

# REFLECTIONS

Today, October 1, is former president Jimmy Carter's 100<sup>th</sup> birthday. A remarkable milestone for a remarkable man. Following the death of his wife Rosalyn last November, Dorothy and I began discussing the time we attended a luncheon with the former president. We had each taken a picture with him using our little digital camera. We needed to get those pictures framed. Back in 2009 I was serving as the Moderator of the Cooperating Baptist Fellowship of Oklahoma. Jimmy Carter had launched an effort to help bridge the racial divide in our land starting with Baptist churches. He called it a New Baptist Covenant. An organizing meeting of all the various Baptist denominations and organizations in our state was formed to invite Mr. Carter to share his vision. The actual meeting included the most diverse representatives of Baptist leadership I have ever witnessed.

We gathered in the convention meeting hall of the Embassy Suites in Norman, Oklahoma, with hundreds of others for an evening of worship followed by smaller breakout sessions and discussions across August 7 that year. Dorothy and I were invited to a small luncheon beforehand to hear his testimony of faith in the Lord and God's people. Because the luncheon was limited to the steering committee, there were about 60 people present. Following his remarks, he invited us to come and meet him and have our pictures taken. There was no professional photographer, so we were on our own to take the pictures. We finally got those pictures matted and framed this spring. The back of the picture has a pocket for other pictures and materials from the event.

When the Carters left office in 1981, he was 56 years old. He told of their family discussions on how to best use the platform they had been given as a former president. They felt a call to be "missionaries" to the world, promoting peace, healing, and human rights. They developed the Carter Center, which is both a presidential library and a mission headquarters for their world-wide activities. He has shown us how to treat others and how to serve Jesus through his work with Habitat for Humanity well into his 90's. Now he is also showing us how to die with faith. Since 2015 he has been living with liver cancer, which metastasized to his brain, and since February 2023, in home hospice care. Happy 100<sup>th</sup> Birthday, President Carter.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Help change the world. 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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Now I appeal to you, brothers  
and sisters ... that there be no  
divisions among you, but that you

**be united**  
in the same **mind**  
and the same  
**purpose.**

1 Corinthians 1:10, NRSV

# 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 VanHorn

## NURSING CENTERS

Marion Corbett	University Village Health Center #333
Hugh Enos	Broken Arrow Nursing Home
Billy Shafer	The Villages at Southern Hills, #133

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

### October

8	Mike Perrier
18	Bryan Enos



# Looking Ahead

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 6

9:20 a.m. Continental Breakfast  
**10:00 a.m. Gifted and Empowered: Unity**  
**—1 Corinthians 1:4-13**

We conclude our series focusing on the gifts of the Holy Spirit for the body of Christ, with Paul's emphasis on unity in the church. Find the power of one heart and one love united in the Good News of Jesus Christ. Invite your family and friends to church this Sunday and be blessed.

11:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study,  
 Conversations with the Pastor  
 11:55 a.m. Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal

## MONDAY, OCTOBER 7

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

## TUESDAY, OCTOBER 8

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

## WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 9

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

## SUNDAY, OCTOBER 13

**10:00 a.m. Finding Release**

# Behind the Scenes

## Welcome New Member

### By Statement of Faith:

**Robert M. Wilson** 2115 East 1st Place, Tulsa 74104



## The People's Pantry Report

During July—September 2024, **The People's Pantry** provided bags of groceries and ministry to 120 families, 279 individuals, enough food for 3,348 meals.

Our Wednesday Evening Community Dinners served a total of 648 free, freshly prepared hot dinners in our Fellowship Hall. Thank you for your faithfulness to this vital ministry with our neighbors.

### FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 2,073.00
General Receipts September 29 .....	\$ 1,297.00
Special Offerings .....	\$ 0.00

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