

REFLECTIONS

The church doorbell rang late one afternoon a few years ago. A couple in their seventies waved when they saw me coming to the door. As always, I took a couple of mental guesses as to who they were and what their need might be. I was wrong, again. The gentleman introduced himself and his sister. He asked permission to show her the stained glass windows. So I offered to take them around so that they could enter the sanctuary down the center aisle. I did not turn on the lights as the stained glass is best viewed in natural light. The glass gleamed in its richness; the architect had designed the shape of the building to receive the full light.

The man then told us his story of labor and love of the windows on the north and south walls. Most people focus on the Good Shepherd window above and behind the pulpit. He wanted to talk about the other windows, for he was one of the men who had stained the glass into the various colors over thirty years earlier. He had fired the colors into the sheets of glass. He had been a part of the team that had cut the glass, dipped it in a black wash, hand rubbing every small piece with a cloth, being very careful not to leave any fingerprints, then firing all the pieces one final time. It was the largest, most complicated stained glass project of his career. Then came the assembly of the panels, putting lead around every individual piece of glass and iron supports for the longer pieces, always double-checking that he was following the patterns precisely. His sister and I were impressed as he showed us how the texture of the glass, in addition to the colors, transformed the room into a holy place. He said he now lived out of state and wanted to see, one more time, his artistry in its glorious setting. I saw the windows from the view of the artist.

We talked a little while, then I left them alone to reflect and remember. I have to be careful about my assumptions of people or situations. Sometimes I can be too quick. I am so glad I listened to his story. Each week we have the opportunity to worship in the wonder of the artist's stained glass.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Behold the view of the artist. 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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Teach me
your way,
O LORD,
& I will
walk in
your truth...
Psalm 86:11

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

IN THE HOSPITAL

Alvin Plummer	St. Francis Medical Center
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

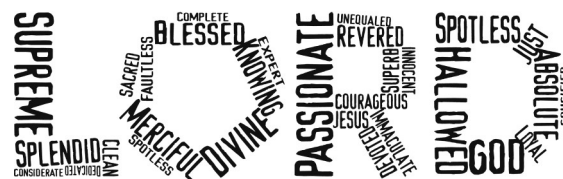
February

20 Bill Barrett
 21 Russell Ford
 22 Mary Ruth Whitman

March

2 David Anderson
 5 Ben Shepard

CALL ON HIS NAME



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 19

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
 10:00 a.m. **Getting Past the Glitter**
 —Psalm 119:25-32

This week we discover practical ways to overcome the constant distractions that draw us away from a victorious life in Christ. 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. *The Life God Rewards series* in Fellowship Hall
 Ladies Bible Study—*Acts series*
 11:55 a.m. Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 22

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

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

10:00 a.m. **Our Unfailing Salvation, Psalm 119:41-48**

Behind the Scenes

A LIFE GOD REWARDS VIDEO SERIES

The video Series, *A Life God Rewards: Why Everything You Do Today Matters for Eternity*, taught by Bruce Wilkinson, starts this Sunday, February 19. The first session is titled, *The Unbreakable Connections in Your Life*. 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*.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR FOR MARCH 5

On Sunday Morning, March 5, we will hear testimonies from **Dr. Elbert Smith** and the four senior nursing students our church helped sponsor from Oklahoma Baptist University's Tom Eliff Center for Missions. These students, along with Dr. and Mrs. Smith, spent January as a medical missions team in east Africa.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts February 12	\$ 1,390.17
Special Offerings February 12	\$ 0.00

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