

REFLECTIONS

Lucy and Charlie Brown are going through their psychiatrist-patient routine in the old *Peanuts* comic strip. She only charges 5¢, you know. Charlie asks about his dreams and why they occur. Lucy matter-of-factly replies, “The dreams of the night prepare you for the day that follows. At night when you are sleeping your brain is really working—trying to sort out everything for you, trying to make you see yourself as you really are.” Charlie Brown gets up and as he turns to leave says discouragingly, “Even my brain is against me.”

Who wants to see themselves as they really are? I would rather like to see myself as the hero of my life, faster than a locomotive and able to leap tall buildings with a single bound. You know, Super Me. Turns out I am more flawed than I would like to admit. Charlie Brown found himself living each day somewhere between hope and despair. His hopes were always high, but his reality always seemed to bring him to despair. Is that why we like Charlie Brown so much? Is there a bit of Charlie Brown in each of us?

When it comes to “trying to make you see yourself as you really are,” my first inclination is, “I’d rather not.” Yet that seems to be the pull, not only of our brains, but also of the Word of God, which is like a mirror before our souls. The spiritual truth is, when we hear or read the Scriptures, we see ourselves the way God sees us—sinful and not very strong at all. That might even lead some people to say, “Even the Bible is against me.” We need our sleep so our brains can process our lives. We need God’s Word so our lives can mirror God’s grace. *Your statutes are my delight; they are my counselors.* (Psalm 119:24)

Read a few sections of Psalm 119 to see the power of reflecting on the Word of God. As you remember, in the original Hebrew, Psalm 119 is poetry set forth as an acrostic. The psalm is divided into equal sections according to the Hebrew alphabet. Each section has 8 verses. The first word of each verse starts with the same letter that heads the section.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Mirror God’s grace. 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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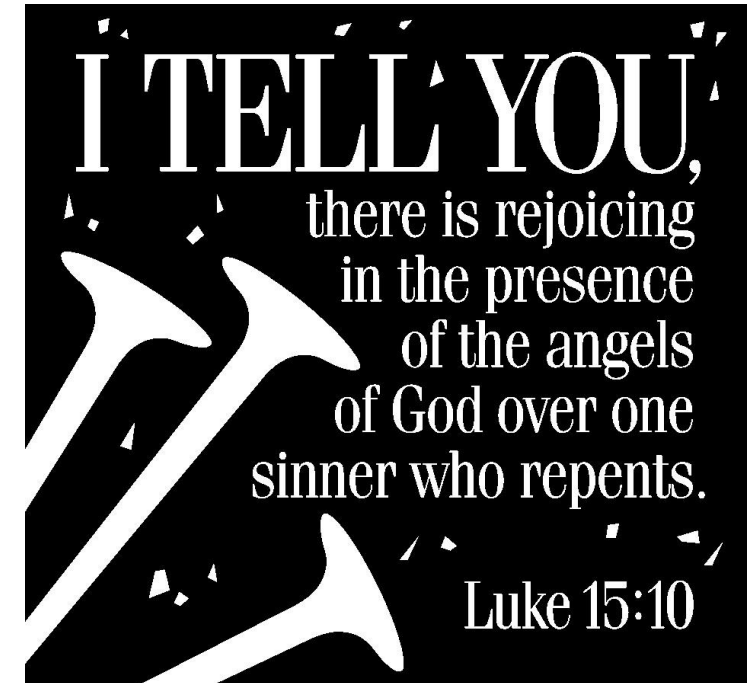


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Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 Dorothy Lee

AT HOME

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 7 Judy Martin
Bonnie Nutting

9 Bob Gilmore

12 Candice Kuykendall

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August 8 Lori and David Dryer 31 Years



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JULY 31

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Ring the Bells of Heaven
—Luke 15

This week we begin a new series of messages based on the core theologies of our faith as expressed through the hymns and choruses we sing in our worship. 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, AUGUST 2

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 3

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
Clothes Closet Ministry

6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study

SATURDAY, AUGUST 6

10:30 a.m. Baptist Children's Home of Owasso
Back to School Style Show and Brunch



SUNDAY, AUGUST 7

10:00 a.m. Majesty!

Behind the Scenes

CHURCH DINNER THIS SUNDAY, JULY 31

Our Church Fellowship Barbecue Dinner is this **Sunday, July 31st**, following the morning worship hour. 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.

FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Glenn and Joan McKinley Scholarship Fund is available for students attending schools, colleges and universities other than Oklahoma Baptist University. Applications need to be returned to the White City Baptist Foundation Education Committee no later than Sunday, August 21.

OWASSO CHILDREN'S HOME STYLE SHOW

A reminder for those who have tickets, the annual Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home of Owasso Back to School Style Show and Brunch will be held **Saturday, August 6**, at 10:30 a.m. at Tulsa's Renaissance Hotel. The Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts July 24 ..	\$ 1,500.00
Special Offerings July 24 ..	\$ 00.00

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