

Our Church Family

At Home

Kevin Avery	Alice Barrett	Nancy Holdt
Paula McPherson	Georgia Metcalf	Billy Shafer
Ben Shepard	Margaret VanHorn	

Health Care Centers

Marion Corbett	University Village Health Center #333
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Happy Birthday!

March 2 David Anderson

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Our Love and Sympathy is extended to the family of *Wilma Connely* in the passing of her sister.

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Winter Weather Issues

A reminder that the policy for cancelling services and activities at the church on weekdays begins: If Tulsa Public Schools are closed that day, so are all activities at the church. An exception is provided for The People’s Pantry to be able to give emergency groceries to our neighbors if conditions improve. A text message and phone call system is used for Sunday services and other cancellations. Always use your best judgement in wintry conditions to be safe.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,071.00
General Receipts February 16.....	Church was cancelled
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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

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Reflections

Remember back to the good old days around February 7, 2025, when the temperature rose to 84° here in Tulsa? It seems a little mean of nature to trick us like that. In fact, there has been too much mean weather across the land these past few months. Last Wednesday evening’s activities were cancelled because of cold and icy conditions. Last Sunday morning’s service was cancelled because of snow and ice. This week’s Wednesday activities are cancelled because of predicted heavy snow on Tuesday and a high temperature of 13° on Wednesday. Thirteen degrees for the high for the whole day (or not).

Most years I write something about harsh weather—preparing for it, recovering from it, or what to do in the middle of it. Hot or cold, wet or dry, all of us talk about the weather almost every day, especially to strangers when we don’t know what to say. We have favorite meteorologists. We constantly check on the temperature outside, even if we are not going outdoors. I used to have a weather rock that helped me check the weather before there were cell phones. And we had to call on the kitchen telephone to find out the time and the temperature. How did we ever manage?

We had “thunder sleet” one March Sunday in 2014. That winter we had to cancel one service each month for four months in a row because of the bitter weather. As I have said before, if I were the one in control, the weather would always be beautiful on Sunday morning and Wednesday nights. God and I have had this discussion for years now. Mostly I talk. God doesn’t say much about it. All I ever get is, “It rains on the just and the unjust alike.” You would think that God would make it as easy as possible for people to go to church on Sunday mornings! God does not micromanage the weather at all. It’s probably more about strengthening our character, stretching our faith, and learning to depend on God through whatever comes our way. We have been here before.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Jesus will see you through. And let’s experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23

10:00 a.m. Abiding Love
—John 15:5-14

11:10 a.m. Concluding video and discussion, *Part 6: The Great Homecoming*

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God is love,
and those who
abide in **love**
=
abide in **God,**
and God
abides in **them.**

1 JOHN 4:16, NRSV

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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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