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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
Community Dinner
Prayer Service 6:30 p.m.

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All the
ends of the earth
shall remember and
turn to the LORD...

Psalm 22:27, ESV

Our Church Family

At Home

Kevin Avery Alice Barrett Elizabeth Burke Lydia Ford
 Nancy Holdt Paula McPherson Georgia Metcalf
 Bonnie Nutting Annette and Dennis Parker Margaret VanHorn

Nursing Centers

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

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

November 5 Robert Wilson
 11 John Snellgrove
 14 Darryl DeBorde

The Church at Prayer

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

Tuesday Evening Prayer for the Nations—8:00 p.m.
 Kevin Avery’s Facebook Zoom link, then access code:993512

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need \$ 2,073.00
 General Receipts October 27 \$ 2,020.00
 Special Offerings..... \$ 250.00

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Reflections

I do not know when our church became a neighborhood voting precinct site. I know that the first presidential election in my time as pastor here was in 1976. Presidential elections draw large turnouts. We are preparing for the lines, providing more space for those with disabilities, and generally seeking to make the experience as comfortable as possible. Our neighbors are coming here to exercise the most far-reaching act of democracy the world has ever seen—casting their ballots freely, fairly, and privately. There have been additional statewide rules and procedures passed since last time, safeguarding the ballots from the time they are printed until handed to the voter. Additional protections follow the ballots from the ballot box at our church to the County Election Board. The entire voting process is staffed with trained citizens. Neighbors help neighbors, because voting matters.

From my perspective, this has been the most challenging election we have ever faced. I learned early in ministry not to publicly endorse any political candidate, not because my chosen candidate might lose, but because I have known many candidates to succumb to big money, criminality, and/or sexual corruption. I do not want to be found complicit by implication. I appreciate our people taking the political debates outside the ministries of our church. I have run for public office and have both won and lost. I am glad to talk personally and privately to anyone about my political views. I also have found most people really want to hear me say what they already believe, and not why I may look at things from a theological point of view. What is most important for us as citizens is that we vote. The greater the number of people casting their vote, the clearer the understanding becomes of where we go next as a nation or local community. It is very easy to become cynical, discouraged, and disengaged from the process. Because so many citizens do not vote, we may one day discover we no longer have constitutional rights or free and fair elections. Your voting matters.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Go vote. And let’s experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

Sunday, November 3

10:00 a.m.

Grief and Gratitude
 — Psalm 22:22-31

