

REFLECTIONS

During one of our adventures at the Tulsa State Fair a dozen years ago, we stopped by to see the magic show of *Ridgeway and Johnson*. This husband-and-wife team have become world famous for their large and dangerous illusions. While Kevin Ridgeway is the master magician and showman, his wife, Kristen Johnson, is the star of the show. He waves the sharp blades around; she gets in the box that is sliced down to a small cube then pierced through with five swords. She gets out of the box unharmed. She is hung upside down by her feet, while strapped into a straitjacket, like Harry Houdini. She wriggles out of the straitjacket and repels down to the floor.

Best known for her underwater escapes, Kristen has become *The Lady Houdini*. Draped with locked chains, handcuffed with her feet shackled, she lowers herself into a glass tank of water, which is also locked on top. Holding her breath in full view of the audience she proceeds to try to pick the seven locks and escape. Watching her do this takes your breath away. As a former Christian magician, I know some of the science behind the dangerous illusions, but Kristen still must hold her breath underwater for about three and a half minutes while picking the locks. That is not an illusion. Their timing must be perfect. Their trust in each other must be absolute. But most of all they need to love what they do and do what they love. She has nearly died in that tank of water on three occasions.

They were almost killed in 2017 by a distracted (texting) driver. She had broken ribs and a punctured lung. Kevin was severely injured and in a coma for five weeks before slowly healing from his surgeries, accompanied by months of physical therapy. They then chose to resume their career. At the end of July this year, Kristen fell nearly 30 feet while descending from her straitjacket performance breaking a leg and her wrist. This week, if all goes well, surgeons will remove the three plates, 16 screws and the rod in her wrist. They persevere and feel blessed.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Keep on keeping on. 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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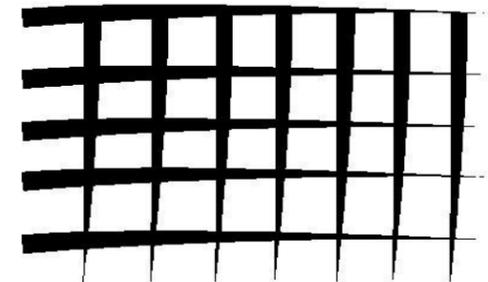
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the
Sabbath
Day
by keeping it holy.



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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
Mary Ruth Whitman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

September

30 Hudson Avery

October

4 Francisco Gaona
8 Mike Perrier



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **Jesus and the Ten Commandments:
Time for the Sacred**
—Mark 2:23-27; Exodus 20:8-11

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
11:55 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

10:00 a.m. **Friends Day with Bob Green preaching**

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.

MONDAY MORNING PRAYERS

There is now a new opportunity to pray together over the telephone. **Monday Morning Prayers each week at 10:00 a.m.**, led by *Kevin Avery*. This is a group conference call, no internet is needed to participate. Call (712) 832-8330, then enter the access code: 887-76-47. This will be the same phone number for each Monday at 10:00 a.m. There will be a brief devotional followed by sharing prayer concerns and a time for praying.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts September 18	\$ 1,642.00
Special Offerings September 18.....	\$ 0.00

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