

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
----------------	---------------------------------------

Happy Birthday!

March	5	Ben Shepard
	10	Dorothy DeBorde
	13	Kevin Avery

— • —

Education Building Update

An active effort from both of our churches is underway to find the best affordable solution to the furnace issue in the Education Building. Until we can get the necessary repairs, it will be relatively cool throughout Fellowship Hall whenever there is a cold snap in the weather.



FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,071.00
General Receipts February 23	\$ 3,971.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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

THE EVANGEL (USPS 180-140) is published weekly except 1st week of July and 4th week of December by the
BRADEN PARK BAPTIST CHURCH • 4739 East 5th • Tulsa, OK 74112-2716
Periodicals postage paid at Tulsa, OK.

Reflections

I read every day, whether it is current event articles, devotionals, nonfiction, or sermon materials. During the recent holiday season I began reading a few *who-done-it* novels for relaxation. Fiction, biographies and memoirs are really portraits of people's character. I like to make deep dives into selected topics, chasing down ideas that may develop into something useful one day. I have discovered that sometimes even the boring or dead-end materials can spark an idea that may lead to an insight about myself, or church life, or personal relationships.

I seek to look for the trends and patterns, the challenges and the frustrations facing us each day. People are living on the edge and finding the times unsettling. Most folks want to depend on a decent income, live with meaning and purpose in relative peace and safety, and enjoy a good meal with a friend occasionally. While there is always a segment of people who enjoy picking a fight, most of us have enough troubles of our own. That's why I find books and reading so helpful. Reading is story-finding.

We are a people of stories. *Tell me a story* pleads every child. We are storytellers at heart. When we find a story, we step into its world. A story will place us amid any time, in any place, in any person or creature, in any circumstance in or out of this world. C. S. Lewis once wrote of how the power of reading opens our perspectives: *We want to see with other eyes, to imagine with other imaginations, to feel with other hearts, as well as with our own.* Stories teach us how to love our neighbors as ourselves. They may even teach us how to love ourselves with respect and compassion. Of course, I also read a very good book of stories that provides meaning, hope and redemption. It has real stories, some are cautionary tales of the pain and struggles of real people in complicated families. Step into the stories of Jesus. People who read the Bible find their own story interwoven with God's love and grace.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Be a story-finder. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

— • —

SUNDAY, MARCH 2

10:00 a.m. Ask Anything?

—**John 15:7; 13-17**

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

Proclaiming the Good News!
Braden Park Baptist Church
Tulsa, Oklahoma



The Evangel

No. 9

February 28, 2025

VOL LV

"If you then, who
are evil, know how
to give good gifts
to your children,

*how
much
more*

will the heavenly
Father give the
Holy Spirit to those
who ask him!"

Luke 11:13, NRSV



The Evangel

Braden Park Baptist Church
4739 East Fifth Street (5th & Yale)
Tulsa, OK 74112-2716

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.

Dr. Darryl DeBorde, Minister
Bill Ess, Music Minister
office@BradenPark.org

PERIODICALS
POSTAGE
PAID
Tulsa, OK
USPS #180-140