

REFLECTIONS

There was something different about my neighbor's lawn ornaments. I got home from work in the late afternoon about a week or so ago. As I went to check the mailbox, something caught my eye in the neighbor's front yard. Our neighbor has a brick-edged flowerbed circling a maple tree. On each side of the flowerbed stand two three-foot-tall ceramic deer. That day there stood a motionless goose beside one of the deer. Then I spotted another Canadian goose behind the tree. I took a picture of the four *lawn ornaments*. This is unusual for our part of the neighborhood. The geese tend to stay over at one of the ponds on the next street. The next morning the geese were still there. Later I noticed one of them standing on the roof of a white pickup truck parked across from my neighbor's house. My neighbor sent me a text asking if I had noticed the geese. I called them his new lawn ornaments. He corrected me by saying one had become a hood ornament for the truck. Then he mentioned that they would probably be with us for a month. The goose is nesting in the flowerbed. The gander stands on patrol.

As the temperature has warmed, the gander has taken to guarding both of our houses, retreating under the truck only to nap. The truck owner has not noticed that the gander can no longer stand on the truck due to the unpleasantness on its roof. The geese choose to use our driveway and sidewalk when they need to stretch. I find that the snow shovel works well, but it is noisy. Maybe that is why the geese decided today to alternate their breaks in the relative privacy of our front stoop and on the welcome mat at our front door. Only three weeks to go.

Cleaning up the mess is a chore that needs to be done, whether we like it or not. I wonder sometimes what God thinks of the mess I make of things. In Biblical language confession leads to cleansing. Admitting I am responsible for my own sin is step one. It is much easier to point to others' messes. Confessing someone else's sin, while self-satisfying, does not lead to personal cleansing. *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness. 1 John 1:9.*

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Clean up the unpleasantness. 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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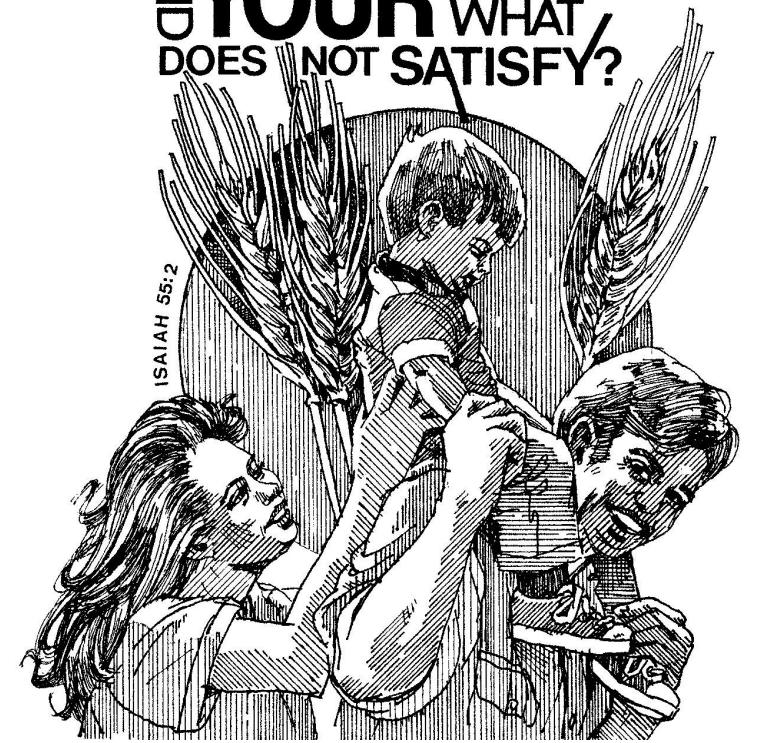
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MONEY ON
WHAT IS NOT
BREAD,
AND YOUR LABOR ON
WHAT DOES NOT SATISFY?



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	Pauline Morton
Joe Crotser	P J Shepard
Lydia Ford	Margaret VanHorn
	Leslie White

IN HOSPICE

Pauline Morton Porta Caeli Hospice Center, Tulsa

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April	19	Wilma Robins
	27	Dorris Doyle



INCLINE YOUR EAR,
AND COME TO ME;
HEAR, THAT YOUR
SOUL MAY LIVE.

ISAIAH 55:3, ESV

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, APRIL 16

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Come to the Waters, Listen to His Word
—Isaiah 55

This week we immerse ourselves in Isaiah’s grand chapter on the power and provision found through God’s Word. Invite your family and friends to church, and be blessed.

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

MONDAY, APRIL 17

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 18

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 19

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

SATURDAY, APRIL 22

2:00 a.m. 90th Birthday Reception for Wilma Robins

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

10:00 a.m. Pulpit Guest Troy Johnson, Voice of the Martyrs

Behind the Scenes

REZONING UPDATE

There was a lengthy hearing about the rezoning effort for the property next to the church at 4th Place and Yale. The matter was referred back for further review by the city planners. A new hearing is scheduled for April 19. Thank you for your continued prayers and phone calls to your city councilor’s office to keep the **OL** zoning.

PULPIT GUEST TROY JOHNSON, APRIL 23

Troy Johnson, a former member and youth minister of our church, will be with us Sunday, April 23, to share of the mission of The Voice of the Martyrs, headquartered in Bartlesville, Oklahoma.

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. Please RSVP to *Casey Gilmore* at (918) 606-4768 by April 15th.

TIMOTHY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OBU DUE

The Timothy McKinley Scholarship Fund is available for full-time students attending **Oklahoma Baptist University** for the **2023-2024 school year**. Applications are due by Sunday, April 16.

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.