

# REFLECTIONS

Buried in a box of old photographs, I seem to remember a picture taken of my sisters Denise and Diane and myself in our Easter clothes. We were moving into our teenage years. My sisters wore new dresses with ribbons and carried purses. I probably got the new white shirt or maybe the tie. We were dressed up enough to have our picture taken together in front of the house before going to church. Easter marked the real beginning of spring, and a hallmark of the day was dressing up for church. Many ladies wore hats and some even wore white gloves. It was a day for smiles, family dinners and the smell of Easter egg dye. Easter meant lilies on the church altar table, special choir music and a re-telling of the greatest story ever told. That first Easter is, after all, the single most important day in the history of the world.

One Sunday, when I was serving on the staff of a church during college, a long-retired minister was asked to preach in the absence of the pastor. As he was being introduced, the preacher stepped up to preach hurriedly putting on his suit coat. Something was comically off. He kept fiddling with his coat throughout the beginning of his sermon, first trying to get the collar right, and then never finding how to get his hand into the coat pocket. He couldn't—his coat was on inside out. He persevered with the message, taking a text from Colossians 2. Before we realized it, the wily preacher, having trapped us in our own pride, as many of us were snickering about his outfit, began reading *“Therefore, as God’s chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience...”* He explained that his inside-out coat represented the deceptiveness of our sins and that the call of Christ is to take off the sinful ways of our old self and put on the new. He took off his coat as he explained the passage, and then he wore it right side out as the Maker/Tailor intended.

Easter is not about how you dress for church. It is about how Christ transforms us from the inside out. Like the old song says, *Once I was lost, but now I am found.* Once I was trapped in sin and shame, but now I am free and forgiven forever. All things are new because Christ is risen!

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Wear your Easter clothes every day. 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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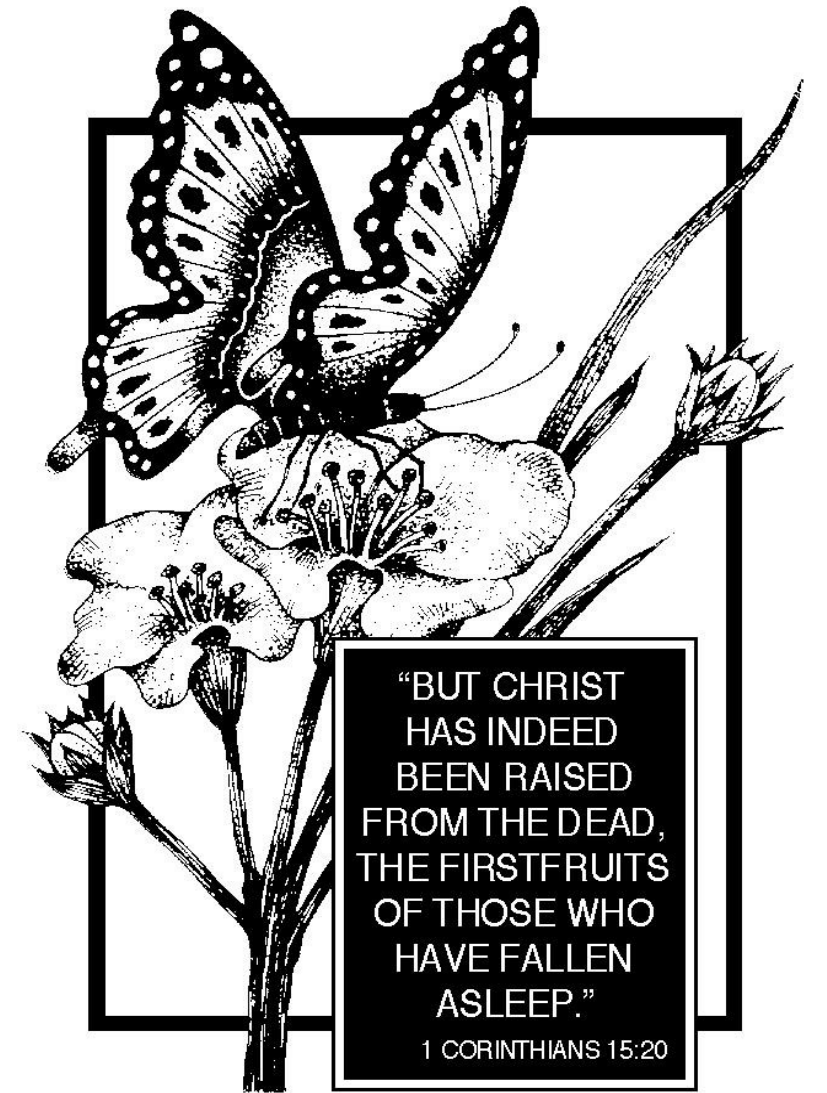


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**“BUT CHRIST  
HAS INDEED  
BEEN RAISED  
FROM THE DEAD,  
THE FIRSTFRUITS  
OF THOSE WHO  
HAVE FALLEN  
ASLEEP.”**

1 CORINTHIANS 15:20

# Our Church Family

## LIVING CENTERS

Zarrow Pointe Kaiser Health Center #201 . . . . . Dorothy Lee

## AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett  
Elizabeth Burke  
Berta Caldwell  
Marion Corbett  
Joe Crotser  
Lydia Ford

Paula McPherson  
Georgia Metcalf  
Bonnie Nutting  
Pauline Morton  
P J Shepard  
Margaret VanHorn  
Leslie White

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 13 Alice Barrett  
19 Wilma Robins

### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

April 13 Sandra and Roy Smith 49 Years



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, APRIL 9 Easter Sunday

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
10:00 a.m. **The Ultimate Victory!**  
—1 Corinthians 15:20-28

This week we celebrate Easter. We gather to worship the God who provided the single greatest Victory of all human history. Victory over sin. Victory over death. Victory through the Resurrection of Jesus. It's Easter! Invite your family and friends to church and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Conversation and Bible Study  
(No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal)

## MONDAY, APRIL 10

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 11

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

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 12

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

## SUNDAY, APRIL 16

10:00 a.m. **Come to the Waters, Listen to His Word**

# Behind the Scenes

## 90th BIRTHDAY CELEBRATION

Join us for a Birthday Celebration for *Wilma Robins* on the occasion of her 90th birthday, **Saturday, April 22 at 2:00 p.m.** in the Fellowship Hall of Braden Park Baptist Church, hosted by *Casey Gilmore and Scooter Cook*. Please RSVP to Casey at (918) 606-4768 by April 15th.

## TIMOTHY SCHOLARSHIPS 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](mailto:office@bradenpark.org).

## THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY MINISTRY REPORT

**The People's Pantry** provided 89 families, 207 individuals, with enough groceries for 2,484 meals during the past three months, January through March. The pantry has also provided emergency groceries and personal products for several homeless neighbors and others on foot or bicycle. Thank you for your on-going prayers, food and clothing contributions, and financial support.

### FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....\$ 2,050.00  
General Receipts April 2.....\$ 2,388.00  
Special Offerings April 2.....\$ 0.00

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