

REFLECTIONS

Today I am picking up the story of our churches from last week. I am also re-sharing some from my message during last Sunday's Combined Worship Service. In 2017, *GracePoint Church* merged with us becoming *Braden Park Baptist Church*. At that time we also developed a working plan, that in God's timing, *Monte Los Olivos* would begin to take on more of the expenses of the facilities, with a goal to be equal partners in ministry, but with their being responsible for the buildings and grounds, which would be a reversing of our current operational system. This also included recognition of *The People's Pantry Ministry* as a vital part of our ministries together.

It appears that God is opening the way for us to begin implementing that plan from 2017. A group of us met to discuss our first steps. Present were *Francisco Gaona, Rodrigo Urquiza, David Dryer, Donelle Enos, Armondo Urquiza*, and both pastors. We outlined a few next steps like verifying that both churches' legal documents are current and in order.

We set a goal for July 1 to begin to phase-in a new bill-sharing plan to see how things would work. We are checking with our utility companies and major vendors to see their preferred ways of receiving payment from of our churches together. When things are clarified, both of our churches will need to review drafts of an Operational Agreement as an official starting point. By intention there are three things that we are not doing:

- 1) We are not merging churches.
- 2) We are not combining budgets.
- 3) We are not changing either, or both, of our church names.

We are working alongside each other to promote our common ministries and mission efforts. We are working to protect our churches from "wolves" who might seek to take over or destroy our churches, especially during a time when pastors may change. There needs to be much preparation work behind the scenes to faithfully follow God to use both churches to proclaim a greater witness to our community, together in service.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Keep telling the story. 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
Joe Crotser	Annette and Dennis Parker
Marion Corbett	Margaret Van Horn
Lydia Ford	

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

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Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, MAY 12 Mothers Day

9:20 a.m. Mothers Day Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Fulfilling Joy
 —Philippians 2:1-5

Our sermon series Pure Joy continues this week as Paul calls upon the church at Philippi “to make my joy complete.” This section of the letter invites us into life-fulfilling joy through intentional interactions with others. Invite your family and friends to church this Sunday and be blessed.

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

MONDAY, MAY 13

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

TUESDAY, MAY 14

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 15

5:00 p.m. People’s Pantry Ministry
 Clothes Closet Ministry
 Light Community Supper
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

SUNDAY, MAY 19

10:30 a.m. The Joy Set Before Us

Behind the Scenes



Mothers Day Breakfast This Sunday

Everyone is invited to our Mothers Day Breakfast this Sunday morning, May 12. The menu includes breakfast casserole, waffles, biscuits and gravy, bacon, sausage and fruit salad. The breakfast will begin serving at 9:20 until 9:55 a.m. and will continue after the worship service.

Report From Last Sunday’s Service

Our combined worship service with Monte Los Olivos was historic in many ways. Recognizing our 24 years as ministry partners, we sang hymns and praise songs in English and Spanish. The sanctuary was filled with about 225 present. Bro. Darryl presented the message from Acts 4:32-33 on unity in the Lord, outlining some next steps for the future. Because of the rain, we concluded with dedicatory prayers for our new pavilion inside.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts May 5	\$ 1,776.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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