

# REFLECTIONS

*There's the wonder of sunset at evening,  
The wonder of sunrise I see;  
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul  
Is the wonder that God loves me.*

The words from George Beverly Shea's song came to mind as I gazed at the solar eclipse yesterday. Those of us very near the full path saw, once again, the awe-inspiring handiwork of creation. The precision of the heavenly bodies that surround us. The incredible power of sunlight to warm us, burn us, or permanently scar our vision, blocked by the darkness of the whole moon because the moon is not a source of light on its own. All of us were wearing or sharing the funny little paper and foil glasses that were invented to save the eyes of millions of people looking toward the sun in the middle of the day. *O the wonder of it all!*

Just as the eclipse was beginning, I stopped in a fast-food place near the church to pick up my to-go lunch and headed to the church. It was time for a picnic. I collected a folding chair, put my lunch on a cart and rolled it out to our new pavilion. I sat in the shade, moving into the light to see the first "bite" of the moon. For the thirty minutes around the peak of the eclipse, I sat facing the sun and meditating on the majesty of God. (Psalm 8 and Hebrews 1-2.) Apparently having a "solar eclipse tan" today earned bragging rights for some. My face just burned lightly. I heard the noisy birds go quiet and noticed the odd coloring of the buildings and trees around me. As the sun grew bright again, I slowly gathered my things and went back inside. What a beautiful day to know that millions of others were sharing this glorious moment together.

*There's the wonder of springtime and harvest,  
The sky, the stars, the sun;  
But the wonder of wonders that thrills my soul  
Is a wonder that's only begun.*

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Keep looking up. 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

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Joe Crotser	Annette and Dennis Parker
Marion Corbett	Rita Snellgrove
Lydia Ford	Margaret VanHorn

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### April

19 Wilma Robins

## TIMOTHY SCHOLARSHIPS FOR OBU

The Timothy McKinley Scholarship Fund is available for full-time students attending **Oklahoma Baptist University** in Shawnee for the **2024-2025 school year**. Applications are due **by May 5**. Contact the church at [office@bradenpark.org](mailto:office@bradenpark.org).



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, APRIL 14

9:30 a.m. Continental Breakfast

**10:00 a.m. Praying Joy**  
—**Philippians 1:3-11**

Our new series **Pure Joy** begins this week with the amazing story of the beginnings of the church at Philippi, the very first church formed in Europe. It is all about Joy. Invite your family and friends to church this Sunday and be blessed.

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

11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY, APRIL 15

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

## TUESDAY, APRIL 16

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

## WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17

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

**6:30 p.m. Prayer Service**

## SUNDAY, APRIL 21

**10:00 a.m. Indestructible Joy**

# Behind the Scenes

## LADIES BIBLE CLASS BEGINS NEW STUDY

This Sunday, April 14, is the beginning session of the new Bible Study for the Ladies Bible Group, *God the Deliverer*, with author *Randy Frazee*. This eight-session study traces the parallel stories of God and His people from 1 Samuel through the end of the Old Testament and the book of Malachi. The Ladies Bible Study Group meets in the classroom west of the church kitchen. *Connie Connely* is the teacher.

## SPRING TULSA TOGETHER SERVICE APRIL 21

Our church will be hosting the Spring Tulsa Together Community Service sponsored by the *Christian Ministers Alliance* on **Sunday evening April 21 at 6:00 p.m.** This is a city-wide effort to promote racial conversations through Christian worship and inspiration. Many churches will participate, and there will be additional special music by the *Bisonette Glee Club* from *Oklahoma Baptist University*. We will need volunteers to help with parking and greeters inside to welcome our guests. A reception in our Fellowship Hall will follow the service.

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts April 7.....	\$ 1,187.63
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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