REFLECTIONS

What a day this has been. At one point I thought tomorrow must be Saturday. Today is still Tuesday. I had planned to do other things. I have so many things on my To Do List, I just need to take the time to do what business leaders call a *brain dump*. A brain dump is the act of emptying your mind of all the stuff you have in your head. The process encourages you to take a legal pad and write down every little thing that you need to accomplish, covering all personal and professional chores. Every nagging deadline plus all the other things you have committed to do for others. Everything until you can think of nothing else—that is until you take a walk around the block. Then do it some more. I find it a helpful way of seeing what is important.

I once visited a man who was working in his home workshop in the backyard. I noticed his wall calendar was from 1963. Every few years the calendar matched the exact days of the current year. He said that the old calendar was good enough. He was retired. My life does not seem to work that way. I carry a journal with a handy multi-year calendar where I map out future sermons and reminders. I have a calendar in the car to record my daily mileage and note special trips. I work with the church's master calendar of scheduled events and building usage. I have three electronic calendars for everyday commitments and appointments. Those calendars do not talk easily with each other. So I'm trying to develop a Master Calendar of Everything, but my low-tech self is still trying to schedule a day to start it. I am still learning to embrace the interruptions of my perfectly planned days.

I take my clue from Mark chapter 5 which chronicles one day in Jesus' ministry. His schedule for the day was to take a boat ride across the lake, visit some of the villages, then head back. It turned out to be one crazy day of interruptions "as He was going." I am also mindful of the story Jesus told of the religious leaders who were too busy, too clean, or too important to stop and help an injured man on the side of the road. They ignored their interruptions and failed to even acknowledge the presenting need. Jesus valued people above schedules, and relationships above calendars.

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

Bro. Darryl

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Sunday Morning

Continental Breakfast

Worship

Bible Study & Conversation

11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening
The People's Pantry
The Clothes Closet Ministry
Prayer Service

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

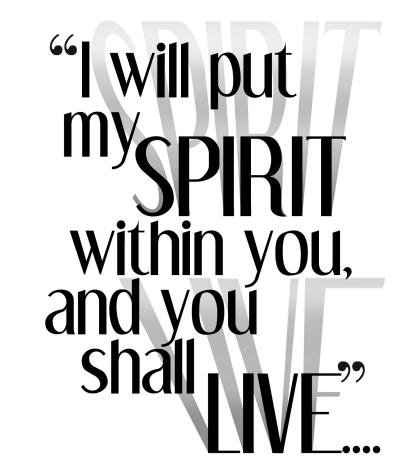
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Our Church Family

AT HOME

Alice and Bill Barrett Elizabeth Burke Marion Corbett Lydia Ford Paula McPherson Georgia Metcalf Bonnie Nutting Margaret VanHorn Leslie White

IN REHABILITION CENTER

Bill Barrett Aspen Rehabilitation Center, Room 460

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 3 Roxie Odor

4 Vicki Voyles Speck

Bonnie NuttingJudy Martin



The People's Pantry Food Drive begins next week

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JULY 23

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Prophets and Prophecies, part 2
—Deuteronomy 18:14-22

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 24

8:45 a.m. Monday Morning Prayers

Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

TUESDAY, JULY 25

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations

Kevin Avery's Facebook Zoom link

WEDNESDAY, JULY 26

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

Clothes Closet Ministry

6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer

SUNDAY, JULY 30

10:00 a.m. Pulpit Guest Ray Martin

Behind the Scenes

THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY MINISTRY REPORT

The People's Pantry provided 95 families, 217 individuals, with enough groceries for 2,604 meals during the second quarter of this year, April through May. The pantry also provides emergency groceries and personal products for several neighbors who appear homeless, and others on foot or bicycle. Thank you for your on-going prayers, food and clothing contributions, and financial support.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family and friends of *Ben Shepard* in the loss of his wife, *P.J.* on July 18. The celebration of her life will be **Monday**, **July 24**, at **10:30 a.m. at Moore's Eastlawn**, 19th and South Memorial.

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

Weekly Budget Need\$	2,050.00
General Receipts July 16\$	1,464.00
Special Offerings July 16\$	0.00

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