

# REFLECTIONS

For this 50<sup>th</sup> church-a-versary month, I was asked to repost this true story.

On September 7, 1979, I received an urgent phone call asking for my assistance. One of our church members at the time, *Ty Frederick*, was trying his hand at breeding cockatiels. I was very interested in his new hobby. He called me that evening to say that a new mother was rejecting her two hatchlings. He asked if I could come over and help him. We decided that I would take one and he would work with the other. I took the hatchling home and fed him with an eye dropper and kept him warm with a towel in a shoebox. After his feathers came out, I began to teach *Dini* to fly and to talk. One of his favorite sayings was, "He's a good bird." Then, one fateful day in the spring of 1981, I brought him to church to show the children.

The world's longest children's sermon began during the morning service as usual. When I took the bird out of his cage to show how he was trained to talk and fly back to me... well, let's just say he flew and flew and sang, all through the rest of church that morning. I thought it was poetic that Ty was singing a solo in worship when Dini decided to make it a duet. No one slept through church that day! We worked all afternoon to try and coax him back to his cage. He loved singing in church. Later, after the evening service, I climbed an extension ladder and lifted a long pole with an improvised crossbar up to his perch near the sanctuary's cove lights. He got on the crossbar, then as I slowly inched the pole down, he jumped on my shoulder like he was supposed to have done 10 hours earlier!

I looked up the life expectancy of the cockatiel—they live about 20 years. According to Wikipedia, there was one bird confirmed to have lived 35 years. Dini was a noble pet that outlived several of our cats. For around eight of those years, he shared his cage with a female cockatiel we called *DeeDee*. We thought Dini would like the company and that they might even mate. He mostly tolerated her. She died unexpectedly one July. He did not seem to miss her. Dini died on May 7, 2011. He lived 31 years and 8 months with us, greeting us every day with songs and whistles and chatter. He was a very good bird.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Remember the good times. 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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# Our Church Family

## AT HOME

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### OCTOBER

18	Bryan Enos
21	Martin Senske



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
**10:00 a.m. Understanding the War in Israel**  
 —Psalm 122

In the most serious attack in fifty years, the land of Israel is at war with neighboring terrorist factions centered in the Gaza Strip. Sunday we will look at the events behind this war and seek to understand the implications politically and theologically. 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, OCTOBER 16

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 17

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 22

**10:00 a.m. The Baptist Way of Being the Church**

# Behind the Scenes

## CORNER PROPERTY UPDATE

The corner property adjacent to the church at 4th Place and Yale has announced it will become *The Mailing Center*, part of a national chain of business centers. The Mailing Center will offer a variety of packaging and shipping options (UPS, Fed Ex, etc.) mailbox rentals, printing services, and U-Haul Rentals. For more details go to [www.TheMailCenterTulsa.com](http://www.TheMailCenterTulsa.com).

## CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE RECOGNITIONS

The annual **Celebrating Excellence Banquet** will be held Sunday evening, October 29, beginning at 5:00 p.m. at the Sam Noble Oklahoma Museum of Natural History on the campus of the University of Oklahoma in Norman. This year's honorees include Oklahoma Baptist leaders *Wil Brown, Lisa Raiber, Larry Stevens and Cheryl Tarter*. Our own pastor, *Darryl DeBorde* was selected to receive the 2023 CBF Oklahoma Baptist Legacy Award. If you are interested in attending this event as guests of the DeBordes, contact Bro. Darryl at (918) 230-0781.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts October 8 .....	\$ 1,231.01
Special Offerings October 8.....	\$ 0.00

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