

REFLECTIONS

Once again, we've embarked on a brand-new year. Are you ready for your adventurous journey ahead? Is 2023 a year with a special birthday, anniversary, graduation, or class reunion? Is this the year you complete that project, get that new job, or move into a new season of life? What are your goals and dreams? Where would you like to be spiritually on this journey called life? What are the challenges that will shape and sharpen you in the days ahead? What is the very next step you need to take?

Tulsa River Parks announced that multiple phases for enhancing Turkey Mountain are well underway. They are adding a Sandstone Staircase that will lead to more adventurous hiking trails through the dense forest. The Turkey Mountain Urban Wilderness Area now covers about 600 acres and is adding 5 more miles of "difficult to moderate trails for the hikers who desire a more challenging experience." There are already 11.5 miles of pedestrian and bicycle trails. An additional 15 miles will be built in the near future. When on the mountain, it is suggested you wear sturdy shoes and carry a cellphone with GPS. Dogs must be on leashes, and horses should be acclimated to steep, rocky trails, overhanging trees and the occasional snake. I suspect some adventurers may take a sudden interest in prayer. The summit is 300 feet above the Arkansas River, which may not sound like much unless you have made it to the top—the Turkey Mountain (adrenaline) High.

What is the adventurous journey, the big challenge, that you are facing this year? Are you entering a new season of your life? Will your challenge come from family relationships, medical issues, a new role as caregiver, or even great sorrow? Preparation for the journey is vital. These life adventures can catch us by surprise and disrupt everything—there are, after all, big rocks, slippery slopes, and the occasional snake. A wise man once said, *Trust in the Lord with all your heart and do not lean on your own understanding; in all your ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct your paths.* (Proverbs 3:5-6)

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Look to the summit. 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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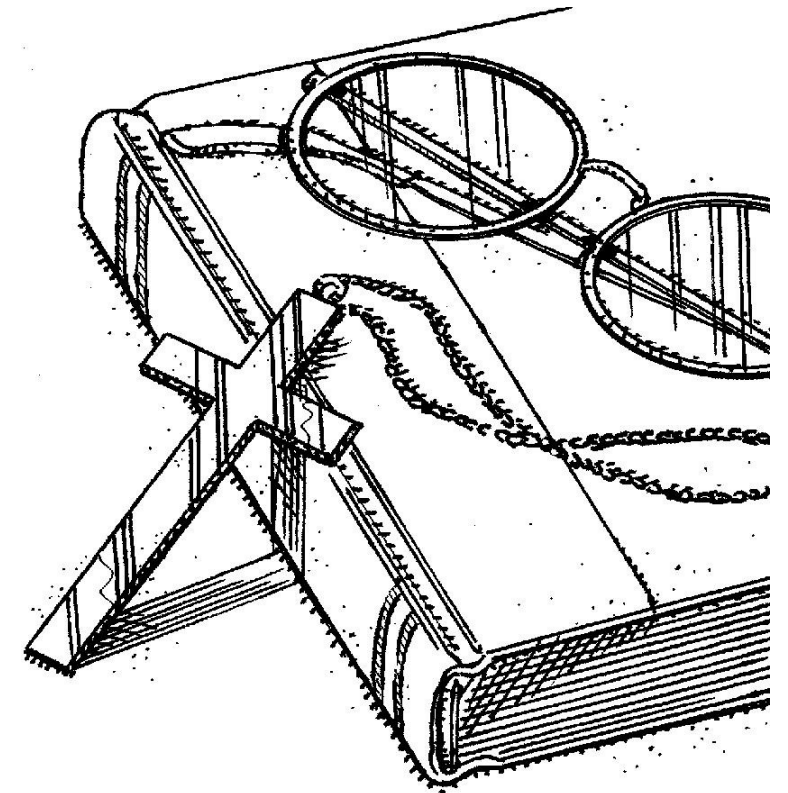


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Let us keep our eyes
on Jesus, the author and
perfector of our faith.

Hebrews 12:2

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

30 Sandra Smith

February

4 Connie Connely
8 Harold Gruetzmacher
10 Berta Caldwell (107 years)

CORRECTLY CORRECTED CORRECTION

Wilma Robins 8555 S Lewis Ave #15-D
Tulsa, OK 74137-1218

CHURCH CONTRIBUTION RECORDS

The Individual Contribution Statements for 2022 have been mailed. Please notify the church office if you fail to receive your report by February 5.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JANUARY 29

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **Seeing the Wonderful Things**
—Psalm 119:17-24

Our series, *Understanding the Bible*, is designed to strengthen our skills in Bible study so that we may be equipped to help disciple others in the ways of Jesus. Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Church Business Meeting
Choir Rehearsal to follow

MONDAY, JANUARY 30

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 31

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 5

10:00 a.m. **Kevin Avery, preaching**

Behind the Scenes

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING THIS SUNDAY

This Sunday morning, **January 27**, there will be a church business meeting following the morning worship service. Items to be discussed include adopting the 2023 Proposed Budget, as well as revising the titles on the church properties to include our sister congregation, Monte Los Olivos.

NEW CHURCH BUDGET PROPOSED

The proposed 2023 Budget reflects a 6.4% inflationary increase. Salaries remain the same as 2022.* Offsets include the contributions from Monte Los Olivos and a housing allowance for our Missionary in Residence, Kevin Avery.

Missions	\$ 7,050
Program Support	\$ 7,550
Building & Utilities	\$ 45,100
Staff Compensation	\$ 104,893
Income offsets	\$ (58,000)
Total	\$ 106,593

*The Youth Minister position was added last February and was not fully reflected in the 2022 budget needs.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,927.00
General Receipts January 22	\$ 930.00
Special Offerings January 22	\$ 250.00
Lottie Moon Global Missions Offering to date	\$ 1,057.00

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