

REFLECTIONS

Essayist Sheila Bender told a story about visiting a castle in Japan. During the tour, one of the areas she wanted to see was cordoned off to keep the tourists out of the big room. Rather than posting a typical “Closed” sign, the entrance to the room had a creatively translated sign that read: “Today is Under Construction.” Isn’t that an intriguing way to look at life?

My today is under construction. The minutes and the hours are the framework of my day. How I arrange the materials, spend the resources and allot the spaces of today shape the life of tomorrow. The mornings, afternoons, evenings and nights continue with an endless rhythm. Today is under construction; yesterday cannot be undone or remodeled, that work is left for today. My emotions, physical and mental health, and spiritual vitality help cement the day. Or are they just the wallpaper I want others to see instead of the real day I am building? Am I being honest with myself today? There are quiet spaces, but mostly noisy places accompanying my life today. My decisions and choices today carry my life into all my tomorrows. My relationships with others are the memory makers of the day.

I am a Christian under construction today. Knocking, asking, seeking, finding; listening, stumbling, learning, climbing. Today is under construction, so bear with me if things are not quite in their proper place. I have a Master Architect and an amazing Blueprint, but apparently, I am responsible for my construction projects today. For a vision of a better life to become a reality, I must dream of a new tomorrow, pay the costs, follow the plans and work through the obstacles. I could use a break or even a nap right now. I wonder what would happen if I asked you to help me with my today, and if I helped you with your today? I guess that might be risky—but something good could happen—let’s talk about it.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy (constructing) your life today. 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!

June

19	Lauren White
21	Tina Steel

July

2	Leslie White
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HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July	2	Barbara and Gordon Casey	64 Years
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Construction On 4th Place

There is a street construction project on 4th Place between Pittsburg and Yale. This project is projected to last through July. Currently the eastbound lane is completely closed. Access to the church's north parking lot is one-way traffic only. When leaving the parking lot, be prepared to turn left, or travel south down the church alleyway to 5th Street.

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JUNE 16

FATHER'S DAY

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Men Like These
— **Philippians 2:19-30**

Our sermon series *Pure Joy* continues this week as Paul pauses in his letter to share about two men who are examples of faith and service. His invites his readers to follow and encourage *men like these*. Invite your family and friends to church this Sunday and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study
Conversations with the Pastor
No Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, JUNE 17

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 18

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 19

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
Clothes Closet Ministry
Community Supper in Fellowship Hall

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

SUNDAY, JUNE 23

10:00 a.m. Barnabas — Rev. Bobby Reid, pulpit guest

Behind the Scenes

The *Evangel* will not be published for June 21 or 28.
It will return with the July 5th issue.

Ladies Bible Class Begins New Study June 30

Good Boundaries and Goodbyes: Loving Others Without Losing the Best of Who You Are by Lysa Terkeurst is a six-week series about hard relationships. Is it unloving or selfish to set a boundary? And what does the Bible instruct us to do when a relationship is no longer safe or sustainable?

Save the Date — August 3, 2024

The **Back-To-School Style Show** for our **Owasso Baptist Children's Home** is set for Saturday, August 3, at the Renaissance Hotel. Our church has reserved a table, and the tickets are free because of a legacy gift provided by the White City Baptist Foundation. **If you are interested in attending, contact Dorothy DeBorde before July 1.**

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts June 9	\$ 1,827.48
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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