### REFLECTIONS

Like everyone from my generation, I remember where I was sixty years ago next week. This year it comes the day before Thanksgiving. As a charter member of the Baby Boomers, I was sitting in the school auditorium with a hundred or so classmates in our history class. Televisions were placed throughout the auditorium for a class with a public educational broadcast. As the TV host was talking about the violent nature of mankind, the camera focused on a model of a caveman with a club. Then the narrator stopped midsentence. The camera did not move. After a long pause he announced that a bulletin had just reported that the President had been shot. Immediately one of our teachers turned the channel to hear the report. We sat in disbelief. Finally the class bell rang and I went to last period, Latin. We talked about what was unfolding and waited together. Later the principal's voice announced that President John F. Kennedy had died in an assassination in Dallas. Class ended and we all went home to a very surreal weekend. We wept through the night.

Like the generation before me who knew where they were when they heard about Pearl Harbor, or the generation after me of students watching with great expectancy the launch of the space shuttle Challenger carrying a school teacher into space, or this generation's horror we call 9.11, we can close our eyes and still see the events unfold as if they were yesterday. This week I have been rummaging around in my memories of November 22, 1963. I have been reflecting on the unanswered questions of that day and the "what if's" of shattered lives. Walter Cronkite, wiping his eyes with the telling of the news, mirrors our own grief in the retelling of these kind of events.

Now Thanksgiving Day is before us. The holiday season is already in full swing. For too many there is another empty chair at the table where once there was a loved one. We remember our own turning points of shattered dreams and anniversaries of pain that time really has not taken away. Dying is a part of living, but our stories do not stop with the tears. Living is hard on us, yet we are a people of hope and faith. We are loved with an everlasting love. No matter what has come, or what may come, God sees us through it!

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Joy comes in the morning. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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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

### THE TIME OF REMEMBERANCE for Bill Barrett

has been postponed due to family illnesses.

**OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY** is extended to the family of *Ray and Judy Martin* and *Alice Barrett* in the tragic loss of their brother, Jimmy Martin.

### HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### **NOVEMBER**

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### SPRING SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS DUE

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) and need to be submitted by November 20.

# **Looking Ahead**

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 19**

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. For God Is Good

—Psalm 118

The day of Thanksgiving is soon upon us. In the busy-ness and press of this week, let us join with the Psalmist as we worship with gratitude and praise. Invite your family and friends to church, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Conversations with the Pastor with **Thanksgiving Covered-dish Dinner** 

Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal to follow dinner

### **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 20**

8:45 a.m. Monday Morning Prayers

Call (712) 832-8330, then access code: 887-7647

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21**

8:00 p.m. Prayer for the Nations

Kevin Avery's Facebook Zoom link

### WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry

Clothes Closet Ministry

6:30 p.m. Bible Study and Prayer

### **SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26**

10:00 a.m. The Bride of Christ—Lord's Supper Service

## **Behind the Scenes**

### MILITARY BIBLESTICKS OFFERING SUNDAY

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 audio versions of the New Testament. Help us do our part with an over-and-above offering marked *BibleSticks*, on November 19. So far we have raised \$1,020 toward this offering.

### COVERED-DISH THANKSGIVING DINNER

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



### FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts November 12	\$ 2,185.64
Special Offerings November 12	\$ 1,020.00

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