

# REFLECTIONS

She is the mother of a daughter, 17, and a son who is 9 years old. She and her husband had a comfortable life, she as a screen and comedy writer and he as a show business entertainer. She was adamantly opposed to her husband entering the political world. He was elected president of Ukraine. Now *Olena Zelenska*, age 44, is thrust into the life and death struggle that is Putin's War. Listen closely, that's what this horrific invasion of Ukraine by Russia is being called, *Putin's War*.

In a remarkable show of world leadership, *Volodymyr Zelensky* has inspired a nation and won the admiration of the world. He has also proven to be a formidable opponent of Russian aggression. His addresses have brought tears to his translators and standing ovations in the European Union. I wanted to highlight a little of what Olena Zelenska, (Zelenska is the feminine form of Zelensky), has been revealing to her people through her Instagram messages since the invasion Thursday February 24.

As I write this on March 1, I do not know how the Zelensky family story is progressing by the time you read this. According to news reports, at least one assassination attempt has been prevented. I cannot imagine what it must be like for any family, famous or not, to suddenly have everyone and everything you love under attack with real weapons of mass destruction. Picture Tulsa or any other favorite city with missiles and bombs exploding in the city centers and random suburban areas, rich and poor alike. There is no safe place to run or hide, even in a country the size of Texas. In these times, a full-scale war anywhere is a war everywhere, just like a pandemic. As you are praying for the Ukrainian people, know that Baptist relief efforts are underway in partnership with the mission ministries and agencies in the surrounding countries.

After her husband stated on Friday, February 25 that Putin had designated him as "target number one" and his family as "target number two," Olena wrote to her nation: *It is said that many are not crowds; this is an army! I shall not be in a state of panic or weeping. I'll be composed and certain. My kids are staring at me. I'll be right next to them. And right next to my hubby. And with you.*

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Support a free Ukraine. 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.  
Bible Study & Conversation 11:15 a.m.

**Wednesday Evening**  
The People's Pantry 5:00 p.m.  
The Clothes Closet Ministry  
Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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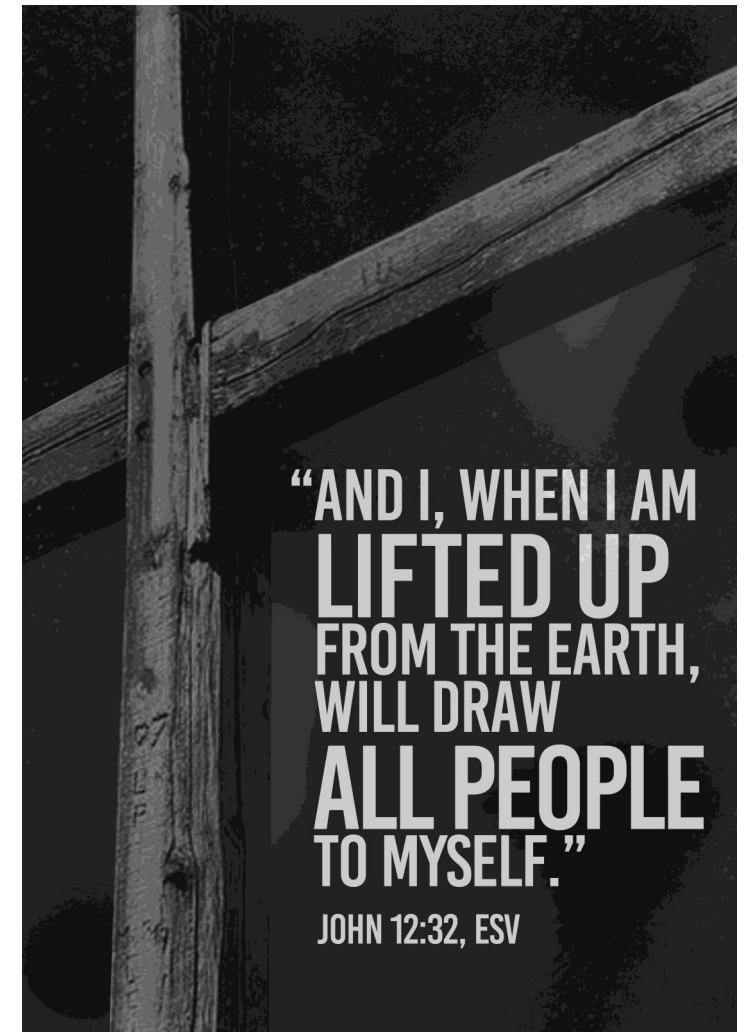
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# Our Church Family

## LIVING CENTERS

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Marion Corbett  
Russell Ford  
Paula McPherson

Bonnie Nutting  
Waneta Reynolds  
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Margaret VanHorn  
Leslie White

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### March

- 10 Dorothy DeBorde
- 13 Kevin Avery



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, MARCH 6

10:00 a.m. **Lift Him Up: "If I Be Lifted Up"**  
—John 12:20-33

This week we begin a new series, **Lift Him Up**. As Easter approaches, this is the time to examine our hearts and gaze unflinchingly at the cross of Jesus. Join with us in person this Sunday. Invite a friend and be blessed.



## WEDNESDAY, MARCH 9

- 5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry  
Clothes Closet Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. **Prayer and Bible Study**



## SUNDAY, MARCH 13 (Daylight Savings Time begins)

10:00 a.m. **Who Is This Son of Man?**  
—John 12:30-50

# Behind the Scenes

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Our Ladies Bible Study Group is exploring the Trinity in their current series, **He Is Where the Joy Is: Getting to Know the Captivating God of the Trinity**, by *Tara-Leigh Cobble*. "It's hard to know a God we don't understand, and it's hard to love a God we do not know, and He's told us a lot about Himself in the pages of His Word. Understanding God's three-in-oneness and each of the Persons of God individually—Father, Son and Holy Spirit—will lead you to deeper intimacy with God and greater joy in knowing Him!" says Cobble. This class meets **Sunday mornings at 11:15** in the room next to *The People's Pantry*. **Connie Connely** leads the discussions each week.

## 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 27 .....	\$ 4,100.00
Special Offerings February 27 .....	\$ 00.00

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