

REFLECTIONS

I grew up with a knife in my pocket. As a boy I carried a small pocket knife—a simple one-bladed jackknife. It was about 3-inches long. It was very handy for sharpening pencils and eating fresh oranges. In those days we were also taught to always carry a handkerchief or two. The extra one was in case we needed to help a lady in distress. In high school I carried a two-bladed pen knife, the kind with a big and a small blade. I also had a multipurpose Boy Scout knife and a fixed blade Scout knife. I still have both of my Scout knives and a few old pocketknives, including one that my father carried. When the Swiss Army knife became popular, of course, I had to have one of those. I found a handy-sized Swiss Army knife that I attached to my car key ring and used until the invention of the bulky car fobs. Over the years I almost donated a couple of pocketknives to airport security. I now keep my pocketknives strategically placed in the house, the garage, the church office desk and in the car.

Some of my knives try to do too much. The Scout knife and the Swiss Army knife come equipped with bottle and can openers, serrated blades and an awl, which are handy when camping or fishing. They also have screwdriver bits, tweezers, scissors, a corkscrew and a plastic toothpick. You must have strong fingernails to open some of those knives. I prefer to have a few different-sized general purpose multi-tools for actual repair jobs.

Most of my handy, ready for service knives sit neglected. How many assorted knives do you have tucked away in miscellaneous drawers? The secret to a good knife is a sharp, clean blade. I have some well-worn whetting stones in my workbench. Rusty knives do not help anything. Tender care helps everything. Proverbs 27 tells us, *“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”* There is an art to keeping a blade sharp. It takes practice, persistence, patience and a little bit of oil to smooth the way. Then the knife is always ready to fulfill its purpose. Who are you helping to spiritually sharpen today? Who is helping you?

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

Bro. Darryl

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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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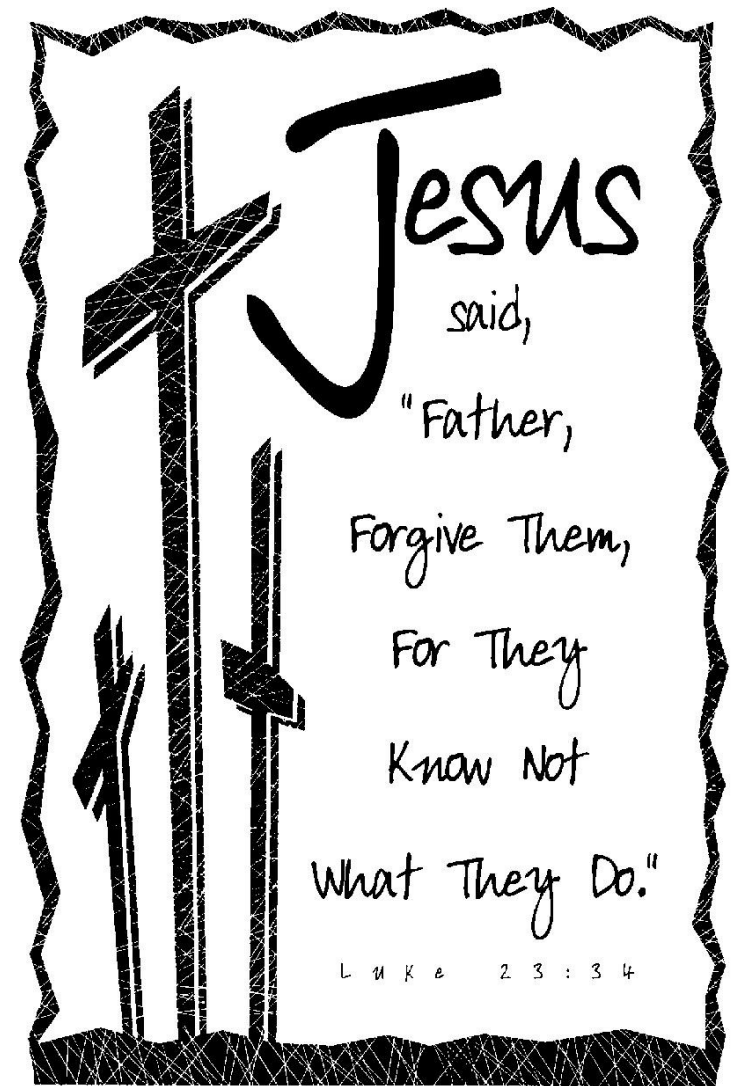


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Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

23 Nancy Holland
27 Ray Martin

April

1 Eric Bolton
3 John Kuykendall



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, MARCH 20

10:00 a.m. **Lift Him Up:**
The Word of Forgiveness
—Luke 23:26-34

This week we continue our series, **Lift Him Up**. As Easter approaches, we turn our gaze toward the cross of Jesus and hear His voice cry out. Join with us in person this Sunday. Invite a friend and be blessed.



WEDNESDAY, MARCH 23

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

6:30 p.m. **Prayer and Bible Study**



SUNDAY, MARCH 27

10:00 a.m. **Lift Him Up:**
The Word of Salvation
—Luke 23:35-43

Behind the Scenes

TIMOTHY SCHOLARSHIP FOR OBU

The Timothy McKinley Scholarship Fund is available for full-time students attending **Oklahoma Baptist University** in Shawnee for the **2022-2023 school year**. **Applications are due by April 17**. We have scholarships available. If you know someone related to the greater church family or a son or daughter of a pastor or missionary, who would like to attend OBU, contact the church at office@bradenpark.org.

PRAYER FOR THE NATIONS

You are invited into a time of **Prayer for the Nations** of the world through **Zoom each Tuesday at 8:00 p.m.** This hour will be led by *Kevin Avery*, our Missionary In Residence, and *John Long*, pastor of The International Village in Norman, Oklahoma. The time begins with a brief devotional opening, followed by prayers for Current Global Crises, and for the needs of highlighted nations. Look on Kevin Avery's Facebook page for the Zoom link.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts March 13	\$ 1,330.45
Special Offerings March 13	\$ 00.00

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