

REFLECTIONS

When were you last hungry? It has been observed that some people will get up from their holiday meal with the announcement, *I am so full I could burst*. Yet not ten minutes later they are spotted rummaging through the turkey carcass or picking up another bite of dessert. Then there are teenagers who periodically emerge from their caves growling for something else to eat. Imagine being the single parent of three children, working one or two minimum wage jobs, trying to keep everyone clothed and fed, plus cover rent and utilities; or a disabled vet living on the street; or a senior couple trying to make it until the end of the month. These are some of our church neighbors.

Our People’s Pantry ministry has not missed a single week of sharing bags of groceries each Wednesday night for ten years straight—no matter the storms, Covid, the heat or the cold. Today a group of volunteers unloaded 1,792 pounds of commodities from the Food Bank of Eastern Oklahoma. This included dozens of bags of frozen chicken thighs and drumsticks, canned goods, and bottled juices. This, combined with donations of goods, and the purchase of supplemental items will last us about a month. All of this ministry is under the direction of Lori Dryer with her husband David and Terri Qualls at her side.

Here is a summary report for 2023:  
Total Families served: 393  
Total Individuals served: 948  
Total Grocery Meals provided: 11,376

We provide good quality food, an opportunity for conversations and prayer. Diep Vo and Terri Qualls oversee our Clothes Closet ministry, which is available each week for those who have additional needs. We also provide personal hygiene kits, can openers, and other necessities. We invite our neighbors inside for a light hot meal prepared by Russell Ford, Ben Shepard, and Patty Hickman. The People’s Pantry is open each Wednesday evening from 5 to 6:30 p.m. Volunteers are needed around 4:00 p.m. to help us set up. Thank you for your on-going prayers, food and clothing contributions, and financial support.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Live faithfully. 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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My mouth shall  
speak wisdom;  
the meditation  
of my heart  
shall be  
understanding.

PSALM  
49:3



# 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

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

January	
20	Nancy Holdt
21	Pam Utley
30	Sandra Smith

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

January		
19	Judy and Ray Martin	64 Years (corrected)

## CHURCH DIRECTORY UPDATE.

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# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 14

- 9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast
- 10:00 a.m. Speaking from the Overflow**  
—Matthew 12:33-37, Psalm 27:4

God clearly wants us to speak words of life, truth, and hope, but how do we do this? Join with us Sunday as *Kevin Avery* leads us to discover the answer. 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, JANUARY 15

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

## TUESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

## WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 17

- 5:00 p.m. People’s Pantry Ministry  
Clothes Closet Ministry
- 6:30 p.m. Prayer Service**

## SUNDAY, JANUARY 21

- 10:00 a.m. The State of the Church—2024**

# Behind the Scenes

## NEW SERMON SERIES

The pastor’s new sermon series, *Precious Promises*, is a sweeping look at the covenants, promises, and vows God reveals to us as His people. This study is designed to strengthen our personal walk with the Lord, and deepen our skills in counseling others in their times of need. The purpose of a promise from God is to encourage our faithfulness as disciples, equipped to help disciple others in the ways of Jesus.

## THE POWER OF A LEGACY TITHE

Each year the church receives an annual tithe distribution from the estate of the late *J. Ray and Ola Smith* through the *WatersEdge* Ministry Services, once called the Oklahoma Baptist Foundation. This year’s tithe was \$9,331.94. This money goes into our general reserves and is set aside for maintenance expenses.

## THANK YOU IMPERIAL PRINTING

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## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,050.00
General Receipts January 7 .....	\$ 1,287.94
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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