

REFLECTIONS

(I have asked **Kevin Avery**, our Missionary in Residence, to give us an update on his ministries.)

Despite still suffering from MS nerve damage. I (Kevin Avery) am quite grateful that opportunities to minister have been steadily growing. When 2021 ended and 2022 first began, I kept asking the Lord what he wanted me to do since my mobility was limited. In response, he answered, "Trust me." I was thankful he answered my question, but for several seconds, I thought perhaps I needed to have asked my question in a different way. Maybe I should've asked, "Lord, what ministry would you have me do in 2022?" or "What am I to do to financially help my family?" But before I could verbalize either thought, the Lord told me again, "Trust me." I paused but then nodded and asked him to empower me to do this fully. After all, it was clear my level of trust was less than I had thought.

As weeks continued, I was uncertain about the future, but I never stopped pursuing the Lord through Scripture and prayer. Also, a few days after Russia attacked Ukraine, I began to lead Prayer for the Nations Zoom meetings every Tuesday night. We are now on our 23rd week. Further, I kept doing what ministry I could, whether I was preaching occasionally or helping write for Joni and Friends or the Lausanne Movement begun by Billy Graham. I continue to serve in these ways. In addition, I was asked to write a chapter illustrating James 1:2, "Consider it pure joy whenever you face trials of many kinds." I did write this chapter (which is now chapter 3 of the recently published book "Mature and Complete: How God Uses Trials, Brokenness, and Wilderness Times for Our Good").

In recent weeks, though, I better understand why God would embed the idea of "Trust Me" within me before showing me what ministry he would have me do. The Lord has begun leading me to pray with and to write alongside ministers in third world countries, especially with those in English-speaking areas of East Africa. Like Aaron or Hurr helping Moses in Exodus 17, I am serving in support roles. I am virtually helping ministers who cannot pay me back, at least not financially. For instance, I have started helping a South Sudanese pastor named Peter serve refugees with hearing impairments. Specifically, I'm helping Peter prayerfully brainstorm and write out ministry and business plans. In other words, I am again raising support so that I can support the global church through prayer and writing.

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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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WISE GOD BE

glory
FOREVERMORE
THROUGH
Jesus Christ!

ROMANS 16:27, ESV

Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #214 Dorothy Lee

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

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Lydia Ford Cearu Medical Resort

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 23 Bob Ford
 26 Carter Enos
 28 Billy Shaffer

September
 2 Connie Gillis
 Caryn Perrier

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Sherri Strope* in her passing; and to the family of *Roxie Jones* in her passing (not to be confused with Roxie Jones Odor).

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, AUGUST 14

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. To God Be the Glory
 —Psalm 126

This week we continue our 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 16

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer and Bible Study



SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

10:00 a.m. Great Is Thy Faithfulness

Behind the Scenes

WHY THREE EVANGELS?

Last week, those who receive The Evangel by mail found three weeks of our newsletter in their mailboxes. It had been reported to postal authorities that people had not been receiving their newsletters in a timely manner. Apparently, two weeks of Evangel's had not been sent out from the post office. Their mistake.

FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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

BUILDING UPDATE

The two air conditioning units that provide for the second floor of the education building have completely worn out. We have secured a bid to rebuild and refurbish these units for \$10,400. Pray with us as we explore the options before us.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts Aug 7	\$ 1,869.04
Special Offerings Aug 7	\$ 0.00

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