

REFLECTIONS

I sometimes feel overwhelmed by all the daily decisions I face. Every decision I make is a choice. Every choice I make is a decision. I decide things so often, and I make choices so frequently that many times I may not even realize the impact of what we are doing. It is one thing to decide what to wear today. It is quite another to contemplate a new opportunity, adventure, or big purchase.

I follow these three principles for my decision-making:

- 1) Pray for direction expecting to discover the answer.
- 2) If there is an uncomfortable doubt, don’t, until there is a settled heart.
- 3) Because I have a right to do it, does not mean it is the right thing to do.

When seeking to choose wisely I ask myself these questions:

Is this in keeping with Scripture? Is it right, true, honest and Christ-honoring? If it does not line up with what I already know about God’s will, I am guaranteed a disaster.

Is this the right time to do this? Timing can make all of the difference in a successful decision. If I must have or do something “right now,” I may be responding to unhealthy pressures or influences.

What will be different after I make this decision? This forces me to look at the consequences. How will things look in two weeks, six months or five years from now?

What is the true cost? This question is not just about money. What sacrifices will be made? Who will be affected? What, or who, will be changed?

Are there alternative options that I should be pursuing? Sometimes the first choice presented is taken to be the only choice. It is never the only choice.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Choose wisely. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

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

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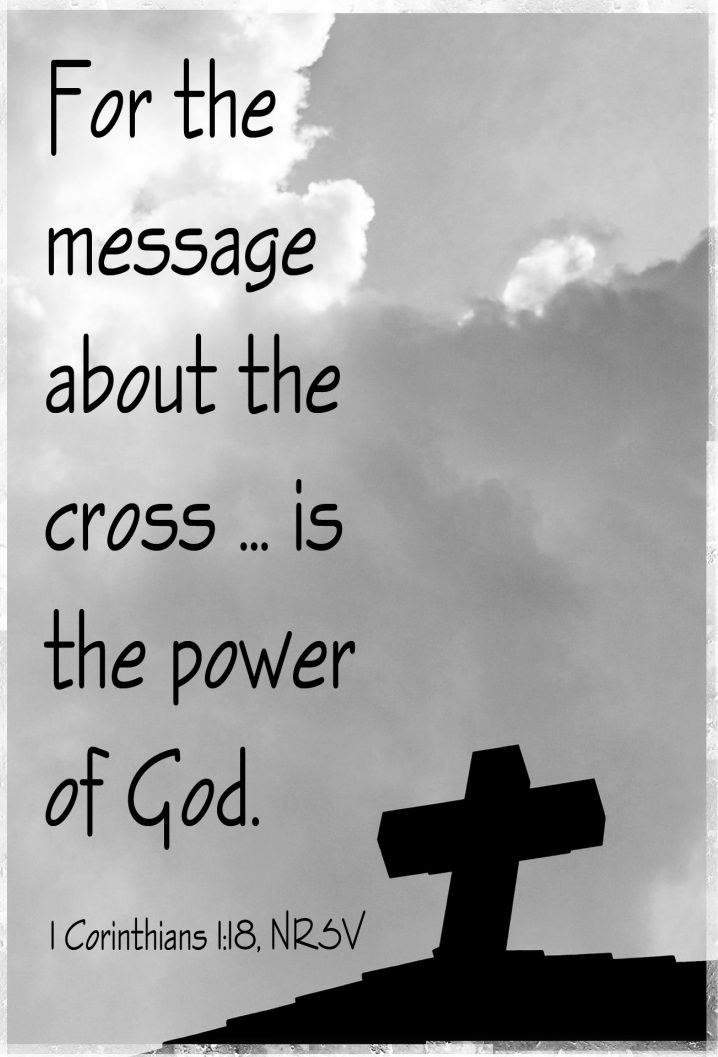


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Our Church Family

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	Margaret VanHorn
Lydia Ford	Leslie White
	Mary Ruth Whitman

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January

20 Nancy Holdt
21 Pam Utley

NEW ADDRESS

Berta Caldwell 8918 N 134 East Avenue
Owasso, OK 74055-2555



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JANUARY 15

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. The State of the Church
—Deuteronomy 31:12-13

This Sunday’s message takes a reflective look back on the life of the church in 2022, and a visionary look forward to what God is doing in our midst, in our community and in our world. Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 16

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

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

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 18

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

SUNDAY, JANUARY 22

10:00 a.m. Equipped for the Journey, Psalm 119:9-16

Behind the Scenes

WELCOME NEW MEMBER

Wilma Robbins 8555 S Lewis Ave #150
Tulsa, OK 74137-1218

THANK YOU FOR TITHING

Each year the church receives an annual tithe distribution from the estate of the late *J. Ray and Ola Smith* through the Baptist Foundation of Oklahoma, now called *WatersEdge* Ministry Services. This year’s tithe was \$8,813.70. This money goes into our general reserves and is set aside for unexpected maintenance expenses. It is a tremendous blessing to the Lord’s work when faithful members include Braden Park Baptist Church in their wills.

NEW SERMON SERIES

The pastor’s latest sermon series, *Understanding the Bible*, is based on Psalm 119. This series is designed to strengthen our skills in Bible study and devotional reading. The teachings of Psalm 119 will be linked to practical tools and aids that every believer can use to grow as a disciple, equipped to help disciple others in the ways of Jesus.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need\$ 1,904.00
General Receipts January 8\$ 1,270.00
Special Offerings January 8\$ 00.00
Lottie Moon Global Missions Offering to date \$ 937.00

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