

REFLECTIONS

The following is an excerpt from my imaginary book, *One Thousand and One Things They Don't Teach at Preacher School*.

There was a beautiful regal red cardinal sitting on the foyer windowsill. I was struck by his beauty, and at first I thought he was not real. He was, after all, perched on the windowsill in the church foyer just above one of the red couches. I walked over to him. He turned away and decided to fly out toward the trees. He did not understand the concept of plate glass windows. He was inside the church, not outside.

I have some experience handling birds in church. One weekday morning in the mid-1970's I was heading up the north stairs to the third floor when I surprised three urban pigeons that startled me. An upstairs window had been left open. Pigeons are not clean birds. Various birds, even a bat or two, have managed to find their way into the building over the years.* I found a large apron, dampened it, and captured the birds one by one. A damp cloth thrown over them works every time. The cloth needs to be large enough to cover the bird completely. The dampness depends on the weight and size of the bird. The weighted cloth, along with the darkness of the material, disorients the bird sufficiently for you to scoop it up and whisk it outside, without getting bit or clawed or contacting any uncleanliness. The rules are simple: 1) close the doors to the sanctuary to keep the birds out of the biggest room in the building; 2) open the main doors to let them out if they would rather not wear the damp cloth; and 3) remember, they are more confused or panicked than you are.

I followed the rules for capturing the cardinal, less the cloth. After repeatedly banging into the window trying to get out, he was dazed and confused. I scooped him into my gloved hands (see # 35 – **Items to Always Have in Your Desk Drawer**), escorted him out by the trees, and released him. He never looked back. The flash of red against the clear blue sky was spectacular. Birds belong outside. People belong in church.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Go to church this week. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

*No creatures were harmed in these stories.

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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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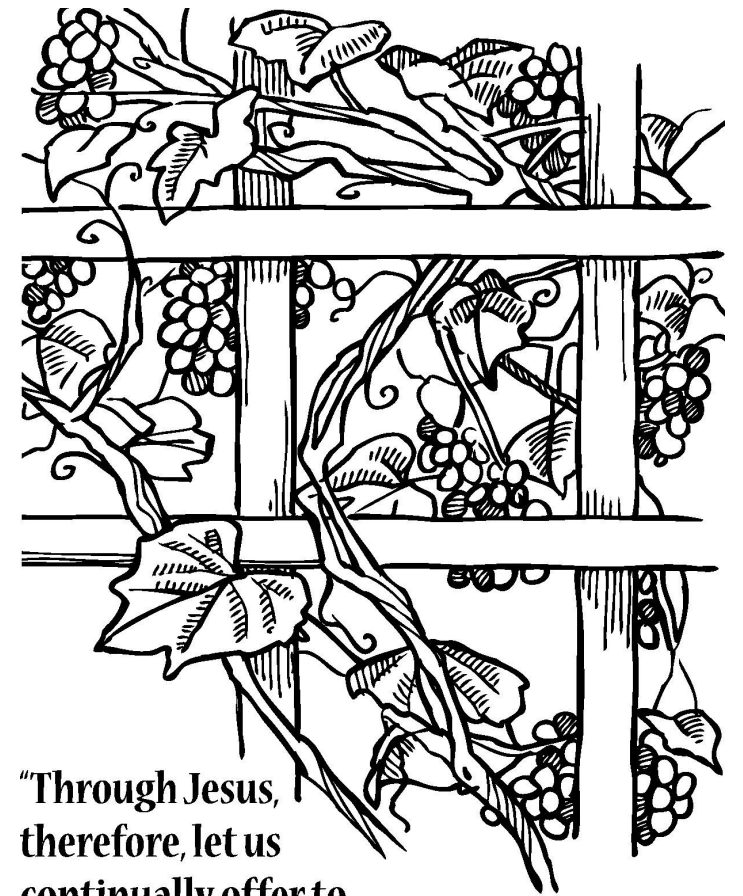


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**"Through Jesus,
therefore, let us
continually offer to
God a sacrifice of praise —
the fruit of lips that confess his name."**

Hebrews 13:15, NIV

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!

June

19	Lauren White
21	Tina Steel

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

June	11	Caryn and Mike Perrier	20 Years
	14	Dayna and Kevin Avery	27 Years

U.S. Postal Changes Ahead

There will be an increase in the cost of all postage rates in July, 2024, including stamps and postage for the Evangel. This month would be a good time to “stock up” on Forever Stamps. Also, Tulsa’s Bulk Mailing Center is already transitioning into a new delivery system where local mail is sent to Oklahoma City for processing before being sent out to the addressed destinations. This may cause some variation for when you receive mailed copies of our newsletter. You can always view the most current copy of the Evangel on our website: www.BradenPark.org

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JUNE 2

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Rev. Bobby Reid, Pulpit Guest

Our pulpit guest this week is Rev. Bobby Reid, retired Tulsa pastor and church planter. Bro. Bobby is a Bible teacher with gifts of faith and encouragement. 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, JUNE 3

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 4

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 9

10:00 a.m. The Confidence of Joy—Philippians 3:1-9

Behind the Scenes



Community Hamburger Night June 12

Our first Community Hamburger Night for the Summer will be Wednesday evening June 12 as part of our People’s Pantry and Clothes Closet ministries. Serving will begin around 5:00 p.m. and include opportunities for Gospel conversations under the pavilion.

We will need volunteers, starting at 4, to help us with the setting up of the tables and folding chairs, as well as with the serving of food and welcoming our neighbors.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts May 26.....	\$ 1,765.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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