

# REFLECTIONS

In the summer of 1992 Dorothy and I attended the inaugural CBF General Assembly in Atlanta. It is always an amazing experience to gather with thousands of Baptists for two or three days of worship, workshops and conversations. It is like going to a giant family reunion, only without relatives. It was good to see so many of our friends in ministry from our seminary days and to hear the reports of the mission efforts at home and globally. At one point former President and Mrs. Jimmy Carter brought greetings to the assembly, for the Carter Center is in Atlanta. His famous smile lit up the convention center. It was announced that later President Carter would be signing copies of his newest book. Dorothy and I decided to purchase his book and get in line to meet him.

The book is called, *Turning Point: A Candidate, a State, and a Nation Come of Age*. It tells the beginnings of how the peanut farmer got into local politics, which led to the governor's mansion and then the White House. The line we were in seemed to move easily and suddenly we were there. He looked up and smiled at us, we introduced ourselves and said a few words of gratitude, and were quickly ushered away. We wandered back to the exhibit halls and went into the large ballroom that had been converted into a Christian bookstore and gift shop. There were very few people in the bookstore. I went to the books, Dorothy to the gift area. At one point I looked up and realized Rosalynn Carter and another lady, probably secret service, were coming into the area. I was still holding the newly-signed book, and I hesitantly approached her, asking if I might have her autograph also. She shook my hand and in her soft-spoken and gracious voice she said, of course. I quickly found Dorothy and showed her my treasure and took her to see where Mrs. Carter was looking over the books.

With the passing of Rosalynn Carter this past weekend, I reflected on that memory and pulled out the book signed by both a president and his first lady. He was a Baptist Sunday School teacher, and she was the quiet helper behind the scenes. She advocated for mental health services and was ever faithful to the end.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Live out your faith. 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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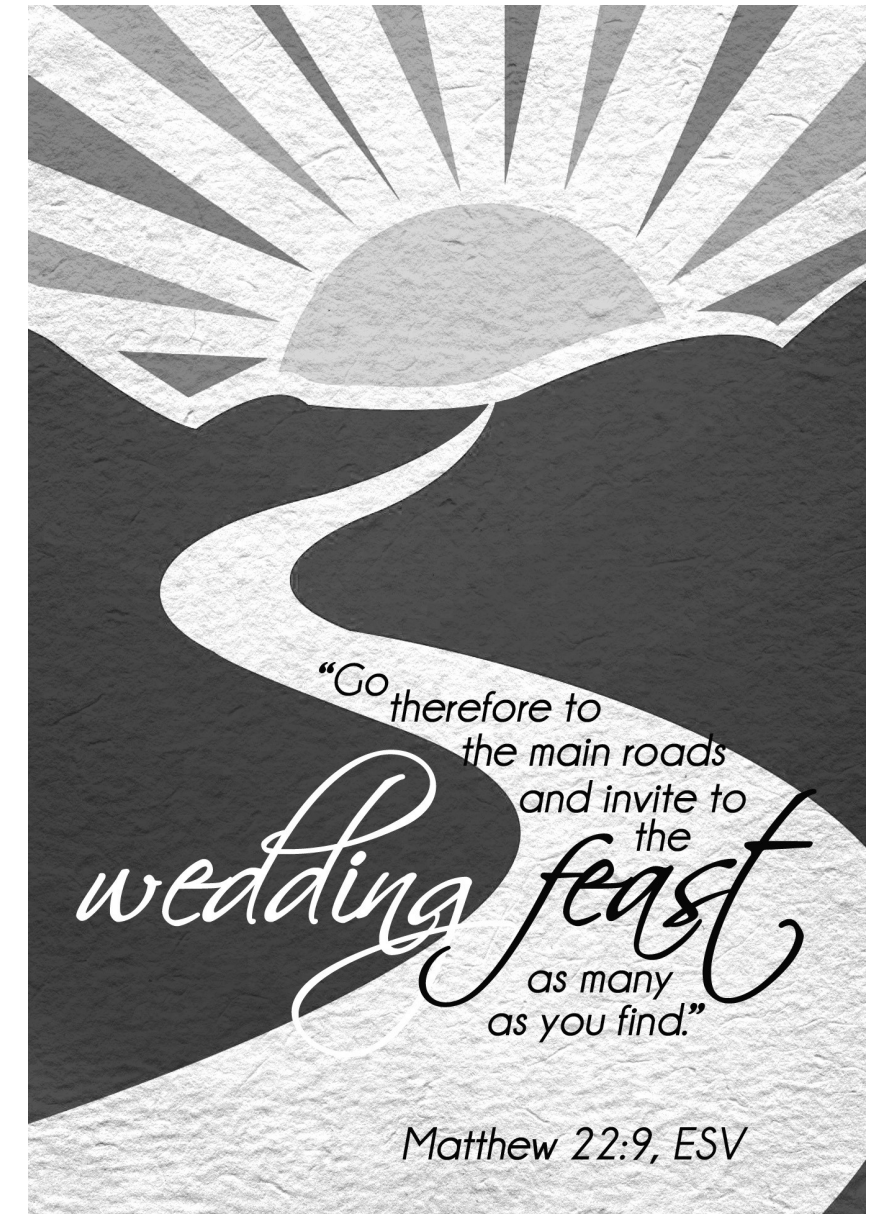


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# Our Church Family

## AT HOME

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

## IN THE HOSPITAL

Alice Barrett                      Ascension St John, downtown

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### December

9      Paula McPherson



### December

3      **Abiding in Hope**

10     **Abiding in Peace**, Kevin Avery

17     **Abiding in Joy**

24     **Abiding in Love**, with Sunday Brunch  
Candlelight Service 6:00 p.m.

# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26

### Lord's Supper

9:30 a.m.      Continental Breakfast

**10:00 a.m.      The Bride of Christ**  
—Revelation 19:9 and Matthew 26:26-30

In the busy-ness and press of this week, let us come to the Lord's Table as we anticipate the Wedding Feast of the Lamb. Invite your family and friends to church this week, and be blessed.

11:15 a.m.      Conversations with the Pastor  
Ladies Bible Study

11:55 a.m.      Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY, NOVEMBER 27

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

## TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

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

## WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

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

**6:30 p.m.      Bible Study and Prayer**

## SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

**10:00 a.m.      Abiding in Hope**

# Behind the Scenes

## MILITARY BIBLESTICKS OFFERING REPORT

Our *Faith Comes By Hearing Offering for BibleSticks* to provide audio versions of the New Testament to our military was a great success. Our offering total is \$1,290.00 which will be combined with a matching grant, raising the total to \$2,580! What a wonderful missions testimony from our church family.

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY BEGINS NEW SERIES

The Ladies Bible Study class will begin a new study by Max Lucado entitled, *You Are Never Alone: Trust in the Miracle of God's Presence and Power*. Starting in December, this six-part video series and discussion provides a deep and reassuring look at our daily lives. As Max Lucado says it, *You are stronger than you think because God is nearer than you know*. Connie Connely leads the Bible class each Sunday Morning at 11:15 a.m.



## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts November 19 .....	\$ 1,015.00
Special Offerings November 19.....	\$ 270.00

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