

REFLECTIONS

December 29, 2022, marks the 100th anniversary of my father’s birth. He said he always got one leftover Christmas present for his birthday when he was a kid. He felt sympathetic to those whose birthdays fell close to Christmas and New Year’s Day. As the youngest of five children, he was used to hand-me-downs and leftovers.

My father was a railroad man. After trying his hand as a machinist and a jeweler, he went to work for the Seaboard Railroad in 1949. He worked in different capacities for the company for 33 years. My father struggled with high school but managed to graduate just before World War II began. He served in the Coast Guard, married my mother, and after the war, they started having children. Three of us were born within 4 years, and we all went to church each week. Faith mattered.

My dad started out as a switchman in the rail yards accompanying freight trains around the city. Because of union rules, seniority made all the difference in the world when it came to work schedules. Dad worked the nightshift for many years. Things got better. After a dozen years or so, my father began to think of ways to improve the efficiency of the freight delivery system. On his own, he drew-up maps of all the small spur lines that the freight trains used to deliver to the warehouses throughout Miami, Florida, and the surrounding towns. Doing this helped the engineers to have the box cars in the right order to be dropped off, as well as knowing where to find some places. He also took a Dale Carnegie course to learn how to speak in public and work more effectively with people. Management was impressed—he was soon promoted to Assistant Yardmaster, then Yardmaster overseeing the freight crews.

In 1965, our family life changed completely. Dad was asked to move to Birmingham, Alabama, to become a Customer Service Representative for the railroad and Mom announced that she was expecting a baby. Even with all the life changes, the whole family continued to go to Sunday School and church. Eventually Dad was promoted to General Yardmaster of Atlanta, later as Assistant Terminal Trainmaster for Georgia, and finally Terminal Trainmaster over a three-state area centered in South Carolina. Through it all he taught us the place of faith and the importance of church.

Everywhere my parents lived, they were active members in a church. When my father learned he had just a few days to live, he took the day to make phone calls to friends and family to tell them how much they meant to him. He died in mid-December 2003, just shy of his 81st birthday.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Faith matters. 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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FOR TO US A CHILD IS BORN,
TO US A SON IS GIVEN,
AND THE GOVERNMENT
WILL BE ON HIS SHOULDERS.
AND HE WILL BE CALLED

WONDERFUL
Counselor,
MIGHTY
God,
EVERLASTING
Father,
PRINCE OF
Peace.

ISAIAH 9:6, NIV

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	Leslie White
Lydia Ford	Mary Ruth Whitman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December	
27	Margaret VanHorn
29	David Dryer
January	
3	Mickey Holdt
5	Georgia Metcalf
6	Casey Gilmore
7	PJ Shepard
9	Sunni Wager

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

January 1	Donelle and Bryan Enos	23 Years
19	Judy and Ray Martin	63 Years

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 25 Christmas Day

10:00 a.m. Christmas Brunch followed by
The Wonder of Christmas
John 1:1-14

On Christmas Morning and New Year's Morning, we invite you to a freshly prepared egg, hashbrowns and sausage casserole brunch. A time for worship and celebration will continue around the tables. Invite your friends to church and be blessed.

MONDAY, DECEMBER 26

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 27

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 28

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

There will NOT be an Evangel for the week between Christmas and New Year's due to postal regulations.

CONSIDER YOUR PART IN OUR CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR WORLD MISSIONS.

Behind the Scenes



HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY, JANUARY 1 New Year's Day

10:00 a.m. Sunday Brunch
followed by
Morning Has Broken
Psalm 116

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FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts December 18	\$ 887.00
Special Offerings December 18	\$ 00.00
Lottie Moon Global Missions Offering to date	\$ 237.00

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