

# REFLECTIONS

My heart hurts right now. I have been working my way through the nearly 300-page report authorized by the Southern Baptist Convention last June that details the systematic and purposeful deceit of our convention leadership to perpetuate predatory sexual abuse in our institutions and churches. I can see why these leaders were so unwilling to even let the study begin. Let me say this is not a problem of a few employees and elected leaders committing adultery. This is far worse. This is a report documenting how, for at least 20 years, victims and survivors of sexual aggression, male and female, were demeaned, lied to, and falsely characterized as charlatans or harlots, including young children. The call for a database of reported abusers has been turned down starting in 2007, by stating that because of the autonomy of the local church, it was impossible to create such a database. The newly revealed SBC in-house database that was established years ago is being released this week, highly redacted. There are some links provided for you to see the scope of the problem inside this Evangel.

As I have been trying to write this heartbreaking story, I learned of the mass shooting at the Uvalde, Texas elementary school. Why is it republican legislators can ban books deemed inappropriate for children, or prohibit certain subjects to be taught to children, but not the weapons of war being used against children and their teachers in school, or people shopping in a grocery store, or worshippers at church?

I am heartbroken at the level of greed that routinely drives preachers, politicians, and corporations to immoral and unconscionable actions. The "lone gunman" never acts alone. He, and they are mostly a *He*, have been radicalized, preyed upon, or encouraged in their evil actions. It is more than a mental health issue, it is perversion of all that is right, moral, and honorable. Leaders without a moral center have no qualms about doing wicked things in the name of Jesus. They take courage in gathering other smooth-talking hucksters into their circles of greed and perversion. (See Psalm 1) While we are all sinners in need of forgiveness, in times like these I take comfort in Scriptures like Galatians 6:7-10, and Psalm 147:3-5.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. God heals the brokenhearted. 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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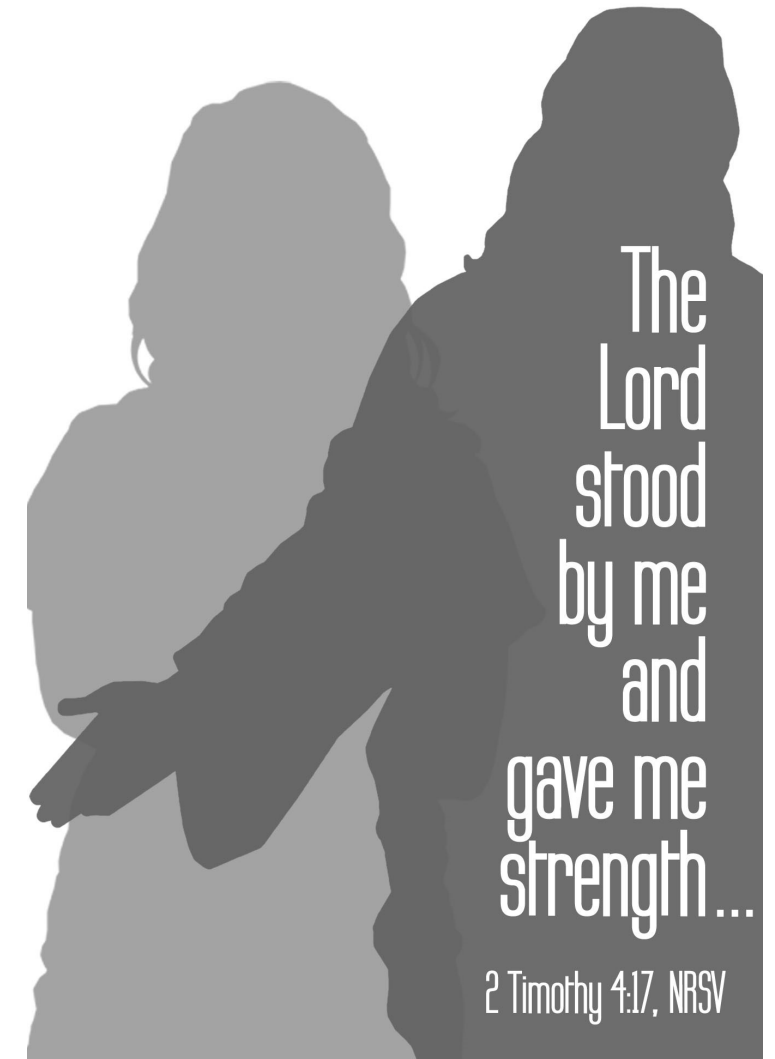


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# Our Church Family

## LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 . . . . . Dorothy Lee

## AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett	Georgia Metcalf
Elizabeth Burke	Bonnie Nutting
Berta Caldwell	Waneta Reynolds
Marion Corbett	Ben and PJ Shepard
Lydia Ford	Leslie White
Paula McPherson	



**June 25**—Reunion of the church Youth Departments and their leaders from 1960s through the 1980s. Join the Facebook group *Braden Park Baptist Church Reunion* for more details.

**July 3**—July 4th weekend with Dinner on the Grounds.

**August 6**—Owasso Children’s Home Brunch with the Back-to-School Style Show. Tickets are available at no cost through the church. Contact Dorothy DeBorde to reserve your seat.

**For the Lord is good;  
His steadfast love endures forever,  
and His faithfulness to all generations.  
Psalm 100:5**

# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY MAY 29 Lord’s Supper Service

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
**10:00 a.m. Building Healthy Churches  
 The Good Fight of Faith**  
 —1 Timothy 2:1-8

Healthy churches build healthy relationships within and without the congregation. This week we continue our study of Paul’s Pastoral Letters with a deeper look at fighting fair, which leads to reconciliation. Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Bible Study and Conversation  
 11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## TUESDAY, MAY 31

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations  
 Kevin Avery’s Facebook Zoom link

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 1

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



## SUNDAY, JUNE 5

**10:00 a.m. Healthy Churches Respect Women**

# Behind the Scenes

## GIRL SCOUT TROOPS THANK CHURCH

The Girl Scout troops who regularly meet at our church on Thursdays, wanted to say **Thank You** to the church by holding a food drive for **The People’s Pantry**. Troop 425, led by *Cathy Koloff*, and Troop 268, led by *Casey Gilmore and Tina Steel*, provided about two hundred pounds of canned goods and shelf stable items plus some cash donations. The church also serves as the rainy-day backup site for the Girl Scouts of Eastern Oklahoma summer day camp program each year.

## SBC REPORT ON SEXUAL ABUSE RELEASED

Here are three website links that are helpful in understanding the Southern Baptist Convention’s authorized investigation.

**The full Report** - <https://www.sataskforce.net/updates/guidepost-solutions-report-of-the-independent-investigation>

**An Analysis** - <https://baptistnews.com/article/guidepost-report-documents-pattern-of-ignoring-denying-and-deflecting-on-sexual-abuse-claims-in-sbc/#.Yo2u9KjMLIV>

**A Rebuttal** - <https://baptistnews.com/article/sbcs-former-law-firm-sharply-disagrees-with-sexual-abuse-task-force-report/>

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts May 22 .....	\$ 1,957.00
Special Offerings May 22 .....	\$ 00.00

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