

REFLECTIONS

A quick internet search tells me that there are about 149,000 English 4-letter words. The Official Scrabble Dictionary allows about 4,000 of them. I think we may have a problem with our everyday language. Why does it seem to take weeks and weeks to teach a child to say, "please and thank you," or "Yes, ma'am, or No, sir," and only one time for a misplaced ugly word to be instantly memorized and endlessly utilized by that same child? This is not a new problem. It is well past time to upgrade our use of the four-letter word.

A few decades ago, after completing the macramé phase of my life, I turned to a pastime of cross-stitch, with an occasional venture into needlepoint. After all, you can only make so many hanging flowerpot holders for all of your friends and relatives. New friends and more relatives were gifted with my artistic pictures, sayings, and Christmas stitchery. Some were graciously received. I stitched one piece that not only turned out well but spoke fittingly to me. It is a 24" by 10" framed piece that hangs in my office over the area I reserve for conversations and counsel. It is about four-letter words. The words are colorfully stitched and subtly illustrate their subject. (I have had to reformat their appearance to fit this printed column.)

"Four Letter Words that Change the World"

Love. Hope. Care. Help.

Heal. Work. Play. Feel.

Duty. Home. Good. Kind.

Pity. Rest. Seek. Pray. Live.

Amen.

It reminds me of the biblical admonition: *A word aptly spoken is like apples of gold in settings of silver.* Proverbs 25:11

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

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning

Continental Breakfast

Worship

Bible Study & Conversation

9:20 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening

The People's Pantry

The Clothes Closet Ministry

Prayer Service

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

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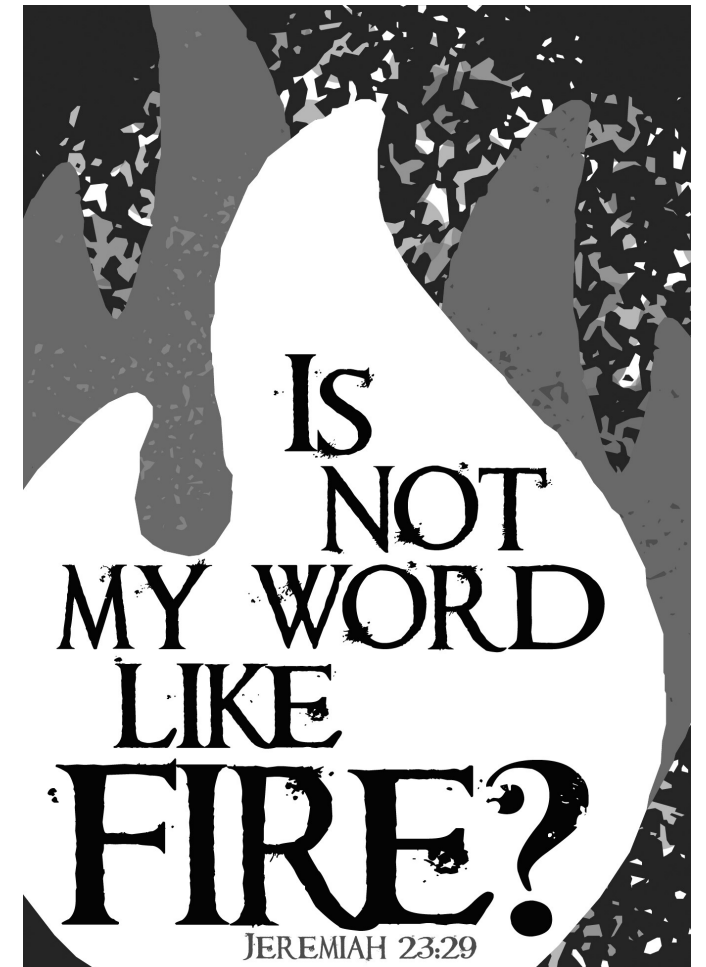


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Our Church Family

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

27 Ray Martin

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the friends and families of *Alvin D. (Al) Plummer*, former deacon, and *Mary Ruth Whitman*, retired North American Missionary, in their passing.



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, MARCH 19

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **Who Wrote the Bible?**
—Psalm 119:57-64

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, MARCH 20

8:45 a.m. Monday Morning Prayers (*New Start Time*)
Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

TUESDAY, MARCH 21

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 22

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 26

10:00 a.m. **Divine Revelation and Inspiration**

Behind the Scenes

Upcoming

SPRING FELLOWSHIP MEAL MARCH 26

Everyone is encouraged to bring a friend or neighbor to our Spring After-Church Fellowship Dinner on Sunday, **March 26**. The church will be providing the Glazed Baked Ham and potatoes.

PALM SUNDAY—APRIL 2

with Palm Crosses and Lord's Supper

EASTER SUNDAY—APRIL 9

Celebrate the Glory of His Resurrection!

TIMOTHY SCHOLARSHIP FOR OBU

The Timothy McKinley Scholarship Fund is available for full-time students attending **Oklahoma Baptist University** in Shawnee for the **2023-2024 school year**. Applications are due by April 16. Contact the church at office@bradenpark.org.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts March 12	\$ 2,129.38
Special Offerings March 12	\$ 0.00

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