

REFLECTIONS

Do you remember your first job, the one with an actual paycheck? I remember opening that first pay envelope and seeing a check for about \$30, big money for 1963. Yet I was disappointed to see what they had taken out of my paycheck. I was told it had to do with death and taxes. It was Railroad Retirement and union dues. I was the fill-in-where-needed summer vacation relief Yard Clerk for the Miami railyards of Seaboard Airline Railroad (CSX today). I was working there because my father was one of the Yard Masters.

The railyard is where incoming and outgoing freight cars get sorted out and sent off to their various destinations. My job was to inventory every box car, flat car, tank car, hopper, engine, and caboose on more than a dozen tracks. I listed the cars on a form sheet in exact order, by numbered track. My job also included climbing on top of box cars and over to refrigerator cars to check the level of ice they contained before they left the yards. It also meant I learned how to step up on and jump off a moving freight train to save me walking to the other side of the yard. This is harder than it sounds at 3 a.m. on a moonless night.

The only time I was really frightened was one afternoon when, lost in thought, a voice inside a box car suddenly shouted out, "Hey, boy!" I jumped. There, right before my eyes, were three grizzled hobos. They wanted to know the time. I had never seen a real hobo in person. I had heard about them and even watched Red Skelton play one many times on TV. We call them the homeless today, but a hobo was supposed to be someone who traveled the rails in search of work and a place to build his family. People provided extras for the hobos: extra food, extra clothes, and a place to spend the night between train rides. Some hobos took advantage, but most were genuinely grateful.

Times changed and the emotionally wounded, physically afflicted and financially insecure have found themselves with fewer trains to ride. Our Wednesday night outreach to our community provides emergency supplies—bags of groceries, extra clothes, a listening ear and promise of prayer. I invite you to join us as a volunteer in prayerfully ministering with our neighbors and those who may be passing through.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Get on board. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

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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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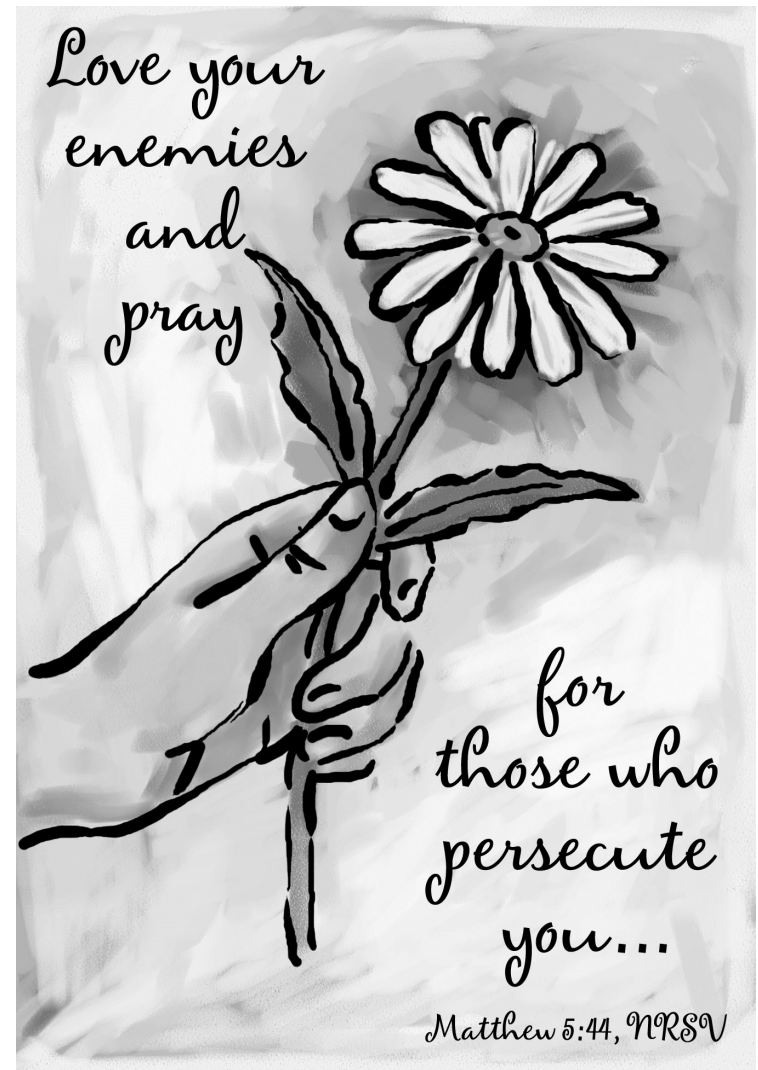


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Our Church Family

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

Kevin Avery	Hillcrest Hospital South
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October

21	Martin Senske
30	Barbara Casey
31	Gena Wheeler Thompson



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 16

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
**10:00 a.m. Jesus and the Ten Commandments
 Do Not Even Hate**
 —Exodus 20:13; Matthew 5:21-24

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

MONDAY, OCTOBER 17

10:00 a.m. Monday Morning Prayers
 Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19

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



SATURDAY, OCTOBER 22

5:30 p.m. Dinner with Paul Baxley, in Fellowship Hall

Behind the Scenes

MEET CBF LEADER PAUL BAXLEY DINNER AND CONVERSATION OCTOBER 22 — 5:30 -7:00 p.m. In Fellowship Hall

Paul Baxley, CBF executive coordinator, will share with us about Cooperative Baptist Fellowship churches, missions, and theological education, as well as exciting developments and his dreams for the Fellowship. He also wants to hear from us, our questions, and our stories. He will be with us Saturday evening as he travels around Oklahoma this weekend. *Russell Ford* will be providing his famous Enchilada Casserole for the dinner.

Paul will be in Oklahoma City on Sunday preaching at Spring Creek Baptist Church in the morning and speaking at the Oklahoma Celebration of Excellence Banquet in Norman that evening. He will finish his tour with a meal and conversation at First Baptist Church, Norman, on Monday. Contact Bro. Darryl at (918) 230-0781 for more details.

EVERYBODY ALWAYS - NEW STUDY STARTS OCTOBER 16

Our Ladies Bible Study Group, led by *Connie Connely*, will be studying author Bob Goff's book, *Everybody Always: Becoming Love in a World Full of Setbacks and Difficult People*. This is a five-week study in learning how to love people unconditionally.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts October 9	\$ 874.47
Special Offerings October 9	\$ 0.00

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