

# 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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### 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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“I will put  
my **SPiRiT**  
within you,  
and you  
shall **LIVE...**”

Ezekiel 37:14, NRSV

# 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 REHABILITATION CENTER

Bill Barrett                      Aspen Rehabilitation Center, Room 460

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August 3     Roxie Odor  
              4     Vicki Voyles Speck  
              7     Bonnie Nutting  
                      Judy Martin



**Restock the  
SHELVES**

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.