

REFLECTIONS

We are back from another excellent adventure. It was the Covid afterwards that slowed me down. This time I kept a mental list of the things that I might advise someone else on taking a trip to anywhere in the world. Top of the list: buy the best walking shoes that fit your feet perfectly. Also take flip-flops to wear in strange showers or anywhere else you do not need your excellent walking shoes. Let your feet rest each day. Good shoes are better than any outfit you will wear. When traveling abroad, take your best knees and hips. There are no elevators at centuries-old destinations. And by the way, air-conditioning is a luxury Americans take for granted.

Plan your journey well. Pray without ceasing. Always ask for help when needed. When flying anywhere these days, leave at least 3 hours between flights and connections. TSA is still picky with their rules. Reluctantly I say, wear a mask on the plane. Do not get sick at the beginning of your adventure, or any other time. Also, don't fall down! Pack less than you think you will need. Leave room in the suitcase and space in your daily schedule to rest and enjoy each day. If you need something you did not bring, buy it there as a souvenir of your adventure.

Choose your travel companions wisely. While traveling alone is often necessary, someone to share an adventure helps keep us moving forward and focused on the good things. I also recommend, for those of us of a certain age, bringing a teenager or young person. They tend to have good ears, strong backs, and are wise in the ways of smart phones and the best apps for navigating the way. Include a walk with Jesus each day.

Always be gracious and generous. Never travel without candy. I prefer fun-sized M&M's, individually wrapped mints, and packs of chocolate-covered almonds. They make friends of strangers and little beggars. On one flight we needed to trade a seat with a man to keep our little band together. Chocolate-covered almonds sealed the deal. Memories are more important than the perfect photograph. Look at what is before you with wonder in your eyes; then take the pictures you want.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Have an excellent adventure. 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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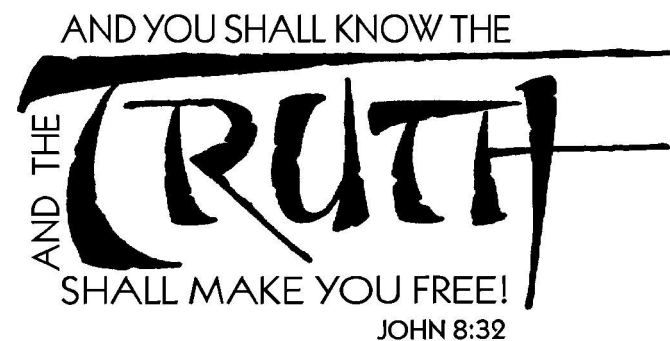
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Marion Corbett University Village Health Center #333
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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July

16 Rita Snellgrove
21 Patty Hickman



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JULY 14

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. Joyous Contentment
— **Philippians 4:10-20**

Our sermon series *Pure Joy* concludes this week as Paul says Thank You to the Philippian people for their sacrificial generosity on his behalf. Paul gives us a peak inside his sense of well-being and faith. 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, JULY 15

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

TUESDAY, JULY 16

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 17

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
Clothes Closet Ministry
Hamburger Night under the Pavilion
6:30 p.m. Outside Prayer Service

SUNDAY, JULY 21

10:00 a.m. God's Glorious Richness Toward Us

Behind the Scenes

Free Hamburger Night
Wednesday July 17
Under the Pavilion

The People's Pantry Ministry Report

During April—June 2024, **The People's Pantry** provided bags of groceries and ministry to 101 families, 234 individuals, with 2,808 meals, plus approximately 230 hot meals in Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your faithfulness to this vital ministry with our neighbors.

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.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts July 7.....\$ 2,065.45
Special Offerings.....\$ 0.00

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