

REFLECTIONS

You know it is going to be an interesting week when the temperatures dip below 20 degrees with light precipitation and daylight brings a few hours of Thunder Sleet with occasional lightning, followed by Sleet Showers. Tuesday was quieter with just Light Sleet accompanied by deep cold. We were all ready for the Big Snow last week. Groceries were bought. Gas tanks were filled. But, alas, the Blanket of Snow (“up to 6-inches in some locations”) turned out to be no snow for the Tulsa area, also known as “the Donut Hole” in the blanket, as one weatherman mixed his metaphors. As of this writing, area schools will have at least three Snow Days this week, and a strong possibility of a fourth. Some businesses are closed, sort of. Hourly wage earners are missing work. Automotive body shops are incredibly busy. Insurance companies are saying, “Send us some pictures.” Some have taken these days to rest or catch up on a few things. Others have taken these days to fret, worry and be anxious about everything. Long anticipated medical appointments or procedures have been canceled and need to be rescheduled, causing further delays. For many, these days of being shut in are just like every other lonely day.

We had Thunder Sleet one March Sunday in 2014. That winter we had to cancel one service each month for four months in a row because of the bitter weather. If I were the one in control, the weather would always be beautiful on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. God and I have had this discussion for years now. Mostly I talk. God doesn’t say much about it. All I ever get is, “It rains on the just and the unjust alike.” You would think that God would make it as easy as possible for people to go to church. Most likely God does not micromanage the weather at all. It’s probably more about strengthening our character, stretching our faith, and learning to depend on God through whatever comes our way. We have been here before. This coming Sunday, February 5, is predicted to be sunny and 60 degrees (or not.)

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Trust in the Lord. 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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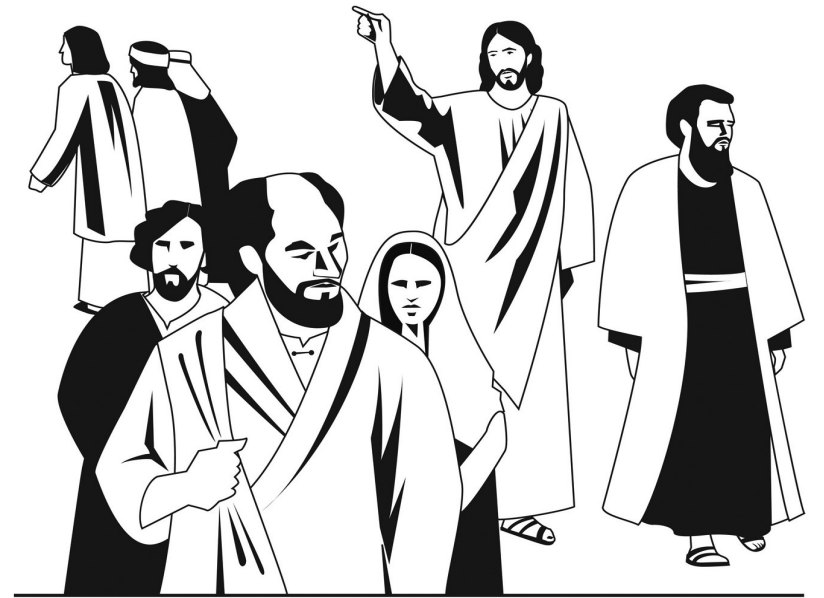
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Peace be with you.
AS THE FATHER HAS
SENT ME,
— EVEN SO I AM —
SENDING YOU.

John 20:21, ESV

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!

February

10 Berta Caldwell*
 16 Rodney Epp
 20 Bill Barrett
 21 Russell Ford

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Mary Ruth Whitman* in the loss of her son, Vince.

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, FEBRUARY 5

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. From Overlooked to Indispensable
 —**Luke 14:21-24**

What is the most overlooked, yet indispensable practice of the church and each believer? This week Kevin Avery shares of his emerging ministries as our Missionary In Residence. Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Church Business Meeting
 11:55 a.m. Choir Rehearsal to follow

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 6

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 7

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

10:00 a.m. Seeing Through Tears, Psalm 119:25-32

Behind the Scenes

CHURCH BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

Last Sunday morning, **January 29**, the church approved the Proposed 2023 Budget, and discussion was given to Braden Park Church and our sister church, Monte Los Olivos, having joint ownership of the property and facilities. Discussion focused on developing a way of giving both churches security and a comfort level of joint ownership. The church appointed a five-person committee to meet with a committee from Monte Los Olivos, to develop a united plan of action. The committee members appointed were Connie Connely, David Dryer, Bryan Enos, Russell Ford, and Ben Shepard.

CHURCH VALENTINE DINNER

Mark your calendar to join us for a Valentine Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for Sunday, February 12, following the morning worship time. Bring a side dish, salad or dessert to go with the meal.

* **OUR CONGRATULATIONS to Berta Caldwell** on the occasion of her *107th Birthday on February 10*. Born in 1916, Berta resides with her daughter and son-in-law, *Holly and Chuck DeBoer*, 8918 N 134th East Ave, Owasso, OK 74055-2555.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts January 29	\$ 3,171.80
Special Offerings January 29	\$ 0.00

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