

REFLECTIONS

The term airbus took on a new meaning for me when my plane departed the runway at Niamey, Niger. It wasn't so much the chicken being chased down the aisle by the young boy, it was that the whole episode had upset the goat. The airplane carry-on rule was loosely enforced on Ethiopian Airlines back in 1997. My destination was N'djamena, the capitol city of Chad.

I settled in for the flight seated next to a gentleman who did not speak English. I do not speak French or Arabic. French is the language of commerce in North Africa. The stewardess offered us a cup of water or coffee. I opened my book and sipped the coffee gingerly. I was on my way to encourage our missionaries in Chad and teach Prayer Walking with the leaders of the only Baptist church in town. We hit a little turbulence and some of my hot coffee landed on my seatmate's thigh. I tried to apologize but I could tell he was not happy with me. I did the only thing I knew to do at the moment. I dug out of my carry-on a fun-sized bag of M&M's and handed it to him. He smiled, I smiled and everything else went well. Never travel without M&M's, bubble gum or hard candies. One of the realities of foreign travel is encountering the little children who beg. I carried a roll or two of freshly minted coins for years, but they began to cause luggage screeners to frown; therefore, the switch to candy.

Our time in Chad was well spent with God's power being evidenced in new ways for the believers and a new mission point started at the invitation of the leaders of a local village. I sought to encourage the faithful and occasionally gave away some candy. During a Sunday evening prayer meeting that was focused on the persecuted church, our time was interrupted by the news that an Iman fleeing from another country had come asking for refuge in the church. He reported that he had seen a vision of Jesus calling him to faith. He left all he knew and owned to follow Christ. I flew back to Niger, with a full heart and empty pockets, minding my coffee. Never underestimate the power of a little candy. Candy speaks a language of its own. It can thank, reward, apologize and even bring smiles in awkward situations. It is amazing how small, kind acts can bring so much joy to others. Encourage someone today. Use candy, if necessary.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Stay sweet. 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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Our Church Family

LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #201 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!

April 13 Alice Barrett

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April 13 Sandra and Roy Smith 49 Years



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 Palm Sunday

- 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Hosannas to Our King**
—Lord’s Supper Service

We gather for our traditional Palm Sunday Lord’s Supper Service. We will sing our praises to our King, fold our palm leaves into crosses, and partake of the bread and cup as we look to the Cross. Join with us this Sunday, invite a guest, and be blessed.

- 11:15 a.m. Monte Los Olivos Dinner preparations
(No Bible Study hour)
- Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, APRIL 3

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 9

- 10:00 a.m. Easter Sunday—The Ultimate Victory!**

Behind the Scenes

HERE WE GO AGAIN

Once again, we need you to help our church neighborhood prevent the rezoning of the property next to the church on the corner of 4th Place and Yale. We won this battle last year before the City Council, but now the absentee owner of this long neglected lot is seeking to once again rezone it from Office Low (OL) to Commercial Shopping (CS). This could open the way for a dispensary, smoke shop, or any other undesirable high traffic business. Being next door to a church no longer limits commercial businesses. The public hearing is scheduled for April 5 at 1:00 p.m. at Tulsa City Hall. Contact your City Councilor today to express your objections.

CONGRATULATIONS MONTE LOS OLIVOS

Our congratulations to our sister church, *Monte Los Olivos*, on their 23rd Anniversary as a partner in ministry with us. There will an anniversary dinner Sunday morning.

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 26.....	\$ 1,592.00
Special Offerings March 26	\$ 0.00

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