

REFLECTIONS

I have been to a great many Baptist meetings this year, including in-person and by zoom. Last November, at our Tulsa Metro Baptist Network (TMBN) annual meeting, when I was again elected to serve as the Clerk/Secretary of the Association, I reported that I would serve one more year. I desire less meetings. Tulsa Baptists have been in the middle of an intense self-examination as a network of churches, and I wanted to finish my commitment to that process. At this year's meeting on November 1, most of the findings were presented and well received. I would like to share with you some of the framework of the efforts.

In church leadership circles the question is often asked: If your church closed today, would anyone in the neighborhood notice? A more positive question that we addressed was: If the churches of today were to invent an association, what would it look like? We have been working on this "simple" topic for two years now, led by a national church development group in partnership with a half-dozen similarly sized associations from Florida, Alabama, Mississippi, Texas, and Washington. We've redefined who we are: *We are a network of leaders helping one another fuel the mission of the local church.* A key discovery was found in the personal pain and conflict many of our congregations, and their key leaders, are facing. Healthy churches require healthy pastoral leadership. Our group outlined an overall vision and strategy: Encouraging Leaders; Forging Partnerships; and Planting, Replanting and Strengthening Churches. To this purpose, we have organized the work of the Network into three working teams: a Church Health team, a Leader Care and Development team, and a Church Planting team. This is a work in progress and is being refined as we go forward.

I want to personally thank Dr. Charles Cruce, Missions Director, and the Officers and Administrative Leaders of the Tulsa Metro Baptist Association for allowing me to be a part of this reshaping effort. At the annual meeting, I was recognized for over 40 years as the TMBN Secretary with a plaque and a gift certificate for Dorothy and I to spend a few days in Branson. I think they are suggesting the time away may help us model a healthy relationship.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Model healthy. 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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“You shall
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... anything
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your neighbor.”

Exodus 20:17

Our Church Family

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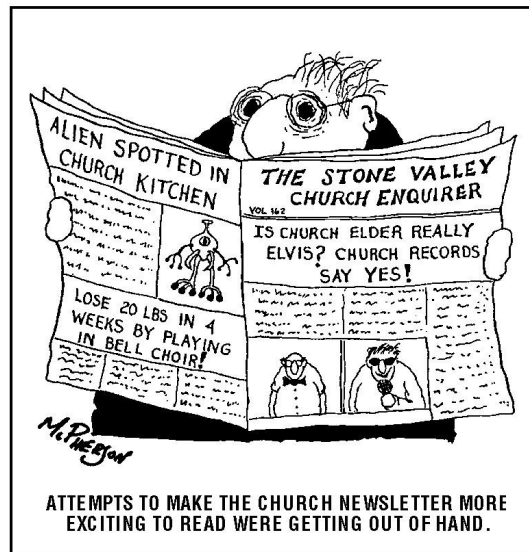
AT HOME

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November

18 Marion Corbett
26 Joe Crotser



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 13

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **Jesus and the Ten Commandments**
The Trouble with Obsessions
—Exodus 20:17: Matthew 6:19-21

This week concludes the sermon series, Jesus and the Ten Commandments. We have addressed the ancient guide for moral living in our profane times. We began where Moses began and sought 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
11:55 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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



SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

10:00 p.m. Thanksgiving Lord's Supper Service

Behind the Scenes

CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Our church and community covered-dish Thanksgiving Dinner will be **Sunday morning, November 20**. The church will be providing the turkey, dressing and mashed potatoes. Bring a favorite side dish, salad or dessert to share.

EVANGELIST ANDY BOWMAN NOVEMBER 27

Andy Bowman will be our pulpit guest on November 27. Andy and his wife Renie have been ministering with churches for over forty years. They are nationally syndicated columnists and host the weekly podcast, *CoffeeTime with Andy and Renie Bowman*.

TOM ELLIFF WITH US ON DECEMBER 4

Dr. Tom Elliff, former pastor, missionary to Zimbabwe, and president of the International Mission Board will be our guest on December 4. He will be sharing the vision of Oklahoma Baptist University to equip the next generation of missionary leaders through the *Tom Elliff Center for Missions*.

SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Glenn and Joan McKinley Scholarship Fund is available for students attending schools, colleges and universities other than Oklahoma Baptist University. Applications are available through the church office (office@bradenpark.org) and need to be submitted by *December 6*.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts November 6	\$ 3,669.00
Special Offerings November 6	\$ 0.00

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