

# REFLECTIONS

The only time I have ever fainted was in church on an Easter Sunday morning. I was about 13 years old. While not all the details are clear, I do remember the highlights of my embarrassment. My whole family sat together in church as was our custom. During one of the Easter hymns, I fell over sideways into the pew. I was next to one of my parents who quietly took over the situation. Apparently, I was colorless. They roused me and gave me a Smith Bros cough drop, a miracle elixir of that era. It worked. I made it through the rest of the service that morning, but I was the topic of teasing by my younger sisters for quite some time.

Easter Sunday always held a special place in our family life. My parents were married on April 25<sup>th</sup> on Easter Sunday afternoon in 1943. My father wore his Navy uniform, and my mother wore a simple dress with a corsage. The church was already filled with Easter lilies and lots of other flowers. So, each time our family went to church for Easter our parents always reflected on their joyous wedding day. Poetically, my mother died unexpectedly in her sleep on their 60th wedding anniversary weekend, and Dad died a few months later. Easter was interwoven into their hearts and their love.

I did not think we could go through another longer and sadder time than 2020 and 2021. Then came the evil war in Ukraine. I was reminded today in my reading that those in the Gospel were living each verse minute by minute, facing each devastating minute while watching Jesus die on the cross. We can just skip ahead to Easter. The Cross demonstrated to us the full extent of God's love with words such as, "Father, forgive them." Easter has always been about love overcoming sin, joy overcoming sorrow, and life overcoming even death itself.

I have been blessed my whole life to be able to go to church each week with family and the people of faith who are like family to me. Occasionally something embarrassing, hard, or sad happens, even in church, but that is part of life and living with each other. Today the preciousness of Easter fills my heart to overflowing.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Celebrate Easter. 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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Death  
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swallowed  
up in  
Victory.

A black and white illustration of a hand holding a flag. The flag has a cross on top and is flying. The background is filled with clouds. The text 'Death has been swallowed up in Victory.' is written in a large, stylized font across the top of the illustration.

Where, O death,  
is your victory?  
Where, O death,  
is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15:54-55

# 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  
Lydia Ford  
Paula McPherson

Georgia Metcalf  
Bonnie Nutting  
Waneta Reynolds  
Ben and PJ Shepard  
Leslie White

## TIMOTHY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OBU DUE

The Timothy McKinley Scholarships are available for full-time students attending **Oklahoma Baptist University** in Shawnee for the **2022-2023 school year**. **Applications are due by Sunday, April 17**. Contact the church at [office@bradenpark.org](mailto:office@bradenpark.org).

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 27 Dorris Doyle  
30 Elizabeth Burke  
April Yingst



# Looking Ahead

**SUNDAY, APRIL 17**  
**EASTER**

**10:00 a.m. Victory! Victory!**  
**—1 Corinthians 15:56-57**

**This week we celebrate Easter.** We are invited to worship the God who provided the single greatest Victory of all human history. Victory over sin. Victory over death. Victory through the Resurrection of Jesus. It's Easter! Invite your friends to church and be blessed.



**TUESDAY, APRIL 19**

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations  
Kevin Avery's Facebook zoom link

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 20**

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

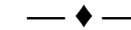


**SUNDAY, APRIL 24**

10:00 a.m. Kevin Avery Preaching

# Behind the Scenes

**EASTER SUNDAY — APRIL 17**  
**10:00 a.m.**



## EASTER EGG HUNT APRIL 17 AT TURNER PARK

A children's Easter Egg Hunt will be held at Turner Park Easter Sunday afternoon starting at 2:00 p.m. There will be three age groups: 0-3, 4-6 and 7-10. This event is sponsored by the Turner Park Neighborhood Association. Let's meet our neighbors. Volunteers are needed for set-up and hiding the eggs.

## THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY MINISTRY REPORT

The People's Pantry provided 95 families, 215 individuals, with enough groceries for 2,580 meals during the past three months, January through March. The pantry has also provided groceries and personal products for several homeless neighbors and others on foot or bicycle. We continue to distribute the groceries outside. The Clothes Closet is fully open. Thank you for your on-going prayers, food and clothing contributions, and financial support.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need ..... \$ 1,904.00  
General Receipts April 10 ..... \$ 2,072.37  
Special Offerings April 10 ..... \$ 100.00

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