

# REFLECTIONS

This is a reprint from the time of Covid, April 27, 2021

As the designated adventurer at our house, I am the grocery shopper for more than a year now. I have learned that pimentos are never located on the olive aisle and that Velveeta cheese is located wherever the last tired stocker set them down because it is not a cheese. I have learned to eat my shopping mistakes. Try as I might, apparently chocolate-dipped ice-cream bars do not qualify as a shopping mistake. The actual worst of my grocery mistakes was just a few weeks ago. My assignment was to get a can of old-fashioned quick-cooking steel-cut oatmeal. I honestly thought I did. But I didn't. I got old-fashioned steel-cut Irish Oatmeal in a can, 1 pound and 12 ounces net weight. It did not say quick-cooking or fast cooking or 10-minute quick oatmeal. Dorothy noticed immediately. It was decided that we would press ahead. There was a winter storm in the forecast.

Upon reading the fine print on the back of the can, we learned that the shortcut method was to boil water in a pot, add the oatmeal, stir and boil for 5 minutes. Cover the pot and store it in the refrigerator overnight. The next morning, put the pot back on the stove, bring it to a boil and stir it for another 9-12 minutes. By my estimation, the quick-cook method takes about 25 hours. We opted for the traditional method—30 minutes on the range. I also noticed that the recipe kept referring to this as porridge. I remember porridge as something Little Orphan Annie had to eat, with a big frown on her face. Porridge is oatmeal, flax and other bird seeds boiled in a big pot, which is stirred constantly until you are done. It suggests you add buttermilk or honey and brown sugar suitable to taste. Our pot of porridge lasted for days. We tried syrup and apple sauce with cinnamon on it and we tried smothering it with various flavored yogurts. Our final attempt was to use a large amount of pumpkin pie filling. That actually tasted best. By the way, porridge diluted to a thin, watery state is called gruel. It was used to help the sick get well. It tastes worse than it sounds.

We make mistakes. We try to hide them, own them, or make up for them. The best policy is to admit them, deal with them, and learn from them. We still have a pound or so of the oatmeal left in the can. It will keep.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Press ahead. 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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THE RIGHTEOUS  
IS POWERFUL  
AND EFFECTIVE.**

James 5:16, NRSV

# Our Church Family

## AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett  
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## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

<b>JUNE</b>	11	Caryn and Mike Perrier	19 Years
	14	Dayna and Kevin Avery	26 Years



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, JUNE 4

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
 10:00 a.m. **Your Prayers Are Answered**  
 —Psalm 119:145-152

If God answers our prayers, why does life still feel so difficult? What is missing in our prayers? Are we doing it wrong? Enrich your own Bible study and discipleship skills with practical helps and applications about prayer 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, JUNE 5

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

## TUESDAY, JUNE 6

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

## WEDNESDAY, JUNE 7

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

## SUNDAY, JUNE 11

10:00 a.m. Ray Martin, Pulpit Guest

# Behind the Scenes

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS BEGINS NEW SERIES

*Jesus and Women in the First Century and Now* is the title of the Ladies Bible Class latest video lesson series. Join biblical culturalist and professor of the New Testament, **Kristi McLelland**, on those dusty roads as she transports us back to Jesus' world, stepping into the footsteps of the women who came face to face with Jesus. The series examines the historical and cultural climate of first-century Middle Eastern society to not only understand Jesus more deeply but to fuel our worship of Him today.

## 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](http://www.mealsonwheelstulsa.org)

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts May 28 .....	\$ 1,215.00
Special Offerings May 28 .....	\$ 0.00

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