

# REFLECTIONS

This was written for the *Center for Congregational Ethics*, an on-line resource for pastors and lay-leaders. This brief devotional outline was based on Psalm 76; Isaiah 60:17-22; and Ephesians 4:25-5:2, from the Revised Common Lectionary, Year C, for November 14, 2022. It is suggested that you read each passage first, as you reflect on the focus verses.

I am always interested in reading the devotional selections on my birthday, which is today, November 14, most likely to see what special word from God I might discern. But if I'm not careful, it can become an exercise of reading what I want to read, to get the special message I want to hear. Not that different from a fortune cookie or horoscope. It can become fatalism wrapped up as a birthday present, tied with a bow of self-centeredness. Words matter.

Psalm 76 points to judgment and salvation in the power of God. God establishes justice. Everyone, from any life circumstance, will one day stand in awe of the Lord. Verse 11 declares the cautionary word: *Make vows to the Lord your God and fulfill them.*

Isaiah 60:17-22 points to hope and salvation in the promise of peace. The world is made whole as justice and righteousness transform the people of God. Verse 22 admonishes us to be patient: *I am the Lord; in its time I will do this swiftly.*

Ephesians 4:25-5:2 points to conduct and salvation in our daily relationships. Paul's guidelines for living just and righteous lives, everywhere every day, empower the witness of the church, one person at a time. Verse 5:1 presents the imperative, *Be imitators of God, therefore...*

My words matter. I found a simple prayer that often helps me: *May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in Thy sight, O Lord.* (Psalm 19:14)

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Our words matter. 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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# Our Church Family

## LIVING CENTERS

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## AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett	Paula McPherson
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### November

26 Joe Crotser

## 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](mailto:office@bradenpark.org)) and need to be submitted by *December 6*.



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20

- 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. **Thanksgiving Lord's Supper Service**  
—Psalm 100 & Philippians 4:6-7

On this Sunday before Thanksgiving, we gather at the Lord's Table to remember our blessings and our salvation. *Kevin Avery* will share what God is teaching him, and us, through this season of praise and service. Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

- 11:15 a.m. Church Thanksgiving Dinner  
Choir Rehearsal following

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 21

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 23

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



## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

- 10:00 p.m. **Dr. Andy Bowman, pulpit guest**

# Behind the Scenes

## CHURCH THANKSGIVING DINNERS

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.

On **Thanksgiving Day, November 24**, a full turkey and dressing meal will be hosted by *PJ and Ben Shepard* for any who may want to spend the time with others that day. The meal begins at noon. Contact Ben Shepard at (918) 289-1455, for all the details..

## EVANGELIST ANDY BOWMAN, NOVEMBER 27

**Dr. 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 pulpit 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*.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts November 13 .....	\$ 1,857.00
Special Offerings November 13 .....	\$ 0.00

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