

# REFLECTIONS

We had a cat that looked down on us. I once read that cats were worshipped as gods in Egypt, and they have never forgotten this fact. I attributed our cat’s penchant for high places to her lineage. It is my theory that Doll was part cat and part squirrel. She was a climber. In my study at home, she would climb up on my desk, step on top of the printer, then leap to the top of the bookcase, rattling everything in sight. From her vantage point up high she would stretch, hang her head slightly off the edge and survey her kingdom.

I was given this cat as a Father’s Day gift from my wife and daughters. Doll was so pleased when we set up our Christmas tree that year. It was the largest cat toy she had ever seen. So she jumped right in and started playing with it, in it and on it. She would climb up the trunk and lurk in the branches. She would hide there quietly until some poor unsuspecting target would pass by. Then she would reach out with a quick paw and swat at me. One year I saw her climb up on the piano and lunge across the wide-open spaces, landing on the tree, sending it every which direction. I caught the tree before it fell over. Some of our ornaments have never been the same. After that, she was given her very own ornaments which were hung around the bottom of the tree to swat at her leisure. Her real goal was always higher up.

Setting up our Christmas tree is an occasion for such memories. We have many handmade ornaments from the grandchildren, some with their pictures. Gifted ornaments from friends long ago, and a spot on the tree for the treasured pets we knew and loved. We still hang one of the cat’s ornaments down low. But oh how she loved to leap into that tree and climb up high.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Take a leap of your own. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Morning</b>	
Continental Breakfast	9:20 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Conversation	11:15 a.m.
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	
The People's Pantry	5:00 p.m.
The Clothes Closet Ministry	
Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.

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## Missions Sunday

# December 4 10 a.m.

with

# Tom Elliff

## Past President of the International Mission Board

# 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  
11 Katy Cook  
16 Lydia Ford

**OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of *Kevin Avery* in the loss of his father.

## 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, DECEMBER 4 The Second Sunday in Advent

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
**10:00 a.m. Dr. Tom Elliff, pulpit guest**

On this second Sunday of Advent, we are honored to have Dr. Tom Elliff as our pulpit guest. Dr. Elliff will offer a message on the heart of missions and the call to serve. Invite your friends to church this week and be blessed.

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

## MONDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

## TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

## WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

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



## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**10:00 a.m. The Wonder of It All**

# Behind the Scenes

## TOM ELLIFF WITH US ON DECEMBER 4

**Dr. Tom Elliff**, former Tulsa pastor, missionary to Zimbabwe, and president of the International Mission Board will be our pulpit guest this Sunday, **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*.

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS BEGINS STUDY OF ACTS

*Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life* is a six-part study of the book of Acts, by Melissa Spoelstra. The study is designed to attune one's spiritual heart to experience God's Spirit and Presence in the ordinary things of everyday living. This new study begins on December 11 and is led by Connie Connely.

## 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. Thank you for your on-going support.

**CONSIDER YOUR PART IN OUR  
CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR  
WORLD MISSIONS.**

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts November 27 .....	\$ 1,676.00
Special Offerings November 27 .....	\$ 0.00

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