

REFLECTIONS

“Summertime and the livin’ is hot, humid and salt free.” At least that is what I heard the teen-aged waitress say. So I tried to cover up my confusion with the one weather joke I use when people complain it’s too hot in the summertime: *Who would have thought it would be hot in the middle of July in Oklahoma?* But she was trying to cover up her embarrassment. “I can’t believe I said *salt free* when I was trying to say *sultry*.” So it was not my hearing. She then went on to tell me that she could not wait to get off work because she had *a million things to do tonight*, and she was stressing out about it all.

I do not know which is worse: thinking one thing but saying another or saying something out loud you did not know you were thinking. Or is it saying the wrong thing when you thought you said the right thing, but it was the exact opposite of what you thought you were saying when you thought of it. Maybe we are all under too much stress, and the heat of the summer just frazzles us quicker. And whatever happened to the *summertime and the livin’ is easy*?

I guess I have to go back to the days of my childhood and youth, before my first summer job, to find when the livin’ was easy. Those were the days of swimming in the neighbor’s pool or in the neighborhood lake behind my uncle’s house. Those were the days of Scout camping trips, Vacation Bible Schools and family time at church. Those were the days for reading *National Geographic*, comic books, and adventure stories. Those were the days of ice-cream trucks and popsicles under a tree. Those were the days we played ball in the street and came home for supper when we heard our names yelled down the block. (If you heard your middle name, it was too late.) So how stress free are the summers of our children and grandchildren these days? Are they stressed because we are stressed and hot? What does summertime living look like for today’s teens? Take one for an ice-cream cone and find out. Maybe we all need to read an adventure story, play with our friends, and go to church together more often.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Eat some ice cream. And let’s experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday Morning

Continental Breakfast 9:20 a.m.

Worship 10:00 a.m.

Bible Study & Conversation 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening

The People’s Pantry 5:00 p.m.

The Clothes Closet Ministry 6:30 p.m.

Prayer Service

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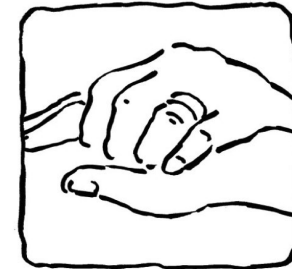


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Always
give
yourselves
fully to
the work
of the
Lord ...

1 Corinthians 15:58

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

IN THE HOSPITAL

Perry Williams	St Francis Hospital
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BAPTIZED SUNDAY

Hudson Avery

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

August

7 Judy Martin
Bonnie Nutting

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

August

8 Lori and David Dryer 33 Years

Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, JULY 28

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast

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

This week we take a 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, JULY 29

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

TUESDAY, JULY 30

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 31

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

SUNDAY, AUGUST 4

10:00 a.m. Our Ordinary Lives, part 2

Behind the Scenes

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. Check with Dorothy DeBorde to get your reserved ticket.

Thank You

A big thank you goes to *Elizabeth Williams* for her behind-the-scenes efforts, including most recently weeding and cleaning out the flower beds along Yale and adding new flowers.

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 21.....	\$ 1,409.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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