

REFLECTIONS

This Reflections was originally written in July 2015.

The little tongue-twisting ditty was a mainstay in high school speech class. It was an exercise in agility and concentration. It warmed the vocal cords and tuned the diction. It prepared us to face the most fear-inducing moment of anyone's life—giving a speech in front of an audience. Recurring dreams and nightmares are made from speech class. Picture standing in front of a group of your peers, being handed the little card about Betty Bauder and having to read it out loud in front of all of those snickerers.

Betty Bauder bought some butter but she said "The butter's bitter. If I put it in my batter, it will make my batter bitter; but a bit of better butter—that would make my batter better." So she bought a bit of butter better than her bitter butter, and she put it in her batter and the batter was not bitter. So 'twas better Betty Bauder bought a bit of better butter.

But like most budding orators, I wondered about Betty. Who was Betty Bauder and why was she making batter? What was she making that needed fresh batter—a cake, a pie crust, fried chicken? Who tastes the butter before putting it in the batter to know if it's bitter? Was she able to trade her bitter butter for some better butter at the store? Is this a true story? What are the theological implications of a better batter?

I've decided the Betty Bauder Story is a parable of preparation. Betty knew it only takes a little bitterness to spoil the whole thing. It's all about the quality of the ingredients we are pouring into our minds and hearts. If the batter represents the stuff of life, then being ever vigilant to spot the bitter butter in our attitude will foster grace in all of our relationships. "See to it that no one misses the grace of God and that no bitter root grows up to cause trouble and defile many." Hebrews 12:15 Is today's batter better?

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

Bro. Darryl

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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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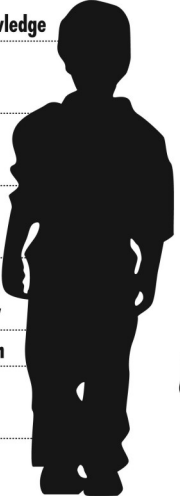

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You're growing each day in many different ways.
A verse from 2 Peter tells what will help you grow!

Directions: Fill in the blanks below, using the height measurements as guides, to complete 2 Peter 3:18.

3 1/4 ft.	knowledge		Savior	3 1/8 ft.
3 1/16 ft.	him		grace	3 ft.
2 3/4 ft.	now		forever	2 1/2 ft.
2 1/4 ft.	Lord		grow	2 1/8 ft.
2 1/16 ft.	glory		Jesus Christ	1 1/4 ft.
2 ft.	Amen			
1 ft.	our			

"But _____ in the _____ and _____ of _____
2 1/8 ft. 3 ft. 3 1/4 ft. 1 ft.
_____ and _____
2 1/4 ft. 3 1/8 ft. 1 1/4 ft.
To _____ be _____ both _____ and _____ ! _____."
3 1/16 ft. 2 1/16 ft. 2 3/4 ft. 2 1/2 ft. 2 ft."

2 PETER 3:18, NIV

Our Church Family

AT HOME

Alice 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

26 Carter Enos
28 Billy Shafer

SEPTEMBER

2 Connie Gillis
Caryn Perrier



**Restock the
SHELVES**

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, AUGUST 20

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. **Growing in Grace and Truth**
—2 Peter 3:18

Peter's final written words to the church were an encouragement to spiritual and relational growth. Highlights from Bro. Darryl's study in Rome last week will be shared. 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, AUGUST 21

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 22

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23

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

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27

10:00 a.m. **The Church's One Foundation**

Behind the Scenes

CHURCH DINNER AND ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Everyone is invited to our covered-dish *Spaghetti Dinner* followed by an ice cream social on *Sunday morning, August 27*. Bring a friend, a smile, and a good appetite.

OUR CANNED AND BOXED FOOD DRIVE FOR THE PEOPLE'S PANTRY

We are asking for easy-open canned goods like chicken and tuna, vegetables and fruit, along with lots of peanut butter and jelly. Also, boxes of macaroni and cheese, and instant rice are needed. Bargain prices can be found at Aldi's, Dollar Tree, and Cheapo Depot. Please check the expiration dates to guarantee freshness. Place your groceries on the display table in the center foyer..

OUR CONGRATULATIONS go to *Carter Enos* on his multiple piano performances at the 25th Annual Sutter Creek (California) Ragtime Music Festival this past weekend. Carter was awarded a \$500 Festival Music Scholarship toward his studies at the University of Tulsa.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts August 13	Not available at printing
Special Offerings August 13	\$ 0.00

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