

REFLECTIONS

"Anyone can give without loving, but no one can love without giving." **Dr. James G. Harris.** My model and mentor for being a pastor was Dr. Harris, Senior Minister of the University Baptist Church in Fort Worth, Texas. I was a member of his church, taught a 5th Grade Boys Sunday School class and sang in the choir. Dr. Harris counseled Dorothy and I as we prepared to marry. Together Dorothy and I taught the Junior High Youth Class on Sunday evenings and helped in the young adult department. Dr. Harris led my ordination council and sent us forth to Tulsa in 1973.

The story is told about an elementary school holiday program called *Christmas Love*. If you have ever been to one you understand the excited nervousness of the children, and the audience. The program was proceeding pretty well until the final song. This was the time a row of young children stood in front of the rest of the group holding big posters while awaiting their turn to reveal each card. One youngster was enjoying herself, bouncing along to the music, when she realized everyone was watching her and giggling. She dropped her card and they laughed. She picked it up and danced even harder, dropping her card again. Suddenly it was time for the children to turn their cards around. At the director's signal, the children turned their card over to spell the title of the program, only her card, the M, was upside down. Some laughed but then came the applause. The children had spelled CHRIST WAS LOVE.

As messed up, off the mark and downright mean as our world has gotten, Christmas continues to remind us that no one can love without giving—even God. "God so loved the world," the familiar verse says, "that He gave His only Son that we might have eternal life." Dr. Harris gave his all to God and the church. He died on a beautiful early Sunday morning in January 1975, as he jogged around the high school track, preparing his mind, body, and soul to preach of God's love gift that day. His memorial service became a true spiritual and church-wide homecoming as hundreds of us returned to say thank you to God for giving us the gift of James Gordon Harris.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Love gives the best. 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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I WAIT FOR THE LORD,
MY SOUL WAITS,
AND IN HIS WORD
I HOPE.
Psalm 130:5, NRSV

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

9 Paula McPherson

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*.



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 27

The First Sunday in Advent

- 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **Dr. Andy Bowman, pulpit guest**

We are honored to have Oklahoma evangelist Andy Bowman as our pulpit guest this week. Dr. Bowman will offer a message on the hope and strength found only in Jesus. His wife, Renie, will be bringing the special music. Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

- 11:15 a.m. Bible Study & Conversation
11:55 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30

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



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4

- 10:00 a.m. **Dr. Tom Elliff, pulpit guest**

Behind the Scenes

EVANGELIST ANDY BOWMAN THIS SUNDAY

Dr. Andy Bowman will be our pulpit guest **this Sunday, November 27**. Andy and his wife Renie have been ministering with churches for over forty years. They lead evangelistic services and church outreach rallies. The Bowmans are nationally syndicated columnists and host the weekly podcast, *CoffeeTime with Andy and Renie Bowman*. They have just published a collection of their stories under the *CoffeeTime* title.

CLOTHES CLOSET MINISTRY NEEDS

Our Clothes Closet Ministry is open each Wednesday from 5:00 to 6:30 p.m. We are in need of gently used and clean winter items for all ages, including stocking hats, gloves, sweaters and jackets. As a side note, Goodwill thrift stores offer a Saturday discount to anyone who would like to pick up a few items for our Clothes Closet. Thank you for your on-going support.

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 20	\$ 1,791.00
Special Offerings November 20	\$ 0.00

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