

REFLECTIONS

The Tulsa area continues to deal with the aftermath of what I am calling The Father's Day Eve Windstorm. Just after midnight that Saturday night, gale force, then hurricane force winds and rain came sweeping across the state. Tulsa recorded Category 2 Hurricane-like straight winds of 90 to 100 m.p.h. The damage has been heartbreakingly sad for the lovers of the hundreds of fallen and broken trees. The trees fell on roofs and fences. Winds tore away chimneys, awnings, metal covers and outbuildings. Power poles snapped or fell over, pulling other poles and lines nearly to the ground. It took a full seven days for the power to be fully restored. This level of destruction has not been seen here since the great Ice Storm of 2007. Looking over the damage to the trees, I noticed many of the large broken trunks were hollow or rotted inside. Others, that were completely blown over, exposed the earth underneath and their shallow root system. There is a sermon illustration from this event about people needing deep roots and solid faith that I may have to preach one day.

This all brings to mind the story of a famous elderly violin maker from the last century who took his apprentice on a long journey to get some wood to make more violins. They began by walking through a forest of rich and stately trees. The apprentice spotted the perfect tree, but the violin maker said, *Not yet*. Soon they started up the mountainside which was covered with tall pines and oaks. Surely one of these thought the young man. *Not yet*. As they climbed higher and higher up the mountain the trees began to be fewer and shorter. *There's a good one over there*, said the old man. The apprentice did not think it looked good at all. He asked, "Why this one? Why not a bigger, taller one like back in the forest?" The violin maker replied. *These trees up here have weathered the storms. They've faced bitter winds and snow and even drought. They will not break under the pressure of bending their wood. These trees, made stronger through adversity, will make the most beautiful music.*

I have heard that some insurance adjustors are cautioning home and business owners to wait until September before replacing their roof. They are predicting more severe weather is coming this summer. It may just be they are trying to spread out the insurance recovery costs. I do know more adversity will come our way, so let's make the most beautiful music we can together.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Weather the storms. 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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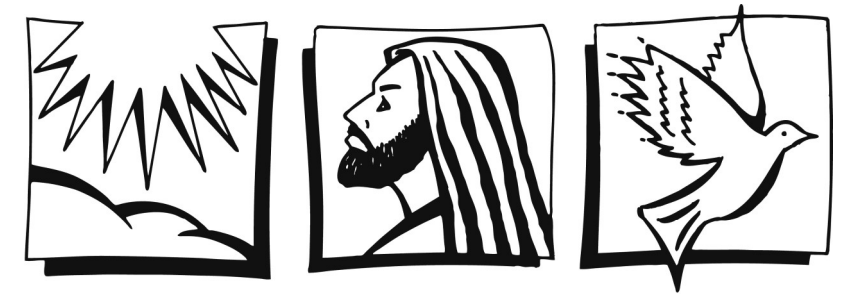


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...PROPHETS, THOUGH HUMAN,
SPOKE FROM GOD
— as they were —
CARRIED ALONG
— by the —
HOLY SPIRIT.

2 PETER 1:21, NIV

Our Church Family

AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett
 Elizabeth Burke
 Marion Corbett
 Lydia Ford
 Paula McPherson

Georgia Metcalf
 Bonnie Nutting
 P J Shepard
 Margaret VanHorn
 Leslie White

IN REHABILITATION CENTER

P J Shepard

St. Francis Medical Center

IN THE HOSPITAL

Bill Barrett

Aspen Rehabilitation Center

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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| July | 16 | Rita Snellgrove |
| | 21 | Patty Hickman |



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JULY 16

- 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. **Prophets and Prophecies, part 1**
—2 Peter 1:16-22

The role of the biblical prophets and the nature of their prophecies has continually been misunderstood. In our times, how do the prophets still speak to us? Is prophecy just fortunetelling that some get right and others get wrong? 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, JULY 17

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

TUESDAY, JULY 18

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 19

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

SUNDAY, JULY 23

- 10:00 a.m. **Prophets and Prophecies, part 2**

Behind the Scenes



FOOD DRIVE FOR THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

(Let's see if anyone reads this to the end.) A canned and boxed food drive will begin shortly for The People's Pantry. We will soon be asking for canned goods like tuna and chicken, vegetables and fruit, along with lots of peanut butter and jelly. Also, boxes of macaroni and cheese, and instant rice. Thank you for picking up a little extra for the pantry on your next two shopping trips.

FALL SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Glenn and Joan McKinley Scholarship Fund applications are available for students attending colleges and universities other than Oklahoma Baptist University. Applications need to be returned to the White City Baptist Foundation no later than Sunday, August 13.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

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| Weekly Budget Need | \$ 2,050.00 |
| General Receipts July 9 | \$ 3,618.37 |
| Special Offerings July 9 | \$ 25.00 |

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