

# REFLECTIONS

A British man who works in Brooklyn, New York, Josh Wardle, invented an internet word game to play with a friend way back in October of 2021. Someone in New Zealand discovered it and started sharing it with their friends. The game found it's way to the US again and now it is the puzzle rage of the world. Mr. Wardle called it *Wordle*. Meanwhile, five years ago when he was 18, Steven Cravotta of California invented an app for a word game that he called *Wordle!* See the difference. Mr. Cravotta's game, which had not attracted much attention, was suddenly downloaded 200,000 times in a single day a couple of months ago. He thought someone was trying to pull a scam on him. Those first 200,000 people got a different word game to play. Mr. Cravotta contacted Mr. Wardle to talk about *Wordle*. Both agreed they had no idea about the other, and they were enjoying their new-found incomes. They agreed to each send a portion of the proceeds to a non-profit literacy program called *Boost! West Oakland*.

Mr. Wardle's *Wordle* is a fancy version of the old game Hangman using only one 5-letter word. Mr. Wardle sold his game to the New York Times. He did well. The player gets six tries to guess the word of the day. The player starts with a random word. Correct letters in the correct place are highlighted in green. Correct letters in the wrong place will be highlighted in yellow. All wrong letters will be grayed as out of play. There are approximately 130,000 5-letter English words. About 1,000 of those words are the ones we most commonly use. There is a British version of the game if you want to learn some extra 5-letter words.

I had managed to avoid this game until last week. Dorothy and I work the puzzle together when we have time. A success story like this motivates other puzzle creators. Now there is *Worldle*, a geography game, and *Nerdle*, a mathematics game. The most amazing thing about this story for me is the level of courtesy and restraint demonstrated by the players to not reveal the answer to the word of the day. People can play nicely with others on a world-wide scale. We can treat others like we would like to be treated. We can show respectfulness. We can refrain from spoiling someone's joy and pleasure. We can be a people of integrity.

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

Bro. Darryl

This is a free internet game: [www.nytimes.com/games/wordle](http://www.nytimes.com/games/wordle)

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Morning</b>	9:20 a.m.
Continental Breakfast	10:00 a.m.
Worship	11:15 a.m.
Sunday School	
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	5:30 p.m.
Sanctuary Choir	6:30 p.m.
Worship	
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	6:30 p.m.
Prayer Service	

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...the life  
I now live  
in the flesh  
I live by  
faith in

the Son  
of God,  
who  
loved me  
and gave  
himself  
for me.

Galatians 2:20, NRSV

# 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!

### March

5 Ben Shepard  
7 Judy Spraker



# Looking Ahead

## In-Person Worship Each Week

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**10:00 a.m. What Shall We Say About Rahab?**  
—Hebrews 11:29-31

This Sunday we continue our messages based on Hebrews 11. This series looks at the sweep of the history of the people of faith who all find the power of God's grace. Join with us this Sunday. Invite a friend and be blessed.



### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23

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

**6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study**  
—Acts 21



### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27

**10:00 a.m. Kevin Avery, preaching**  
—Psalm 103

# Behind the Scenes

## NEW CHURCH BUDGET ADOPTED

Copies of the **2022 Budget** are available for your review. This budget includes a 3% staff salaries increase over last year. Also included is compensation for a Youth Minister. Offsets include the contributions from Monte Los Olivos and a housing allowance for our Missionary in Residence, Kevin Avery.

Missions	\$ 6,850
Program Support	\$ 6,850
Building & Utilities	\$ 36,492
Staff Compensation	\$ 103,708
Income offsets	\$ (54,900)
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 99,000</b>

## CONNECTING WITH THE CHURCH

You can connect with us through the church Facebook page, **Braden Park Church Tulsa**, for updates and announcements. You can also find **The EVANGEL**, sermons, and other information at our church website: [www.bradenpark.org](http://www.bradenpark.org)

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts February 13 .....	\$ 1,077.57
Special Offerings February 13 .....	\$ 00.00

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