

# Our Church Family

## At Home

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

## In The Hospital

Harold Gruetzmacher Hillcrest Medical Center

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## Happy Birthday!

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| April 19 | Wilma Robins |
| 27       | Dorris Doyle |

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## Covered-Dish Dinner This Sunday

Everyone is invited to our Palm Sunday Covered-Dish Ham and Turkey Dinner this Sunday, April 13, following the morning worship time. Bring a favorite dish to share, if you would like.

**Timothy McKinley Scholarship Applications** for the **2025-2026** Academic Year are available for full-time students attending Oklahoma Baptist University in Shawnee, Oklahoma. Contact the church by April 30th at [office@bradenpark.org](mailto:office@bradenpark.org).

### FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

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|--------------------------------|-------------|
| Weekly Budget Need .....       | \$ 2,071.00 |
| General Receipts April 5 ..... | \$ 2,226.00 |
| Special Offerings .....        | \$ 00.00    |

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

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# Reflections

I've been thinking about childishness today, and not in the good way. I was watching the news. My definition of negative childishness includes adults acting in immature, selfish and petulant manners in order to get their way. It is a form of bullying. These are the grownups who pout or take offense at any perceived slight. They run to the spotlight when it focuses on someone else. They expect excessive praise and need constant reassurance that they are the most special person in the room, or maybe even the whole world. I can be childish if I'm not careful. It's an easy habit to form.

You've probably read of *The Toddler Rules*. My favorite version goes like this:

If I like it, it's mine.  
If it's in my hand, it's mine.  
If it's in your hand, it's mine.  
If I had it a little while ago, it's mine.  
If it looks like mine, it's mine.  
If I saw it first, it's mine.  
If it's broken, it's yours.

*Toddler Rules* seem almost built into our DNA, just like sin. In the famous chapter on loving relationships, the Apostle Paul talks about *putting away childish things* (1 Corinthians 13). He writes how maturing relationships focus on the unselfishness of grace, mercy, forgiveness, and faith, hope and love. Jesus calls us to a life of complete devotion to God and others when He encourages us to have *faith like a child*. Child-like or childish, it's our choice.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. It all belongs to Him. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

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**SUNDAY, APRIL 13**  
**PALM SUNDAY**  
**LORD'S SUPPER SERVICE**

**10:00 a.m. The Power of the Cross**  
**— 1 John 1:7**

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in the name of the Lord.*

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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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