

# REFLECTIONS

I found myself going down the proverbial social media rabbit hole into the world of the Blue Angels. I have always been fascinated by the precision flying of the Air Force's Thunderbirds and the Navy's Blue Angels. I watched a couple of videos of these pilots putting on their air shows; one was the view from a pilot. I watched as six fighter jets took off in pairs and immediately went into formation. I counted five rearview mirrors mounted around the cockpit. Everyone must know where everyone is at all times, as well as their own speed, altitude and position. These pilots fly their planes upside down and sideways while timing their special effects and arial ballet within yards of each other. It is an amazing display of skill and courage.

It all reminds me of the stress of driving down the Broken Arrow Expressway (posted speed limit 60 mph) just before peak rush-hour traffic and the first crash at 75 or 80 mph. We are quite conscious of driving in Tulsa since we have two young drivers in the family. Deacon turned 16 in May, earning his full driver's license, and Molly turns 16 this week and expects to have her license in a week or so. They both are certain they are not yet ready for the Blue Angel drivers on the expressways. Driving safely is an adventure in mind-reading. It would be nice if more people used their signal lights properly and turned them off occasionally. Distracted drivers are fiddling with their drinks, phones, and faces. They drive too closely even when they are daydreaming, replaying the last argument or just sleep driving. Sleep driving is when you wake up behind the wheel of your car, wondering how you got there when you cannot remember the last few traffic lights. I know you know the feeling. Stress and boredom are a dangerous combination.

The first recorded rush-hour traffic jam is found in Nahum 2:4, although there was a major pile-up recorded in Exodus 14. Both are good stories to read to learn of God's concern and provision for His people. How are you handling the stress these days? The pilots I observed were focused on the details so they could respond with safety and accuracy. While they perform and practice the same things each day, they do not let the routine lead them to distraction.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Drive safely. 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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to me the  
GATES of  
**RIGHTEOUSNESS**  
that I may  
enter through  
them *and*  
**GIVE  
THANKS**  
*to the*  
**LORD.**  
Psalm 118:19, NRSV

# Our Church Family

## AT HOME

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

## IN REHABILITATION CENTER

Bill Barrett	PAM Rehabilitation Hospital
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### SEPTEMBER

15	Sherri Breedlove
21	Josef Lindholm
24	Lori Dryer



## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

September 17 Bob and Casey Gilmore 53 Years

# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 10

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
 10:00 a.m. **The Promise to the Church**  
 —Matthew 16:18

When did Jesus first talk about *the Church*? When Jesus announced He was building “My Church,” He made a promise to and about the church—the Gates of Hades will not prevail against the church. What does that mean for the church today? 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, SEPTEMBER 11

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 12

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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 13

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

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

10:00 a.m. **Get Behind Me, Satan**

# Behind the Scenes

## NEW LADIES BIBLE STUDY SERIES BEGINS

*Nothing to Prove: A Study in the Gospel of John* will begin on **Sunday morning, September 17**. In this 8-session video study the class will follow *Jennie Allen* through key passages in John’s Gospel that demonstrate how Jesus is more than enough and how our thirsty hearts can only be quenched by the living water He offers. He alone is enough. This class meets following the worship hour on Sunday mornings. Connie Connely leads the class.

*Nothing is more dangerous, more compelling, more freeing, more radical, more real, more satisfying, more powerful than a person holding a smidgen of faith. A sincere faith in Jesus and all He wants to do around us wakes us up, rattles our lives, shifts every perspective, issues hope in pain, and ignites purpose.*

*Jennie Allen*

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts September 1 .....	\$ 2,009.25
Special Offerings September 1.....	\$ 0.00

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