

# REFLECTIONS

It was nearly midnight on October 1. Dorothy and I felt a bit like Mary and Joseph after being turned away by all the old Route 66 motels on Tulsa's 11th Street. Our baby was six weeks old. We had spent the whole day helping movers load the moving van and then we unexpectedly learned that they were going to drive overnight to Tulsa to unload the van first thing in the morning at our little duplex apartment at 14<sup>th</sup> and 73<sup>rd</sup> East Avenue. That's when the scrambling began. We filled our trusty '64 Rambler with the baby and the rest of our worldly goods and left Ft. Worth behind. But now it was midnight. We stopped at the Desert Hills Motel, where we had stayed before, but something called the Tulsa State Fair (not Tulsa County Fair, I learned) was in full swing less than a mile away, so every room was taken. We eventually found a room on the seventh floor of the downtown Holiday Inn. What a short night!

Very early the next morning we had to load everything back into the car and get across town to the new place. The moving van was already waiting. We spent the morning unloading and setting up the place. Eventually Dorothy said that we needed to go shopping right then. Why? We had this little baby, and our place had no washer, dryer or refrigerator, and there was something about babies and laundry and eating that needed tending to. So, on our move-in day in Tulsa—it was a Tuesday—we bought the appliances and had them delivered the next day. Wednesday night I was welcomed by Dr. Bob Willets and the church people to the evening prayer service. I delivered my first sermon as a minister of our church on the first Sunday morning of October 1973. The Scripture was taken from 1 Corinthians chapter 1. That day I began a verse-by-verse study of that book which lasted into the following February.

I am in a reflective mood about these 50 years together. Thank you for inviting us and allowing us into some of the most sacred moments of your family's life. Thank you for welcoming us and giving us room to mature as a pastor and as a family. Thank you for loving us. Thank you for ministering to us and helping us raise and teach our children, and their children, the holy things of God. You are loved, and Dorothy and I are so blessed and grateful.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. And let's continue to 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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# Celebrating 50 Years

*As Minister of Braden Park Baptist Church*

*Dr. Darryl DeBorde*

*Join us on Sunday, October 1 at 10 am  
for a time of celebration with a reception*

*and light luncheon*

*following the worship service*



# 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	Room 2027
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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### SEPTEMBER

24	Lori Dryer
30	Hudson Avery

### OCTOBER

4	Pastor Francisco Gaona
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# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 24

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
 10:00 a.m. **Temptation and the Church**  
 —Matthew 16:21-25

As Jesus continued His discussions about the church and the path before Him, the one disciple Jesus had pronounced as the Rock, challenges Jesus. Jesus responds, *Get behind Me, Satan*. What does that mean for Christians today? Invite your family and friends to church, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Conversations with the Pastor  
 Ladies Bible Study  
 No Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 25

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

## TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 26

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

## WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 1

10:00 a.m. **Dr. Steve Graham, Pulpit Guest**

# Behind the Scenes

## PULPIT GUEST ON OCTOBER 1st

*Dr. Steve Graham* has been invited to be the pulpit guest for the Celebration Service on Sunday morning, October 1. The founding pastor of Spring Creek Baptist Church in Oklahoma City where he served for 16 years, the pastor of the historic Second Baptist Church in Springfield, Missouri, and Coordinator of CBF Oklahoma for more than 10 years, Steve leads retreats nationally for pastors and congregations, assisting them to know their stories and lead with them.

## CONNIE CONNELLY LEADS BOOK REVIEW

Our own *Connie Connely* reviews the book, *The Waiting: The True Story of a Lost Child, a Lifetime of Longing, and a Miracle for a Mother Who Never Gave Up* by Cathy LaGrow at 10 a.m. September 25 at Yale Avenue Christian Church (36th and S. Yale) for the Omni Book Club. The Omni Book Club meets every fourth Monday and everyone is welcome.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts September 15 .....	\$ 3,034.00
Special Offerings September 15.....	\$ 0.00

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