maybe a light dusting or less. "Less than a light dusting of snow," when translated from the original Greek, means "we have no idea." I do not take canceling church lightly. I selfishly think about all the service preparations and printed bulletins. I think about the safety of our older members. I know that even when we try to call everyone, someone will come to church having not gotten the message. We called off the service on Saturday afternoon, allowing word to reach most everyone. Turns out we all needed a Sabbath day of rest. It has been a rough two years for everyone.

My thoughts turned to looking ahead in the 2022 calendar. Only because I am a preacher by day, Easter is on my horizon. It falls on April 17 this year. Also, some years ago I promised the grandchildren an in-person trip to Washington D.C. someday. They think Spring Break would be a nice time to visit. It remains to be seen. The only thing harder than calendar planning in the Era of Covid is making predictions about the future. *Flexible* is my word of the year. I ate an extra helping of the stew.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Stay warm. 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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Let brotherly
love continue.
Be not forgetful to
entertain strangers:
for thereby some
have entertained
angels unawares.

Hebrews 13:1-2

Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 Dorothy Lee

AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett
Elizabeth Burke
Berta Caldwell
Marion Corbett
Russell Ford
Paula McPherson

Bonnie Nutting
Waneta Reynolds
Ben and PJ Shepard
Margaret VanHorn
Leslie White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

9 Sunni Wager
12 Onis McHenry



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JANUARY 9

10:00 a.m. The Ending Is the Beginning
—Hebrews 13:1-8

The future has arrived. It is 2022. The Gospel Story is fulfilled. Jesus Christ is here. The church has one mission, to make disciples. Disciples are called to live and love in the power of Christ. People need the Lord. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever. Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Conversation and Bible Study

11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 12

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study
—Acts 20



SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

10:00 a.m. The State of the Church 2022

Behind the Scenes

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Waneta Reynolds* in the loss of her daughter, **Gina Reynolds** on New Years Day. A celebration service for Gina was planned for January 6 at Moore's Eastlawn Chapel.

THANK YOU IMPERIAL PRINTING

This year marks The Evangel's 52nd year as our church newsletter. For all of these years The Imperial Printing Company has printed and folded our newsletter. Imperial Printing provides the paper and their services as a ministry gift, without charge to us. Thank You, *Jerry Dale*, and your father *Gary Dale* before you, for your generosity and excellent on-going work.

THANK YOU FOR TITHING

Each year the church receives an annual tithe distribution from the estate of the late J. Ray and Ola Smith through the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, now called WatersEdge Ministry Services. This year's tithe was \$8,235.60. This money goes into our general reserves and is set aside for unexpected maintenance expenses. It is a tremendous blessing to the Lord's work when faithful members include Braden Park Baptist Church in their wills.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$1,936.00
General Receipts January 2	\$3,300.00
Special Offerings January 2	\$ 100.00
Lottie Moon Global Missions to date	\$1,454.00

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