

# REFLECTIONS

America's Princess charmed the world and alarmed her more famous father. She was so popular the press could not write enough stories. She was Teddy Roosevelt's firstborn and 17 years old when he became president. "Princess Alice" led the largest diplomatic congressional delegation ever to southeast Asia in 1905. It was estimated more than a thousand people tried to get a glimpse of her on her wedding day in 1906. She married a much older congressman who became Speaker of the House a few years later. She dined with the kings and queens of Europe as if she was the head of the United States. She was beautiful, scandalous, and bitter. She rose to the top of Washington D.C.'s high society, where she spent the rest of her life hosting dinner parties and wielding her power. Alice Roosevelt Longworth famously said, "If you can't say something good about someone, sit right here by me." Gossip was her weapon of choice and she used it with fierceness. She delighted and decimated the most powerful until her death in 1980.

Gossip is still the weapon of choice for many. The old days of the newspaper Gossip Columnists have been replaced by the relentless quest on every form of media to find the dirt, the unfortunate phrase, and the hypocritical dealings of anyone, anywhere. Gossip is rooted in bitterness and anger. (I am treading lightly here, not wanting to over psychoanalyze.) Princess Alice lost her mother at 2-days-old. She was sent away to be raised by relatives. She returned "home" to a stepmother and the birth of other children. A brother was killed in WWI, her father died shortly after her brother. And the sadness of her life goes on and on. All of us have a bitter root of sin and pain lurking within us. Gossip is a way of rejoicing in others' miseries. Gossip is a way to make other people pay for our own sins and disappointments. A bitter life, even with the trappings of success and influence, can lead to a habit of gossip, or other destructive addictions, to distract us from ourselves. There is a better way to live.

The bitter, or poisonous, root that is within us is the pain of unforgiven sin. The author of Hebrews 12:15 admonishes us to accept the grace of God's merciful forgiveness; to confess our anger and pain to God for not fixing our life like we wanted it; and embrace the love of Jesus who has already paid for our sins with His death on the Cross.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Beware the bitter root. 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

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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# 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

## IN AND OUT OF THE HOSPITAL THIS WEEK

Bonnie Nutting

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### NOVEMBER

14	Darryl DeBorde
18	Marion Corbett
25	Joe Croster

## 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*.

# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12

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

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 13

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15

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

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19

**10:00 a.m. The Baptist Way of Being the Church, part 5**

# Behind the Scenes

## COVERED-DISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

Join with us and share your favorite holiday dish at the **Thanksgiving Dinner** on Sunday morning, **November 19**. The church will provide the turkey, a couple of dressings, and mashed potatoes. Help is needed with other dressings, vegetables, salads and desserts. Invite friends and family—everyone is welcome.

## A TIME OF REFLECTION AND VISITATION

There will be a time of visitation and reflection on the life of **Bill Barrett** on Saturday, November 18, from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m. at Moore's Southlawn Chapel, 9350 East 51st Street, Tulsa.

## MILITARY BIBLESTICKS OFFERING

With the deployment of more of our troops into the areas around the wars in Israel and Ukraine, our military chaplains are requesting the *Faith Comes By Hearing BibleSticks* to provide as many audio versions of the New Testament as possible. Help us do our part with an over and above offering marked *BibleSticks*, on November 12 and 19.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts November 3 .....	\$ 2,526.00
Special Offerings November 3.....	\$ 0.00

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