

# REFLECTIONS

The first of Queen Elizabeth's funerals was held in St. Giles Cathedral in Edinburgh, Scotland. I watched the whole service and was grateful I was not officiating. One of the historic ministers of the church was *John Knox*, leader of the Scottish Reformed Church (Presbyterian.) The service was a simple and traditional Christian funeral with familiar Scriptures and music, and a brief message. The second funeral was in St. Anne's Cathedral in Belfast, Northern Ireland. The state funeral will be at Westminster Abby in London, then on to Windsor Castle and St. George's Chapel for the Committal Service. The Queen regularly attended these churches, and faith played a significant role in her daily life. Her death also marks a new beginning.

The new King Charles and I share the same birthday, but in different years. He has been "next-in-line" for 70 years, becoming the oldest person to ascend to the throne. We have not lived parallel lives. I'm sometimes asked "How many people have you married?" I have learned not to give the right answer unless I really know the person asking the question. The right answer, of course, is one, but most people seem confused or slightly miffed at that answer. What they are asking is how many weddings have I officiated. That is a harder number to say. The first wedding I ever performed was for my younger sister, Denise, in June of 1969. She and Bubba were married 36 years until his death in 2005. The hardest were the ones where I was also the father of the bride. With just a general sense of the weddings through the years, I have officiated around 250. Weddings mark a new beginning.

I have a more accurate number of the funerals. The very first funeral, where I was assisting, was in 1966 for an 18-month-old boy. He had gotten behind his 18-year-old uncle's car. It is still one of the saddest funerals I have ever witnessed. Over the years I have saved notes and materials from most of the services. I have probably misplaced several of the services, but reviewing these notes, I have saved the stories of around 500 people who have touched and shaped my life through the years.

Weddings and funerals are beginnings and endings. The people involved move from life before the wedding, or funeral, to the beginning of all that lies ahead. Endings and beginnings are rarely easy, no matter how many funerals may be involved.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Celebrate it all. 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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... repentance and  
forgiveness of sins  
is to be proclaimed

in

**HIS  
NAME**

to all nations ...

LUKE 24:47, NRSV

# Our Church Family

## LIVING CENTERS

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

## AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett  
Elizabeth Burke  
Berta Caldwell  
Marion Corbett  
Lydia Ford

Paula McPherson  
Georgia Metcalf  
Bonnie Nutting  
Ben and PJ Shepard  
Leslie White  
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### September

21 Josef Lindholm  
24 Lori Dryer  
30 Hudson Avery

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

### September

28 Rhonda and John Williams 43 Years



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. **Jesus and the Ten Commandments:  
Respect God's Name**  
—Matthew 5:33-37; Exodus 20:7

The sermon series, *Jesus and the Ten Commandments*, addresses the ancient guide for moral living in our profane times. We begin where Moses began and seek to understand how Jesus fulfills and completes these basic standards. Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Bible Study and Conversation

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

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

6:30 p.m. **Prayer and Bible Study**



## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

10:00 a.m. **Take Time for the Sacred**

# Behind the Scenes



## BRING A FRIEND TO CHURCH OCTOBER 2

Pulpit Guest Rev. Bob Green

Musical Guest Vicki Mercer

Church Fellowship Dinner

Worship Service begins at 10:00 a.m.

## WATER LINE BREAK CRISIS AVERTED

A main water line supplying the sanctuary air-conditioner rusted through, flooding into the east basement music office. It was discovered in a routine walk-through of the church on September 8. A huge **Thank You** goes to *Pastor Francisco Goana*, and the deacons for their quick action. It was discovered, cleaned up, and repaired in time to be back in operation for Sunday.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts September 11 .....	\$ 751.75
Special Offerings September 11.....	\$ 0.00

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