

Our Church Family

At Home

Kevin Avery	Alice Barrett	Connie Connely
Nancy Holdt	Paula McPherson	Billy Shafer
Margaret VanHorn		

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Happy Birthday!

August 26	Carter Enos
28	Billy Shafer

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There will be a special combined meeting of the White City Baptist Church Foundation and the Church Finance Committee to discuss investments which are coming due, and reauthorize signatories on the church accounts, **this Sunday, August 17 at noon.** Anyone is welcome to attend.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

10:00 a.m. Hearers, Doers, Religious or Not
James 1:19-27

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,071.00
General Receipts August 3	\$ 1,011.00
Special Offerings	\$ 0.00

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

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Reflections

I am sharing this story from 2012 with Deacon's permission.

Deacon told his kindergarten teacher that he was going camping with his grandpa over the Labor Day weekend. She said, "You're going camping with Papa D?" "How did you know his name was Papa D?" "I was your brother's teacher." So, Deacon and I went camping. Actually, we stayed in the Minister's Cabin at Tulakogee Baptist Assembly on Lake Ft. Gibson. I had booked the cabin for four days of personal retreat starting on Thursday night. He and his Mama D joined me on Sunday evening. The primary purpose of our trip, Deacon informed me, was to go fishing.

On Monday morning we headed off to the bait shop. I asked him about the kind of bait we should get—minnows, crickets or worms. "Get worms. Fish love worms." We explored a couple of good fishing spots, settling on the fishing dock at the camp. Deacon explained to me that when we caught a fish, we were to "take out the eyeballs," cut it up and take it to Mama D to cook it. He told me all about fishing with his own rod and reel. Then I opened the box of worms.

Ewww! went the voice next to me as I baited his hook. We set the bobber, and he cast it in the water quite to his satisfaction. I started to bait my hook. "Papa D, I can't see my bobber." His pole was bent nearly in half, the bobber surfaced then disappeared again. He had caught the big one. Really, it was about three pounds. *Ewww!* Deacon, it turns out, is more impressed with the idea of fishing, than actually dealing with a big flathead catfish. He did not want to cut it up or even get close enough to have his picture taken with it. So, we set the fish free. A little while later he caught a smaller catfish. Soon he was finished for the day. He had caught a big fish! We will go fishing again.

I know people who are impressed with the idea of being a disciple of Jesus, yet, when it comes to actually living the challenging, gritty life of a disciple, *Ewww!* They love the heaven part, tolerate church people sometimes, and ignore God's words. Authentic disciples keep after it and tell the Good News. You know, *Go into all the world and make disciples...*

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

Bro. Darryl

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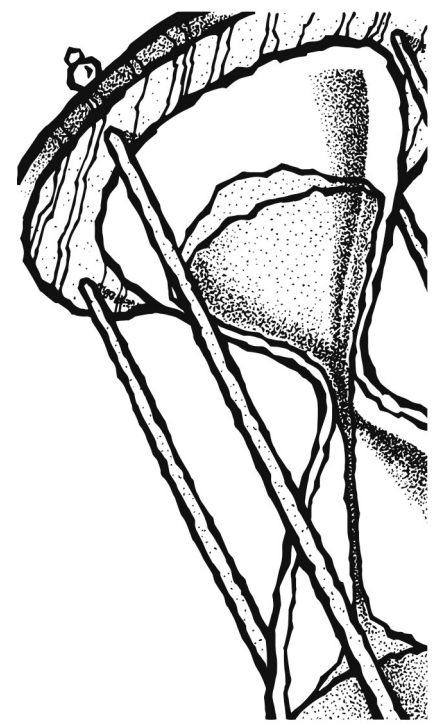


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**BE QUICK
TO LISTEN,
SLOW
TO SPEAK,
SLOW TO
ANGER.**

James 1:19, 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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