

# REFLECTIONS

You may have noticed that it is hot—triple digit hot, as the weather guessers like to say. Also, it has not rained for over a month now. Dorothy and I took a little excursion to Porter, Oklahoma over the weekend to buy some of the best tasting peaches anywhere. I have family in Georgia and the Carolinas that can brag about their peaches too. Except I can truly say this year that we bought the sweetest ugliest peaches ever. I last wrote about Porter peaches in 2018, a year that was very hard on the peach tree farmers. Last year was a hard year because a late April freeze destroyed most of the budding fruit. This year is hard because of a massive hailstorm and excessive rain followed by this heat wave and drought. Farming is hard work and dependent on good weather. The peaches are beat up but still juicy. The prettiest peaches are sold in the grocery stores and on display at the peach festivals. The rest show the bruises, scars and gouges left by the hail. Ugly peaches are the cheapest. Ugly peaches take a little longer to carve out the damaged areas and cut up. Our ugly peaches are beautiful on a bowl of vanilla ice-cream, baked in a cobbler, or sliced on a bowl of cereal.

It is always about 103 when Dorothy and I travel to Porter. This year we skipped the festival and went straight to the Livesay Orchard. We always remember Six Flags. Near our first wedding anniversary, Dorothy discovered that I had never been to Six Flags over Texas. We skipped work and enjoyed an afternoon together, but she was amazed that there were no lines of people waiting for the rides. There were other people there, but no one seemed in a hurry. It was only as we were traveling home to Fort Worth, that we heard on the radio that the temperature that day had reached a high of 108. In those days the heat index had not yet been discovered. Even though it was a hot day, we still had a great time.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Eat a peach. 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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A graphic showing two hands, palms up, holding a heart. The hands are stylized and black, with the heart in the center.

**BE RICH**  
in  
**GOOD WORKS.**  
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# Our Church Family

## LIVING CENTERS

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

## AT HOME

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

**August 3** Roxie Odor  
Becky Pierce

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

**August 1** Darryl and Dorothy DeBorde 52 Years



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, JULY 24

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
**10:00 a.m. Healthy Churches Are Faithful Stewards**  
—1 Timothy 6:3-10; 17-21

This week we conclude our study of Paul's Pastoral Letters with a deep look at the issues of money, stewardship and integrity in healthy churches. 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, JULY 26

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 27

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



## SUNDAY, JULY 31

**10:00 a.m. Ring the Bells of Heaven**

# Behind the Scenes

## GOD OF FREEDOM STUDY STARTS SUNDAY

Our Ladies Bible Study Group, led by *Connie Connely*, will be studying author Jen Wilken's newest book, *God of Freedom: A Study of Exodus 19-40*, beginning this Sunday, July 24. This new study follows the group's concluding series, *God of Deliverance*.

## CHURCH DINNER ON SUNDAY JULY 31

The long-anticipated Church Fellowship Barbeque Dinner is on for **Sunday, July 31st**. The Church will be providing the BBQ brisket and pulled pork. Invite a friend and bring a favorite dish to help us round out the meal.

## FACILITY UPDATE

Progress continues on the various building projects around the church. Recently, the second floor air conditioning air handling motor went out. Even though it is nearly 60 years old, we were able to locate someone to repair the motor, at no charge to the church. Thank *Pastor Francisco Gaona* for his vigilance in overseeing the needs of the church facilities.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts July 17 ..	\$ 980.00
Special Offerings July 17 ..	\$ 250.00

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