

REFLECTIONS

I went to Will Rogers High School for an after-school meeting today. As I approached the receptionist's desk, I noticed a teacher walking his big black and yellow dog without a leash down the main hall. The dog was prancing around all curious about everything but stayed out of trouble. I visited with the receptionist who I've known now for six years. I made it to my meeting room and found the dog was entertaining those who came early.

The dog was a robot. You may have seen pictures of these robot dogs used by scientists and police in other states. This one was on loan to the school for a few days from the University of Tulsa. I asked if the dog could take some papers out of my hand. Of course it could. It walked over to me, sized up the situation, opened its mouth, and took the papers from my hand. I moved away and it followed me and returned my papers without a wrinkle or a tooth mark. The robots are here, and Artificial Intelligence (AI) is in the news.

Fear not, we have had one hundred years of science fiction books and movies preparing us for life with robots possessing more knowledge than we could ever fathom. So I did about two and a half hours of research last week on the current state of AI, leaving me totally prepared to face the future. I listened to discussions about AI. I watched a person build an app for his computer using step by step AI. That was tedious, even for him. AI is only as good as the person who uses it. The difference with today's AI is the speed with which it makes its calculations and the vastness of its information base.

The Hollywood writers are on strike in part because AI can use any writer's creations, without credit or compensation. Teachers are worried that students will just let AI write their essays and research papers, effectively cheating their way through school. Today's AI is another disruptive force for society to deal with. All advances in any technology are disruptive. All have been misused and have the potential to hurt people, like nuclear energy or your cellphone. AI will reveal the true character of a person. Will you be honest, or will you cheat? Will you be authentic, or will you be an imposter? AI is not the issue. Our sinfulness is.

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

Bro. Darryl

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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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Comfort those in any
trouble with the comfort
we ourselves have
received from God.

2 Corinthians 1:4

Our Church Family

AT HOME

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

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

IN REHABILITATION CENTER

Bill Barrett Franciscan Villa, Broken Arrow

IN THE HOSPITAL

P. J. Shepard St. Francis Medical Center



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, MAY 28

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. When Trouble Comes
 —Psalm 119:137-144

The Memorial Day weekend turns many hearts toward the cemetery. How do we walk with our friends and family through the hard days of grief and trouble? Enrich your own Bible study and discipleship skills with practical helps and applications this week. Invite your family and friends to church, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Conversations with the pastor
 Ladies Bible Study

11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, MAY 29

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

TUESDAY, MAY 30

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 31

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
 Clothes Closet Ministry

6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer

SUNDAY, JUNE 4

10:00 a.m. Your Prayers Are Answered—Psalm 119:145-152

Behind the Scenes

UPDATES AND TIDBITS

Recently we reported that **Carter Enos** had plans to attend Rogers State University this fall. However, since then, plans have changed and he has now been accepted at the University of Tulsa, which is offering him deeper opportunities in his chosen fields of computer science and music.

The Nesting Geese, written about in the April 14, 2023 EVANGEL, hatched six healthy goslings earlier this month. The DeBordes managed to watch the goose family parade to the nearby pond one Wednesday afternoon as we were getting ready to go to church. The geese have not been seen since and it is hoped they moved on to a bigger pond.

MEALS ON WHEELS NEEDS VOLUNTEERS

The *Meals On Wheels of Metro Tulsa* ministry was dramatically impacted by the pandemic. The number of recipients reached record highs and have remained high. County-wide the number of volunteers dropped by 700. With a great reorganization effort and the implementation of weekly deliveries, the program is regaining its volunteer base. To learn more about the new service areas and opportunities to volunteer, contact Bro. Darryl at (918) 230-0781, or go online to www.mealsonwheelstulsa.org

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts May 19	\$ 1,585.00
Special Offerings May 19	\$ 0.00

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