

# REFLECTIONS

A most unexpected event in my ministry occurred when I was asked to speak in the middle of a 2019 Leon Russell tribute concert where some of the great band members and recording artists from his earliest days performed together. I was asked to lead the dedication ceremony of the Will Rogers High School's original 1938 Baldwin piano, refurbished by privately raised money from the high school's community foundation. I am an enthusiastic supporter of public education, and a founding director of the WRHS Community Foundation.

In my remarks that day I spoke of the possibilities of our public schools:

*The guiding promise of public education is for every student, from any life circumstance, to learn—to learn from the wisdom of the ages and develop the full-rounded skills needed to build a better future for themselves and our world. We are still striving to live up to that ideal. Never underestimate the power of a student's dream, or the reach of an inspired and fully-funded teacher. While many graduates of this school are worthy of this kind of honor, Claude Russell Bridges—Leon Russell, Class of '59—was chosen as an example of the power of educational dreams. As a boy exploring the fine arts, he discovered his passion. Overcoming his lifelong challenge of a form of cerebral palsy, and gaining world-wide recognition for his talents, Leon Russell entertained his classmates daily during the lunch hour on this very piano on this very stage... May this instrument be used in all its many ways to fan the flames of creativity; May it ignite inspiration, insight, and passion; May it be a symbol of self-discipline, perseverance and the reward of hard work; and, May it transform generations of students as they discover their future.*

Christians bring salt and light into our schools as active parents and volunteers. Taking state education funds out of the public schools to promote religious and other private schools punishes our children and their teachers. In light of our discussions on Baptist principles of faith, the current push to fund a Roman Catholic Church Virtual School System for Oklahoma with public education monies not only violates the state constitution, but it also violates our religious freedom by favoring one faith over every other. If a church cannot raise enough money from its own faithful for its on-going projects without taxpayer assistance, it should reconsider the scope of its mission.

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

Bro. Darryl

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

#### Sunday Morning

Continental Breakfast

Worship

Bible Study & Conversation

9:20 a.m.

10:00 a.m.

11:15 a.m.

#### Wednesday Evening

The People's Pantry

The Clothes Closet Ministry

Prayer Service

5:00 p.m.

6:30 p.m.

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**...SERVE ONE  
ANOTHER  
WITH  
WHATEVER  
GIFT EACH OF  
YOU HAS  
RECEIVED.**

**1 PETER 4:10**

# Our Church Family

## AT HOME

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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### NOVEMBER

11	John Snellgrove
14	Darryl DeBorde
18	Marion Corbett

## It's time-change Sunday!



**SUNDAY,  
NOVEMBER 5**

# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 5

### Time Change Sunday

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
**10:00 a.m. The Baptist Way of Being the Church**  
—1 Peter 4:7-11

The story of the way Baptists seek to be the church is rooted in the theological understanding of service and missions. Our Baptist story is profound in its positive global impact for the Kingdom of God. 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, NOVEMBER 6

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 8

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

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

**10:00 a.m. The Baptist Way of Being the Church, part 4**

# Behind the Scenes

## PREPARING FOR THE NEW YEAR—2024

Informal discussions about organizing the church for the upcoming year have taken place the past two Sunday mornings. We are seeking volunteers to serve together in the following areas: budget and finances, building and maintenance, kitchen and hospitality; missions and outreach, church decorations, and as a director of the White City Baptist Foundation. Other areas are under discussion as we move forward together. Join with us this Sunday morning as we continue to plan for the coming year.



## SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

*The Glenn and Joan McKinley Scholarship Fund* is available for students attending schools, colleges and universities other than Oklahoma Baptist University. Applications are available through the church office ([office@bradenpark.org](mailto:office@bradenpark.org)) and need to be submitted by *November 20*.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts October 29 .....	\$ 3,183.00
Special Offerings October 29.....	\$ 0.00

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