

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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Home from the Hospital

Wilma Connely

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Happy Birthday!

March 27 Ray Martin

April 1 Eric Bolton

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Big Thank You's All Around

There has been much hard work going on behind the scenes lately. Thank You's go to **Bill Ess** for painting all of the stripes on the north parking lot; to **Karen Tipton** for inviting our medical missions guests from Niger to share about their work and also for preparing enough delicious spaghetti and meatballs for both the Sunday and Wednesday dinners; and to **Martin Senske** and **Deacon Enos** for replacing the south tower amplifier for the sanctuary sound system.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,071.00
General Receipts March 16	\$ 925.00
Special Offerings (HIS Ministry Niger).....	\$ 580.00

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

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Reflections

I never understood why they officially removed the *Do Not Drive into Smoke* signs on the highways of Oklahoma unless maybe they scared the tourists. Controlled burns for the farmlands are a routine chore of crop management. Appropriate drought and wind warnings and precautions from meteorologists are widely broadcast. There were days of national warnings of the dangers anticipated for past Friday's multi-state cyclone. Yet the magnitude of damage from fallen trees and power lines, fed by gale force winds and flying ashes, continued past Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas, across the nation turning into thunderstorms and tornadic destruction. The Oklahoma statistics of 170,000 acres burned, countless structures destroyed, and 4 fatalities, with more than 200 people injured, leaves all of us shaken, saddened, and grieving. Rebuilding and recovery will take months, if not years. One cry was reported often, *we had no insurance*.

The state of Oklahoma has averaged about four multi-million-dollar disasters each year for the last five years. Insurance companies are reluctant to provide affordable coverage. Our church insurance package proclaims wind, hail, fire, and water damage to be in a special category, requiring a 2% deductible based on their unrealistic value of our property, which at \$8 million dollars, gives us a deductible of \$160,000. The property insurance crisis in Oklahoma is not being addressed by our elected officials. A lot of petty personal pet peeves seem to take priority over the true needs of our citizens. When the government expects the generosity of neighbors to make up the deductibles and losses without legislative action, pain and poverty deepens in the hearts of Oklahomans. Our church will continue to do its part in ministry and service to those in need, regardless of corporate and political neglect.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Uplift a neighbor. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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SUNDAY, MARCH 23

10:00 a.m.

Encouragement — Dr. Ray Martin, Pulpit Guest
—Isaiah 46:4

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And you also
were included
in Christ
when
you heard
the word of
truth.

Ephesians 1:13

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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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