

REFLECTIONS

I have been annoyed by it for years, then I was just plain frustrated for a while. It was the same problem week after week. I didn't know what to do about it. It stopped during the pandemic. Now it has started up again. It is a mystery to me. It is a "blister maker" if I am not careful. Someone is not being responsible, and really, someone is just not being kind to me at all. Sounds like I'm starting to take it personally

Someone is throwing their cigarette stubs in my driveway. It used to be three or four times a week. None of our neighbors smoke, yet a cigarette stub lands in my driveway or front yard a couple of times a week. My neighbors do not have this problem. We live in the middle of the block. Our street is so wide that there is a median designed to hold twelve parked cars in front of our house. And none of our neighbors host that many parties. I have drawn up a very short suspect list: the mail carrier, the newspaper carrier, or the UPS guy. One other possibility would be someone who might regularly walk around the neighborhood. Most people who are walking for exercise do not smoke while walking and the newspaper carrier never stops when throwing the paper. I am down to the mail carrier or the UPS guy. The UPS guy changes all the time, so now I am left with the mailman. Does he always light his cigarette at the same place, at the same moment so that he is always ready to throw it away at my house? Doesn't seem likely. I've never seen him smoking. Ever. The mystery deepens.

If I can't fix it, change it, or confront the culprit, all I can do is face it, deal with it, and wait for the culprit to change. Waiting for someone else to change so my life will be better means I have to change my attitude. If I don't, it could become the little burr that makes a blister that becomes infected and cripples my walk and makes me sick. Anger and grudges are tricky like that. The only way to stop the blister is to remove the burr. How do I remove the burr? I must stop waiting for someone else to change, but rather check the condition of my own heart when these aggravations occur.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Check for burrs. 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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Bring
a friend
to church!

**THIS SUNDAY
OCTOBER 2**

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
	Mary Ruth Whitman

IN THE HOSPITAL

Harold Gruetzmacher	Hillcrest Medical Center
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

13	Kay McKalip
18	Bryan Enos

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.** is 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.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 2

Friends Day

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **Rev. Bob Green, Pulpit Guest**
—**Vicki Mercer, Soloist**

This Sunday is our Sunday to Invite a Friend to Church. Join with us for this special time together. Rev. Bob Green is the pastor emeritus of Arrow Heights Baptist Church. Vicki Mercer joins us once again to provide the special music. Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Church Fellowship Dinner

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 4

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 5

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



SUNDAY, OCTOBER 9

10:00 a.m. **Jesus and the Ten Commandments**
The 5th Commandment—Don't Be Cruel

Behind the Scenes

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP DINNER OCTOBER 2

This Sunday's Church Fellowship Dinner will follow the Friends Day service. The church will provide the Fried Chicken Tenders, potatoes, and biscuits and gravy. Bring a favorite dish or dessert to share with our friends and guests.



THANK YOU'S

On Thursday, September 15, our church provided a spaghetti dinner to the Will Rogers High School football team—all 70 of them. Our Thanks goes to **Russell Ford, Katy Cook and Jason Ford** for preparing the meal, which earned rave reviews from the players.

Also, a word of appreciation is due to **Gary Higgins** for his hard work redoing the flowerbeds and replanting the irises.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts September 25	\$ 1,615.00
Special Offerings September 25.....	\$ 0.00

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