

REFLECTIONS

Over the Thanksgiving weekend I took our four teenaged grandchildren into Osage Reservation country to visit Woolaroc, the museum and wildlife preserve of Frank Phillips, a founder of Phillips Petroleum. He was one of the good guys one hundred years ago. We encountered the rich history of the Osage nation, the cowboy, and oil. Even taking the back roads, it's only an hour from Tulsa. *The Killers of the Flower Moon* movie was filmed just northwest of Tulsa in the actual locations of much of the true story, between Fairfax and Pawhuska. Along the way we saw many pump jacks still pulling oil out of the ground.

In the film, Robert De Niro portrays William Hale, "just call me King." This community benefactor consoles the tribal people with words of God as their family members are dying mysteriously, praying in fluent Osage at the funerals. Most villains see themselves as justified in their ways, even to the point of killing people, for they assume they are righting a perceived grievance. In the story, covetous white people wanted the oil money of the Osage. De Niro's character symbolizes all that the prophet Micah condemned: *Woe to those who plan iniquity, to those who plot evil on their beds! ... They defraud a man of his home, a fellowman of his inheritance.* (read Micah 2:1-13)

Micah was addressing God's people living in Judea and Samaria. Those who cloak their evil ways in robes of righteous acts are truly wicked. Micah issues a call of judgment from on high for those who richly promise what the wicked want to hear. Disaster is at hand for God's people who succumb to the seductions of greed and pride.

What about today? Are we wrapping our desires, politics, and pride in righteous garb to manipulate others? Are we listening only to what we want to hear? Are we secure enough to humble ourselves before the Lord in these matters? Micah proclaims a promise of a remnant of the faithful. A faithful people will see protection, justice, and salvation for the true King is coming to lead the way.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. The King is coming. 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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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 REHABILITATION CENTER

Alice Barrett Franciscan Villa Room #75, Broken Arrow

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

December

9	Paula McPherson
11	Katy Cook
16	Lydia Ford

all is
calm
all is
bright!

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3 First Sunday of Advent

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Abiding in Hope
—Romans 8:18-27

Silent Night, Holy Night proclaims that all was calm, all was bright that first Christmas. But was it? How are your days going? All is calm, all is bright? How do we abide in Hope in times like these? 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
WCBC Foundation Meeting

MONDAY, DECEMBER 4

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 5

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

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 6

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

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10

10:00 a.m. Abiding in Peace, Kevin Avery preaching

Behind the Scenes

NEW 2024 CHURCH DIRECTORIES

The latest abridged church member directory for 2024 is now available at church. Pick one up on Sunday or contact the church office if you would like to have one mailed to you: Office@BradenPark.org

WHITE CITY FOUNDATION MEETING

There will be a meeting of the White City Baptist Church Foundation this Sunday, December 3, at 11:55 a.m. The directors include *Lori Dryer, Donelle Enos, Casey Gilmore, Ray Martin and John Snellgrove.*

MILITARY BIBLESTICKS OFFERING REPORT

Our offering total has risen to \$1,475.00 which will be combined with a matching grant, raising the total now to \$2,950! What a wonderful missions testimony from our church family!



FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts November 26	\$ 1,430.00
Special Offerings November 26.....	\$ 185.00

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