

REFLECTIONS

With the assassination attempt on *Donald Trump* last Saturday evening, the world witnessed a divine moment of the closest kind—the split-second, millimeter away from death itself kind of moment. As horrific as the story unfolded, our nation was spared a nightmare of endless images of the moment of a bullet’s impact killing a former president. For that we are all grateful. This is the definition of a miracle for some, but just a “lucky break” for others.

Those of us who have experienced miracles from near fatal instances know the life-changing impact such encounters have. Divine intervention at just the right moment is breathtaking. Many will use the experience to seek out God to discover next steps in a God-glorifying life; to discern what it means to have a more fulfilling life; or to discover a new humility before the wonder of God’s love. Sadly, others may take this as a sign of prideful invincibility or permission to be arrogantly self-sufficient.

With this kind of experience comes the *Why? Questions*, such as, why are some spared and others not; Why me, Why this, and Why now? In Biblical understanding, this is all under the area called The Divine Providence of God. The why would God allow evil, sin and suffering questions. Why do the wicked prosper and many good people are sick or impoverished? I bring this up because many of us have friends who are masking their spiritual struggles right now by immersing themselves in secular politics in order to change the subject away from their own soul. Anger hides a multitude of pain.

Most of us would rather avoid confronting the issues of God’s Divine Providence. Divine Providence speaks to the very nature of our Maker and Creator. Divine Providence compels us to face our own frailties and mortality. You see, the closer we come to the Holiness of God and the face of eternity, the more we sense the consequences of our sin and pride. When you find yourself standing on holy ground, bow down before Jesus.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Ask Why, then Listen. 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
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

3 Roxie Odor
Becky Pierce

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

July

29 Melanie and David Willets 18 Years

August

1 Dorothy and Darryl DeBorde 54 Years



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JULY 21

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast
10:00 a.m. God's Glorious Richness Toward Us
 — **Philippians 4:19**

Our sermon series *Pure Joy* concluded last week, but in the grand tradition of preachers everywhere, this week's message is a P.S. about God's generosity and our financial provision as individuals of 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 22

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

TUESDAY, JULY 23

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 24

5:00 p.m. People's Pantry Ministry
 Clothes Closet Ministry
 Community Dinner
6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

SUNDAY, JULY 28

10:00 a.m. Our Ordinary Days

Behind the Scenes

Profession of Faith, Sunday, July 14

Hudson Avery 9260 S 92nd East Ave, Tulsa, Ok 74133

Owasso Children's Home Brunch

A reminder for those who have tickets, the annual Oklahoma Baptist Children's Home of Owasso Back to School Style Show and Brunch will be held **Saturday, August 3**, at 10:30 a.m. at Tulsa's Renaissance Hotel. The Silent Auction begins at 9:00 a.m.

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 14.....	\$ 1,315.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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