

# REFLECTIONS

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Juries and trials are part of the everyday news. Lawyers make their best case, judges guide the process, juries decide. When called up to serve, I mistakenly thought I would be dismissed from jury duty because I was a Baptist minister. During jury selection, the federal judge commented he wanted “a true cross-section of citizens.” I served on one of those secret federal grand juries for 18 consecutive months. We set a record for the most days in session in the Northeastern District of Oklahoma. I learned that whispers in secret can become embarrassingly public and sometimes deadly.

The U.S. Constitution requires that any charge made against someone by federal law enforcement must be reviewed by a jury of their peers. Of the original ten constitutional amendments called The Bill of Rights, Amendments 4, 5, 6, 7 and 8, address juries and trials. All types of federal crime came before us, ranging from simple possession of drugs to corporate fraud, and public corruption to violations of international sanctions. We were serious and pushed back against the prosecutors when we felt they were not making their case. For me, the experience was sad in many ways.

Facing the fear in the eyes of the disciples and the hate in the hearts of the religious leaders, Jesus turns to give a personal word of realism to those nearby:

*Be on your guard against the yeast of the Pharisees, which is hypocrisy. There is nothing concealed that will not be disclosed, or hidden that will not be made known. What you have said in the dark will be heard in the daylight, and what you have whispered in the ear in the inner rooms will be proclaimed from the roofs.*

This is a word of understanding for the believer and practicing hypocrite alike. Character matters. Truth brings light. Hypocrisy is infectious. Guard your heart.

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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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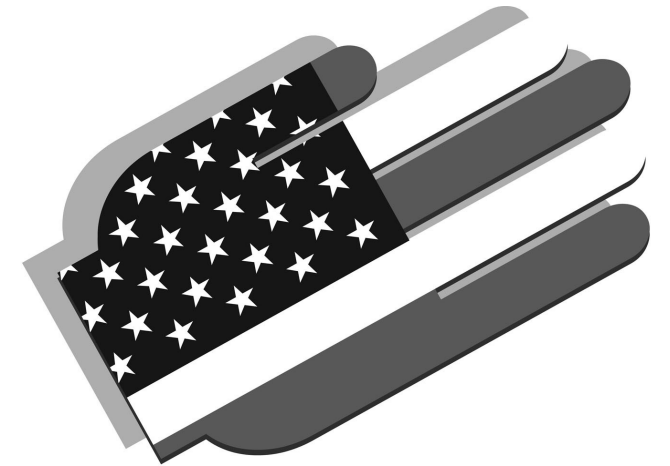
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# PRAY for our NATION

# Our Church Family

## AT HOME

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

## IN REHABILITATION CENTER

Margaret VanHorn	The Chateau at Montereau
P J Shepard	CEARU Medical Resort

## IN THE HOSPITAL

Bill Barrett	Ascension St. John Medical Center, Utica
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### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July	2	Leslie White
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### HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July	2	Barbara and Gordon Casey	63 Years
	2	P J and Ben Shepard	46 Years

# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, JULY 2

**9:20 a.m. Biscuits, Gravy, Waffles and Strawberries**  
**10:00 a.m. Praying for America**  
 —Proverbs 14

On this Independence Day weekend we seek to call God's people to prayer for the United States of America. Proverbs chapter 14 lists some of the truths of life that call for the strengthening of our country in the righteousness of God. Enrich your prayer life and join us in intersession on behalf of our nation. 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 3

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

## TUESDAY, JULY 4

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

## WEDNESDAY, JULY 5

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

## SUNDAY, JULY 9

**10:00 a.m. Dr. Andy Bowman, Pulpit Guest**

# Behind the Scenes

## BREAKFAST SUNDAY MORNING JULY 2

*Russell Ford* is preparing a special Breakfast for this Sunday morning, July 2. The menu includes biscuits and gravy, and waffles with fresh strawberry compote. Join with us starting at 9:20 a.m.

## THE EVANGEL

Tulsa County is still reeling in the aftermath of the Father's Day Eve 100 mph Wind Storm. With the electricity off for most of the week, we were unable to print The Evangel for June 23. Also, there will not be an Evangel for July 7, due to postal agreements.

## CORNER PROPERTY UPDATE

At the re-zoning hearing on June 14, the Tulsa City Council ruled in favor of the community by a majority 5-4 vote. Later that week the property owner amended the zoning request to exclude CBD Dispensaries. This was presented to the Council on June 21, which then voted to reconsider the re-zoning request for the owner 6-1. Final vote will be scheduled by the Council for late July.

## DR. ANDY BOWMAN RETURNS JULY 9

*Dr. Andy Bowman* returns as our pulpit guest to give us an update on his ministry to pastors in Pakistan.

### FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts June 18 & 25 .....	\$ 2,980.80
Special Offerings June 18 & 25 .....	\$ 0.00

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