

REFLECTIONS

For a Sunday newspaper a few decades ago, *Charles Shultz* drew Charlie Brown and Peppermint Patty under a shade tree, just talking. Patty turned and asked, *What do you think security is, Chuck?* He answered, *Security? Security is sleeping in the backseat of the car...When you have been somewhere with your mom and dad, and its night, and you're riding home in the car, you can sleep in the backseat...You don't have to worry about anything...Your mom and dad are in the front seat, and they do all the worrying...They take care of everything.* A smiling Patty says, *That's real neat.*

But it doesn't last, sighed Charlie Brown. *Suddenly, you're grown up, and it can never be that way again! Suddenly it's over and you'll never get to sleep in the backseat again. Never! Never! Absolutely never! Hold my hand, Chuck!!*

Sometimes we feel we need to hold someone's hand to see us through. Peppermint Patty was growing up. One day she would be driving the car all by herself. The famous writer Anonymous once said that a friend is one "who comes in when the whole world goes out." Each of us has our own burdens to bear. But there are those times when someone comes into our day with an overburdensome load to bear. In Galatians 6:1-5 Paul encourages us to lend the helping hand when others have stumbled over the temptations on their path or the loneliness of carrying too much for too long.

The difficult words for me are found in verse 2: ... *you who are spiritual, restore such a one with a spirit of gentleness.* It is far easier for me to tell someone how to "fix" themselves than to support them as they face the next shaky steps. It is far easier to hand over a band-aid than to wrap them in gentleness. It is far easier for me to confess their sins with a promise of forgiveness than to deal with my own sins along the way. "You who are spiritual" recognizes that each of us may be one of the more spiritual people that someone knows. "Restore such a one" recognizes that healing often begins painfully and slowly. Burden-sharing can be hard work because our own loads are so heavy. Let's lighten the load together.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Extend a hand. 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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AT HOME

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Elizabeth Burke	Bonnie Nutting
Lydia Ford	Annette and Dennis Parker
Nancy Holdt	Margaret Van Horn

NURSING CENTERS

Marion Corbett	University Village Health Center #333
Hugh Enos	Broken Arrow Nursing Home

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

7	Judy Martin Bonnie Nutting
9	Robert Gilmore
15	Wilma Connely (95 years) Dayna Avery Donelle Enos
19	Gary Higgins



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast

10:00 a.m. Our Ordinary Lives, part 2
— **Romans 16**

This week we continue our look at some lesser known people who worked behind the scenes in the earliest churches. Ordinary people living ordinary lives, yet used by God to transform the church and the world through ministry and grace. Invite your family and friends to church this Sunday and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study, *Good Boundaries and Goodbyes*
Conversations with the Pastor

11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, AUGUST 5

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 6

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 7

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11

10:00 a.m. The Body of Christ and The Armor of God

Behind the Scenes

New Sermon Series Begins August 11

The end-of-summer sermon series is entitled, *The Body of Christ and the Armor of God*. This series is based on 1 Corinthians 12 and Ephesians 6. These passages describe the giftedness of God's people for faithful service, and the spiritual armor that equips the church to face the forces that work against all believers.

Fall Scholarship Applications

The Glenn and Joan McKinley Scholarship Fund applications are available for students attending colleges and universities other than Oklahoma Baptist University. Request the form through the church's e-mail at office@bradenpark.org. The applications need to be returned to the White City Baptist Foundation no later than Sunday, August 11.

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY is extended to the family of *Gary Higgins* in the loss of his mother.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts July 28.....	\$ 897.80
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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