

# REFLECTIONS

Pastors are a whole lot like people. If I am not growing as a person, then the church cannot grow beyond the limits of my leadership. If I am not growing as a pastor, the church cannot grow. If I do not stretch myself each week, the congregation and our ministries cannot take healthy steps forward. The temptation is to always stay in the worn paths, also known as, the ruts. A key life-verse for me is 2 Timothy 15, which begins “Study to show yourself approved unto God.” (KJV) Twenty years ago I took the suggestion of a noted church leader and began to purposefully randomize my reading and my experiences. That simply meant exploring outside the smooth and familiar ruts of faith, work, and family. On the front of a Schlotzsky’s personal-sized bag of chips, the following words appeared: *Sandwiches need chips, shoulders do not.* Fast food theology.

At first, I started reading books in different fields. Later, I started listening to Ted Talks and audio books on subjects with which I had no experience or understanding. I also began reading the Bible and studying the Scriptures in unfamiliar ways, like reading a letter of Paul with the last chapter first, then the second to the last, etc. I increased my reading sources to include people I always disagree with, to better understand my own ideas. Social media is a black hole from which many never seem to recover. I have limited my time on social media for my own spiritual health. I take time each morning, if possible, to read three different newspapers. On my tablet I discovered that I could follow multiple subjects for free through aggregate feeds on a program call Flipbook. I have observed that the pastors who get in trouble, many times have grown bored with their own repetitions or burned out with the constant expectations of ministry. Giving myself permission to be random has opened my outlook to hearing the Spirit nudge me forward in creative ways. Some Dove candies come wrapped in interesting sayings. One of Dove’s words of wisdom include the mandate to “*Trust with your heart not with your mind.*” Truer words were never spoken about chocolate. Proverbs 3 qualifies this for people by saying, “*Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding.*”

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Overcome a rut. And let’s experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Morning</b>	
Continental Breakfast	9:20 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Conversation	11:15 a.m.
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	
The People’s Pantry	5:00 p.m.
The Clothes Closet Ministry	
Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.

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**...his mercies never come  
to an end; they are new  
every morning; great  
is your faithfulness.**

Lamentations 3:22-23, NRSV

# 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

## REHABILITATION CENTER

Lydia Ford                      Cearu Medical Resort

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

<b>August</b>	23	Bob Ford
	26	Carter Enos
	28	Billy Shaffer
<b>September</b>		
	2	Connie Gillis Caryn Perrier
	4	Lara Snyder
	6	Dorothy Lee (102 Years)
	7	Molly Avery

# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
**10:00 a.m. Great Is Thy Faithfulness**  
—Lamentations 3

This week we conclude 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 23

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

## WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

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



## SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

**10:00 a.m. It's True, You Can't Do It**—Kevin Avery

# Behind the Scenes

## WHY THREE EVANGELS?

**This is a follow-up to the Evangel** story of last week. Two weeks of Evangel's had not been sent out from the post office. Their mistake. The Post Office credited our account for the two Evangel's that were "not delivered in a timely manner."

## 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 **this Sunday, August 21.**

## BUILDING UPDATE

Repairs have been authorized for the two second floor air conditioning units of the education building. The cost is expected to be \$10,400. Also, new ceramic floor tile has been purchased for installation in **The People's Pantry** and the adjoining classroom. Thank you for your prayers and support as we proceed through this *Fresh Start* endeavor.

### FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts Aug 14 .....	\$ 1,250.00
Special Offerings Aug 14 .....	\$ 0.00

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