

REFLECTIONS

One day I learned a valuable lesson from a seminary chapel service over fifty years ago. The speaker was D. Elton Trueblood. Dr. Trueblood (1900-1994) was a distinguished theologian, religion professor, author and presidential advisor. He was a Quaker and a noted philosopher. His was a call for world-wide Christianity to “wake-up” to the decline in the church due to idolatry. Sounds quaint by today’s standards, doesn’t it? He was talking about idols such as church buildings as monuments of pride and affluence, clergy hired to do ministry for the congregation, entertainment disguised as worship, and Christian service defined as “attend our Sunday meeting.” These idols are still with us. He was calling for the Church to be a “company of the committed” to Christ, seven days a week.

In one of his books, *The Incendiary Fellowship*, Trueblood tells the story of the fire-keeper, a young man chosen by ancient tribal elders to always keep a fire burning. In the long-ago, fire was a necessity for tribal survival. As nomadic people moved to follow their herds and their game, someone needed to keep a flame going throughout their journeys. It needed to burn through rain and storm, heavy wind and blowing snow. Elders showed the young man how to protect the flame by sharing it with others during the riskiest times. Carelessness would be a costly mistake. It was easy to carry the fire on most days, but preparation for the unexpected was mandatory. From Trueblood’s perspective, every Christian needs the commitment of the fire-keeper, for Christ is our world’s only hope.

At the end of chapel that day an announcement was made inviting anyone to join Dr. Trueblood and some of the faculty for dinner that night at a local restaurant. I called Dorothy and she indicated that she was always open to dinner out. That evening eleven of us spent a marvelous time with a profoundly insightful Christian. The valuable lesson I learned that day was: Never miss an opportunity to learn from the best, for they will share the fire.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Keep the fire burning. 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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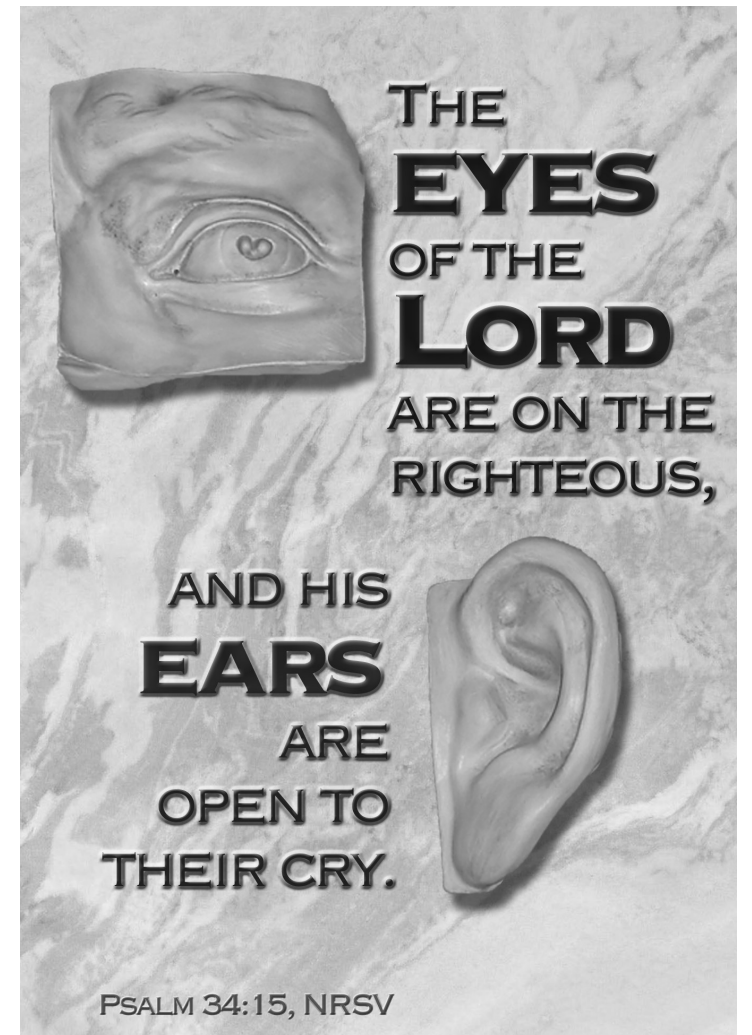
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Our Church Family

AT HOME

Kevin Avery	Paula McPherson
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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

26	Carter Enos
28	Billy Shafer

September

2	Connie Gillis Caryn Perrier
7	Molly Avery



Looking Ahead

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast

**10:00 a.m. The Body of Christ and The Armor of God:
The Helmet, Shield and Sword
1 Corinthians 12:27 and Ephesians 6:14-16**

We continue our end-of-summer series focusing on the body of Christ and God's protection. 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. Invite your family and friends to church this Sunday and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study, *Pursued*
Conversations with the Pastor

11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

MONDAY, AUGUST 26

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 27

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 28

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

6:30 p.m. Prayer Service

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 1

10:00 a.m. Gifted and Empowered

Behind the Scenes

Wednesday Night Dinners

Our Wednesday evening **Community Dinners** continue to see more neighborhood families join with us each week. We have steadily grown from an average of 25 in June, to averaging 43 in July. Last week, August 14, we served 57 hot meals around the tables in Fellowship Hall. We are providing prayer request cards at the tables for anyone to share a prayer need. We can then pray with them or for them following the meal and during the Prayer and Bible study time together. Thank you for your financial support of our Wednesday evening neighborhood ministries. *Russell Ford* and *Patty Hickman* prepare the meals and desserts each week from scratch.

Our **Clothes Closet Ministry** is in need of men's jeans and workpants of all sizes.

Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the family of *David Anderson* in the loss of his father; and to the family of *Lydia Ford* in the loss of her sister.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts August 18.....	\$ 1,887.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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