

REFLECTIONS

Planting is hard. Maybe not the actual placing of the seed or plant into the hole in the ground, but planting is hard. Because of the crazy weather every day since November, our winter pansies were still doing quite well when we unceremoniously pulled them up at the end of May. It's been raining or blowing or freezing or something every day this year. By my estimate we've probably had a record 14 beautiful days since November 2021. This week, when it has not been pouring down rain, the humidity rests at 98%.

Our backyard has a partial moonscape look to it. The heavy rains over these past couple of years have washed away layers of sod and soil, exposing just under one million multi-sized rocks, pieces of concrete, and broken bricks from when the house was built. I once paid a grandson a nickel for every rock he could gather. He quit after 200 rocks. We just moved them to the fence line. The wet ground does make it easier to pull the grass and weeds from the flowerbeds. This year we are experimenting with different kinds of flowers. In the front we planted *Vista Red Salvia* and *White Lobularia*. That's what I said—what? We also purchased a couple of *yellow and red Coreopsis* plants plus a few *Petunias*, for old times' sake.

While God was digging in that first garden, the one we call Eden, God scooped up some clay and made a man. God breathed into man life and understanding, becoming a living soul. God gave mankind one assignment—tend the earth. Adam walked with God every evening until he did not. Man's rebellion and sin is why everything is so hard. So Jesus suffered death for us that we might walk with God through eternity. Preparing the ground, removing the rocks, weeds, and grass. Digging in the soil, adding a little compost and maybe some coffee grounds. It is all worth it, though, for the beauty and satisfaction of a well-tended flowerbed. In times of uncertainty and chaos I recommend finding a creative way to experience a sense of focus and control. That is why people have hobbies, gather collections, hunt for bargains, make things or visualize their ideas. To gain a sense of control in your life, do something creative—or perhaps, try gardening.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Tend to your soul. 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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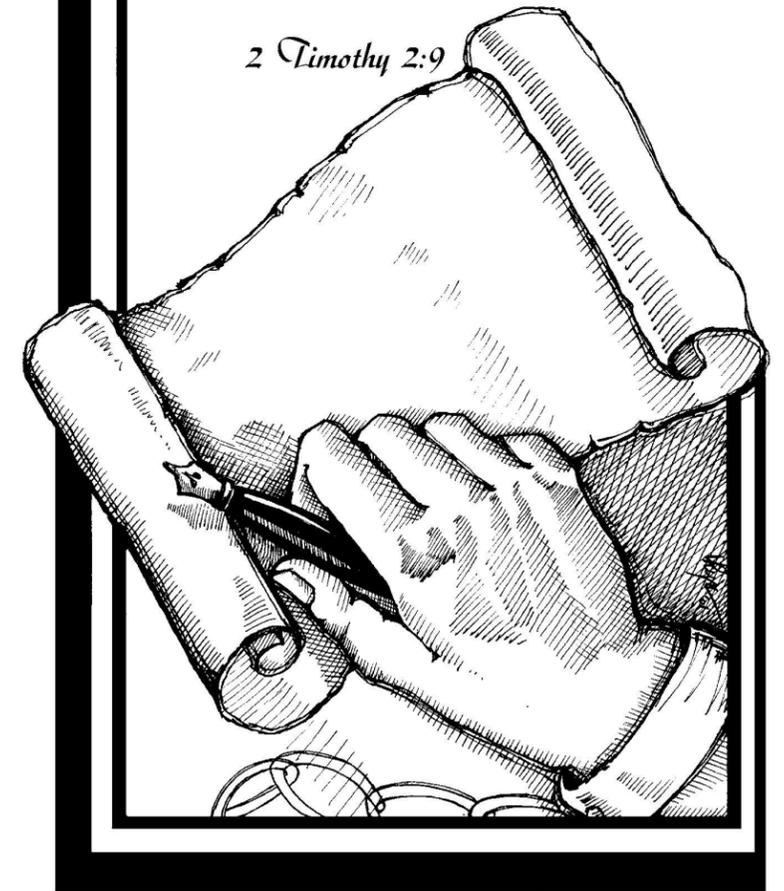
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*But God's word
is not chained.*

2 Timothy 2:9



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	

IN THE HOSPITAL

Alice Barrett Ascension St. John (downtown)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

June 19 Lauren White
 21 Tina Steel

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY IS EXTENDED to the family of *Judy Martin* in the loss of her brother, *Wayne*, and in the loss of her cousin.

SILVER ANNIVERSARY RECEPTION

Please join us for the 25th Anniversary reception for *Dayna and Kevin Avery* on Sunday, June 12, at the beginning of the Bible Study hour.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY JUNE 12

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

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.—understanding submission. 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 14

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 15

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



SUNDAY, JUNE 19

10:00 a.m. Healthy Church Leaders

Behind the Scenes

CHURCH REUNION JUNE 25 & 26

Plans are in full swing for a wonderful church reunion of the members of the youth departments, their friends, families and leaders from the 1960's through the 1980's. The organizers of the Reunion are *Jean Karsten Winfrey* and *Janice Synder Hedman*.

Saturday June 25 Events begin at 11:00 a.m. A catered Buffet Luncheon will be provided by Chimi's Mexican Restaurant. An accurate head count is needed for ordering the food. **Please RSVP** by calling or texting Jean Winfrey at (918) 720-1200. A time for reflection and sharing will follow the luncheon led by Wendell Lang and David Willets. The evening will be free for further connections.

Sunday June 26 The 10:00 a.m. Worship Service will include special music from some of the attendees. Dr. David Willets will bring the message.

UPCOMING EVENTS

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 CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts June 5	\$ 1,777.00
Special Offerings June 5	\$ 100.00

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