

REFLECTIONS

In a discussion on a recent Wednesday night, I referred to a sermon that has lived deeply in my heart: A. J. Gossip's *But When Life Tumbles In, What Then?* Arthur John Gossip (1873-1954) lived in Scotland his entire life. He served churches as pastor, ministered to the Scottish Highlander soldiers as chaplain during World War 1, and later became professor of Theology and Ethics at Trinity College of Glasgow University. After one bitter battle during the war, Gossip held the funeral for 100 of his Scottish soldiers. At age 54, while pastor of a church in Aberdeen, his wife suddenly died. The Sunday following her funeral, in his grief, which still included so much pain from his war experiences, he stood in the pulpit to tell of his hope in the darkest times of his life. Based on Jeremiah 12:5, he proclaimed in part:

I do not understand this life of ours. But still less can I comprehend how people in trouble and loss and bereavement can fling away peevishly from the Christian faith. In God's name, fling to what? Have we not lost enough without losing that too? If Christ is right—if, as he says, there are somehow, hidden away from our eyes as yet, still there, wisdom and planning and kindness and love in these dark dispensations—then we can see them through....If Christ was right, and immortality and dear hopes of which He speaks do really lie a little way ahead, we can manage to make our way to them. But if it is not so, if it is all over, if there is nothing more, how dark the darkness grows! You people in the sunshine may believe the faith, but we in the shadow must believe it. We have nothing else.

Further in the sermon after quoting Paul: *True, I can tell him where death's sting lies. Ah! It is the constant missing of what always used to be here; the bitter grudging every second of the dear body to the senseless earth, the terrible insecurity, for one is never safe—anything, nothing, and the old overwhelming pain comes rushing back....To us it will be long and lonesome: but they won't even have looked around them before we burst in....I don't think you need be afraid of life. Our hearts are very frail; and there are places where the road is very steep and very lonely. But we have a wonderful God....*

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Heaven is at hand. 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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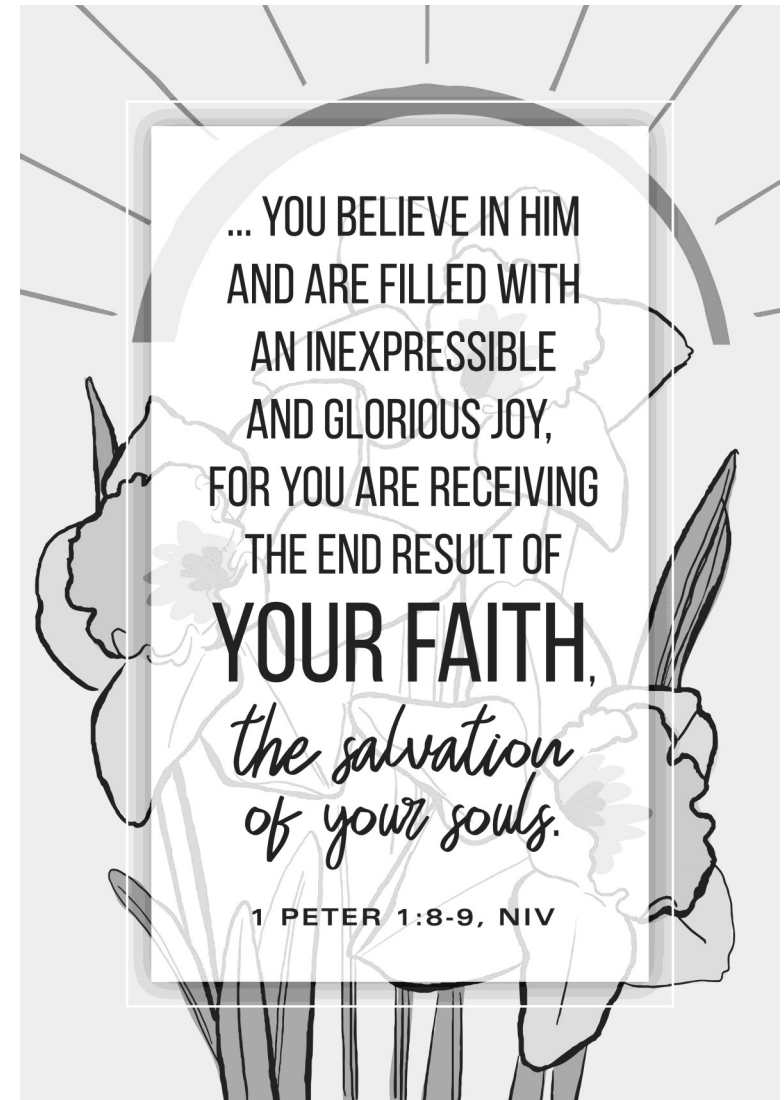


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Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

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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

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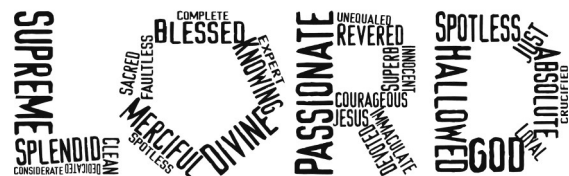
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

March

- 2 David Anderson
- 5 Ben Shepard
- 7 Judy Spraker
- 10 Dorothy DeBorde
- 13 Kevin Avery

CALL ON HIS NAME



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 26

- 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. **Our Unfailing Salvation**
—Psalm 119:41-48

This week we rejoice in God’s salvation which leads to 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 27

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 28

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

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 1

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

SUNDAY, MARCH 5

- 10:00 a.m. **OBU Students Mission Testimony Service**

Behind the Scenes

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.

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, continues this week. This week’s session is titled, *The Six events of Your Forever Life*. This series is in addition to the Ladies Bible study, *Acts: Awakening to God in Everyday Life*.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of *Gloria Huckaby* in her passing.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts February 19	\$ 909.00
Special Offerings February 19	\$ 0.00

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