

REFLECTIONS

As a child I was taught the bedtime prayer: *Now I lay me down to sleep. I pray the Lord my soul to keep, If I should die before I wake, I pray the Lord my soul to take.* You may have prayed this prayer, or a version of it, as a child. Children have been praying this bedtime rhyme for a few centuries. As a youngster, the “if I should die” part of the prayer did not bother me, I did not know anyone who had died. I did wonder about the keeping and taking of my soul. What is my soul? Where do I keep it? And why would the Lord want to take it somewhere? That was heavy theology to ponder before going to sleep at night. I discovered that this prayer was probably born out of the anguish of high infant and children mortality during times of smallpox and other plagues.

I eventually decided that the prayer was a metaphor, like the other children’s rhymes that we learned to say or sing, like *Rock-a-bye Baby in the treetop, when the wind blows the cradle will rock. When the bough breaks the cradle will fall, and down will come baby, cradle, and all.* It is always sung sweetly to little children, although its imagery is terribly disconcerting. What kind of people put a baby in a cradle in the top of a tree? Later I learned that this song was probably a metaphor using bird nests and hatchlings blown away by the storms as the image. This all comes to mind today as the first of the little children are being buried in Uvalde, Texas. How well are you sleeping these nights? Little children and all their friends and relatives in the whole county and beyond are forever traumatized, souls taken, lives broken. Robb Elementary School will be torn down to be replaced. Why do we do this to our children, over and over, decade after decade? Or maybe we should just start singing a new lullaby to our babies? *Now I dress and go to school, I pray the Lord my soul to rule. If I should die inside my classroom, Lord forgive the ones who took no action.*

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. We must do better. 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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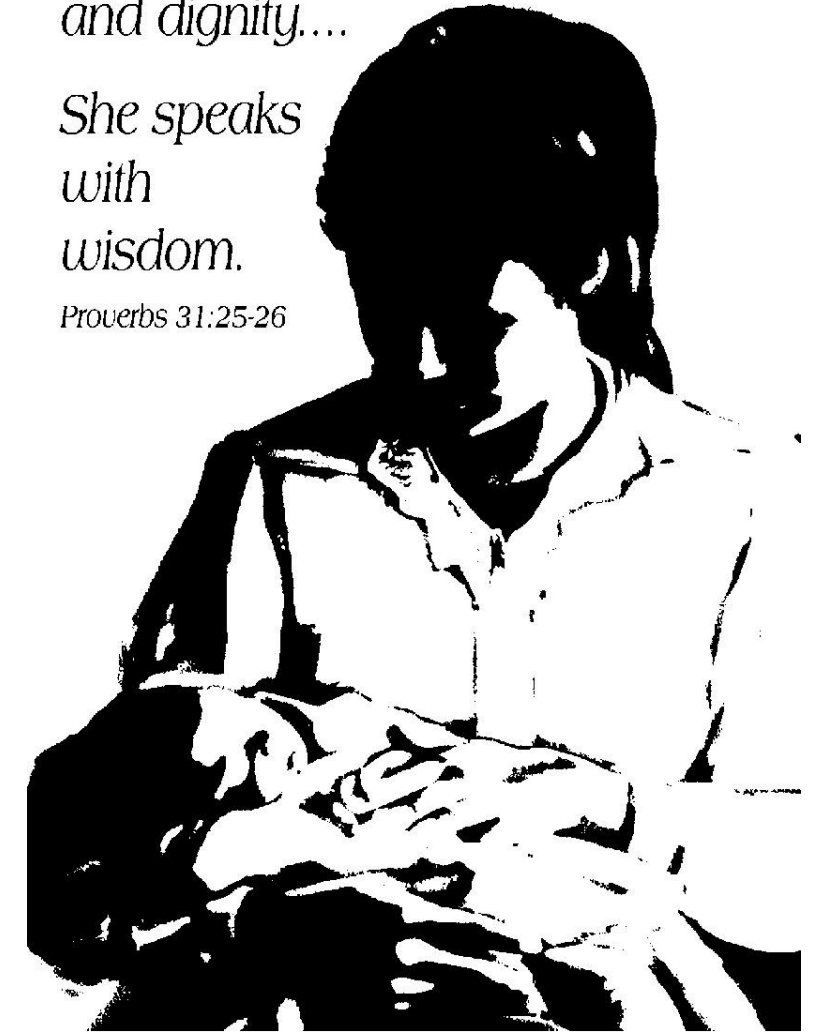
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She is clothed with strength
and dignity....

She speaks
with
wisdom.

Proverbs 31:25-26



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	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 15 Karen Blevins
19 Lauren White

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

June 11 Caryn and Mike Perrier 18 Years
June 14 Dayna and Kevin Avery 25 Years

SILVER ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

There will be a 25th Anniversary reception for *Dayna and Kevin Avery* on Sunday, June 12, at the beginning of the Bible Study hour.

OWASSO CHILDREN'S HOME BRUNCH

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.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY JUNE 5

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Building Healthy Churches
Healthy Churches Respect Women
—1 Timothy 2:9-15; Titus 2:1-5

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 the issue of women in today's church. 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, JUNE 7

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8

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



SUNDAY, JUNE 12

10:00 a.m. Healthy Churches Respect Women, pt 2

Behind the Scenes

CONSTRUCTION AND WORK PROJECTS

The Pavilion Project is well underway in the fenced-in area in the north parking lot. The foundation forms have been laid out and the rebar put in place. The concrete pad will be poured as soon as the weather allows. The pad will be supported by 8 piers for stability. Additionally, a work crew from Monte Los Olivos church caulked, sealed and repaired the upper story windows on the west side of the sanctuary, as well as the stained glass windows on the southside of the sanctuary. The central foyer window seals were replaced on Monday. Many of the south foyer window frames had deteriorated causing the glass to slip out of place or crack. Sunday's wind caused one cracked window to shatter. Repairs have been made to nearly all of the problem areas. A big **Thank You** goes to *Pastor Francisco Gaona* for coordinating these projects and to all the volunteers who worked with him.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts May 29	\$ 1,005.00
Special Offerings May 29	\$ 40.00

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