

# REFLECTIONS

How are you acting and reacting to others in this on-going pandemic? As Christians, we are challenged to live according to the ethical standards of Jesus. This is not as easy as it might sound. Daily applying the biblical lessons we have learned is a rigorous test of our faithfulness and love. Life has grown even more complicated in our time of Covid. What is the greatest ethical teaching according to Christ? Luke 10:27, 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind'; and, 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'

I was confronted with my own set of ethical Covid challenges this past week. On Friday I was notified that I had been exposed to someone who tested positive for Covid-19. I had spent prolonged time over a few days with the person who had taken ill on Wednesday night. Now what are we supposed to do? *The general rule* is to be prayerfully honest with yourself about your situation. Tell anyone you had close contact with to allow them to assess their own circumstances. Direct exposure is different than indirect exposure, depending on the length of time spent together (over 15 minutes), masked or unmasked. *Next*, decide if you should be tested and when. My last long exposure had been on Wednesday, now it was Friday. In a preacher's world, Sunday is coming soon. Dorothy and I both got tested later that afternoon. We exhibited no symptoms, but that was little help in this situation since even asymptomatic persons can be contagious. The results were expected on Saturday. They did not come through on Saturday.

Here is where the temptation to take unethical next steps gets stronger. The right thing to do was to isolate until we knew what we were facing. We rationalized, we could go to church Sunday, stay in the office, and only come out to for the worship service, and not speak to anyone up close. It is a big room after all. Or we could do the ethical thing—isolate until we knew what we were facing. We prayed, notified the appropriate people, printed a new service bulletin, and swallowed the pride of our self-importance. We learned late Sunday that we had both tested negative. Here is my unasked-for advice: get your mask back out and wear it in public until this wave passes by. It is the ethical way to love Him—body, and soul.

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

Bro. Darryl

THE EVANGEL (USPS 180-140) is published weekly except 1st week of July and 4th week of December by the  
BRADEN PARK BAPTIST CHURCH • 4739 East 5th • Tulsa, OK 74112-2716  
Periodicals postage paid at Tulsa, OK.  
POSTMASTER: send address changes to • THE EVANGEL • 4739 East 5th • Tulsa, OK 74112-2716

PERIODICALS  
POSTAGE  
**PAID**  
Tulsa, OK  
USPS #180-140

## The Evangel

Braden Park Baptist Church  
4739 East Fifth Street (5th & Yale)  
Tulsa, OK 74112-2716

### 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.

Dr. Darryl DeBorde, Minister  
Bill Ess, Music Minister

Telephone (918) 834-3378  
Fax (918) 834-3440  
office@BradenPark.org

Printing provided by  
Imperial Printing

# The Evangel

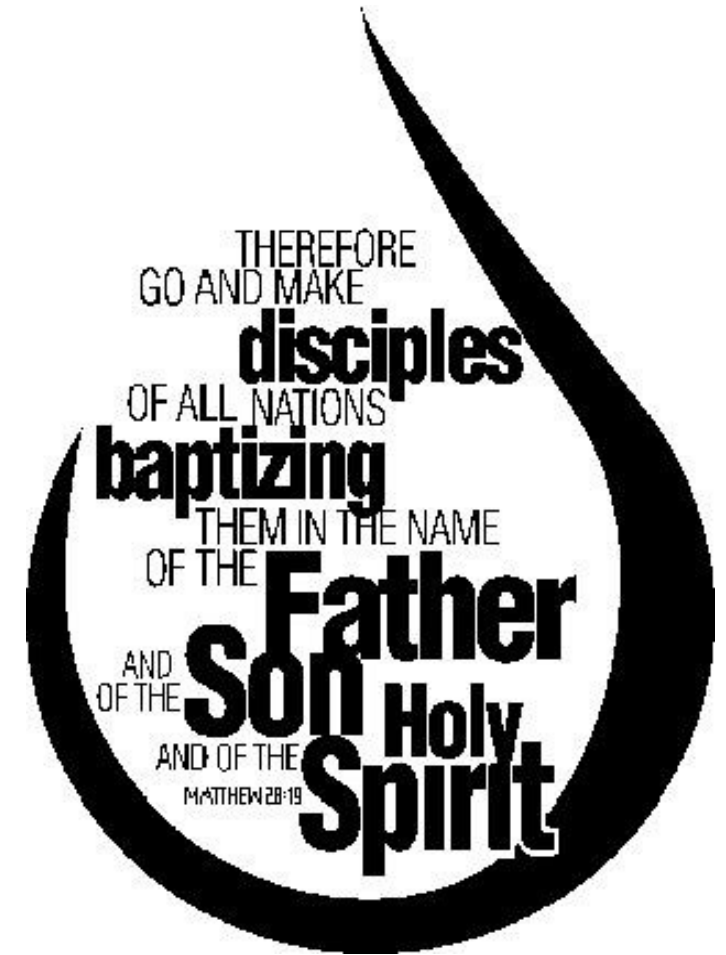


Proclaiming the Good News!  
Braden Park Baptist Church  
Tulsa, Oklahoma

VOL LII

January 14, 2022

No. 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

20 Nancy Holdt  
21 Pam Utley

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### January

19 Ray and Judy Martin 62 Years



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 16

**10:00 a.m. The State of the Church—2022**  
—Matthew 28:16-20

This Sunday's message takes a reflective look back on the life of the church in 2021, and a visionary look forward to what God is doing in our midst, in our community and in our world. 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 19

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

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



## SUNDAY, JANUARY 23

**10:00 a.m. Understanding Genesis:  
The Book and The Beginning**

# Behind the Scenes

## THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY MINISTRY REPORT

The People's Pantry provided 100 families, 216 individuals, with enough groceries for 2,592 meals during the past three months, October through December. The pantry has also provided groceries and personal products for several homeless neighbors and others on foot or bicycle. For the 2021 calendar year, the pantry provided a total of 712 individuals enough groceries for 8,544 meals.

Groceries are being distributed outside on the north parking lot by the kitchen curb. The Clothes Closet was opened for a few weeks until the recent rise of the Omicron variant forced us to provide only limited access. Thank you for your on-going prayers, food and clothing contributions, and financial support.

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR RECENT AUTHORS

**Patty Hickman** has recently published two books in her series *On Cardinal Street*, Volume 1, January—June and Volume 2, July—December, under her penname P. M. Hickman. They are available through Amazon in Paperback or Kindle.

**Connie Connely** has an article, *The Lost Photo*, in the February/March 2022 issue of *Mysterious Ways*, published by Guideposts. Also, Connie writes monthly articles for *Blood-Cancer.com*.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need ..... \$ 1,936.00  
General Receipts January 9 ..... \$ 2,236.88  
Special Offerings January 9 ..... \$ 100.00  
**Lottie Moon Global Missions to date** ..... \$ 1,514.00

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