

# REFLECTIONS

Into each life a mouse shall come. One Sunday morning during the holidays, Dorothy reported that she had startled a mouse in our pantry. Sunday morning before church is not a good time for a mouse hunt. I told her the mouse would be fine and that we would take care of it after lunch. We mentioned the mouse at lunch and one of our daughters asked if we would be using a non-lethal mousetrap. She offered us one of her slightly used humane traps. After a couple of days, I noticed the bait was missing but no mouse was trapped inside. We tried again with the same result. The little spring door on the trap was broken. Time for more severe action. Two traps were set. It took a few more days for the mouse to meet a sudden end. We moved on with life, keeping a trap set.

Into each life another mouse shall come. It has been very cold of late. While working at the kitchen counter one evening, I thought I saw a flash of silver. I looked in the pantry, everything looked fine. I set another trap, this time with a raisin. When I checked the next morning, the raisin had been moved out of the trap. I set the trap with some smelly cheese. That worked. I thought it might be time to clean out the pantry. It is amazing what can be stored in a pantry, just in case it might be useful, maybe, one day. We cleaned the floor and the first shelf then half of the second. We saw why the mouse did not need to venture far. One shelf contained an empty mouse-eaten bag of cholate chips, and a partially eaten bag of other stuff. A trip to the store for fancy containers ensued. All was well again.

Into each life still another mouse shall come. A few more days passed before I saw an empty bag of crackers and debris on the pantry floor. It had fallen from the half-cleaned shelf. Time for another deeper cleaning—all the way up to the top, new shelf paper, restocking the pantry, and more cheese. Stuff dating to 2006 tossed away, and 30 big and little glass jars recycled. Two more traps were set. One more mouse passed over the rainbow bridge, or wherever. Pantry tours are now available at a very reasonable price.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Watch for mice. 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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May  
**those who**  
sow  
in  
tears  
**reap**  
with shouts of joy.

Psalm 126:5, NRSV

# 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

16 Rodney Epp  
 20 Bill Barrett  
 21 Russell Ford  
 22 Mary Ruth Whitman

For God so loVed the world  
 thAt He gave His  
 onLy  
 begottEn  
 SoN,  
 thaT whoever  
 belIeves  
 iN Him should not perish  
 but havE everlasting life.

(John 3:16, NKJV)

# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
 10:00 a.m. Seeing Though the Tears  
 —Psalm 119:25-32

This week we discover how to show someone where to look in the Bible when they are depressed or in sorrow. Our series, *Understanding the Bible*, is designed to strengthen our skills in Bible study and grow as a disciple, 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. Conversation and Bible Study  
 11:45 a.m. Valentine Dinner followed by Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY, FEBRUARY 13

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

## TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

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

## WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 15

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

## SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

10:00 a.m. Getting Past the Glitter, Psalm 119:33-40

# Behind the Scenes



## CHURCH VALENTINE DINNER

Mark your calendar to join us for our Valentine Spaghetti Dinner set for **this Sunday, February 12**, following the morning worship time. If you would like, bring a side dish, salad or dessert to go with the meal.

## A LIFE GOD REWARDS VIDEO SERIES

The video Series, *A Life God Rewards: Why Everything You Do Today Matters for Eternity*, taught by Bruce Wilkerson, will be led by the pastor in Willets Hall **beginning February 19**. This eight- week series focuses on the relationship of our service to God on earth with the rewards that God has promised His disciples for eternity. This series is in addition to the Ladies Bible study, *Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life*.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts February 5 .....	\$ 1,375.00
Special Offerings February 5 .....	\$ 0.00

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