

REFLECTIONS

Assumptions about others do not matter unless they are wrong. This week 16-year-old *Ralph Yarl* rang the doorbell and was shot twice through the front door of *Andrew Lester's* house. Yarl had been asked to pick up his younger twin brothers. He was at the right house number, but on the wrong street one block over. Yarl assumed he was at the right house. Lester says he was "scared to death" and assumed he was being robbed. Yarl's wounds were not fatal, but his life has been forever traumatized. Mr. Lester has been charged with two felonies: assault in the first degree and armed criminal action.

This week I have been exercising, also known as walking, at Tulsa's upscale outdoor shopping center, Utica Square. On Monday I also got my afternoon coffee. On Tuesday, Dorothy and I met for a late lunch. I also watch people and admire the spring flowers planted everywhere. I remember being at Utica Square one November many years ago. The place was filled with holiday shoppers and parking was at a premium. On my way back to my car I saw the most beautiful automobile I believe I have ever seen outside of a car show. It was a stately silver Rolls Royce adorned with highly polished silver trimmings. As it passed in front of me, I saw there was a chauffeur driving two people who were seated in the back of the car. I made two guesses as to who was inside: a wealthy elderly couple or the Lady Dowager Duchess of old Tulsa Town herself (whoever that might be) with her personal assistant. I got in my car and drove around the block to see where the Rolls Royce took the passengers.

The chauffeur stopped at the front door of a store, but from my position I could not tell which store it was. He got out, dressed in a full charcoal and gray uniform with the hat, and opened the car's rear door. Out stepped a dark-haired young lady dressed in stylish causal clothes. "Ah ha," I thought, "the other will be the Duchess." But when the other woman stepped out of the car she looked as young and stylish as her friend. They could have been sisters, or a mother and daughter or just good friends. I discovered that they had gone into the Pottery Barn. Maybe they won the lottery and rented the Rolls Royce for the day just to impress people like me. Maybe that is how they go shopping all the time. I just do not have enough information to know the real answer. My first assumptions were wrong. The hard lesson is that almost every time I assume, or presume upon a person or a situation, I am wrong. Just ask my wife.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Assumptions matter. And let's experience the love and power of God

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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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“Blessed
are those
who are
persecuted for
righteousness’
sake, for
theirs is
the kingdom
of heaven.”

Matthew 5:10

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	P J Shepard
Joe Crotser	Margaret VanHorn
Lydia Ford	Leslie White

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

April 27	Dorris Doyle
30	Elizabeth Burke

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of *Pauline Morton* in her passing. Pauline was baptized at 18 in our original church building in 1937. She was 103 years old.



INCLINE YOUR EAR,
AND COME TO ME;
HEAR, THAT YOUR
SOUL MAY LIVE.
ISAIAH 55:3, ESV

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, APRIL 23

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Pulpit Guest Troy Johnson
—The Voice of the Martyrs

This week we have the opportunity to hear from *Troy Johnson* as he shares the ways God's Word is being provided around the world, in the hardest places to reach for Christ. Invite your family and friends to church, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Conversation and Bible Study
 11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, APRIL 24

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 25

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 26

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 30

10:00 a.m. The Unfolding of God's Word

Behind the Scenes

PULPIT GUEST TROY JOHNSON, APRIL 23

Troy Johnson, a former member and youth minister of our church, will be with us this Sunday to share of the mission of *The Voice of the Martyrs*, headquartered in Bartlesville, Oklahoma. Troy has served as The National Director of Development and Outreach for Voice of the Martyrs since 2019. Troy has a long history working with *DaySpring Greetings* and *Thomas Nelson Publishing* companies and is the author of over 40 devotional and leadership books.

GIRL SCOUTS PLANT FLOWERS AT CHURCH

The Girl Scout Troops that meet weekly in our church planted marigolds in the flowerbeds around the church. as an act of service, and as a *Thank You* to the church. *Casey Gilmore* is the leader for Troop 268. *Cathy Koloff* leads Troop 425.

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FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts April 16	\$ 1,890.00
Special Offerings April 16	\$ 0.00

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