

Our Church Family

At Home

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

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Convalescence Care

Katy Cook P O Box 432, Antlers, OK 74523

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Happy Birthday!

October 21 Martin Senske

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The People's Pantry and Community Ministry Report

The People's Pantry provided 129 families, 298 individuals, with enough groceries for 3,576 meals during the past three months, July through October 1, 2025. There were 37 first-time recipients. In addition, our **Clothes Closet** ministry provided for approximately 64 individuals. Our Wednesday evening **Community Dinners** served 639 hot meals for the quarter. Thank you for your on-going clothing contributions, and financial support.

Combined totals for the 17 service years of the People's Pantry: 6,805 families; 18,019 individuals: 216,228 equivalent meals provided.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,071.00
General Receipts October 3	\$ 1,294.00
Special Offering	\$ 0.00

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

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Reflections

Susie Hinton had a story to tell based on an incident that happened to a friend at school. She began to turn it into a novel, although she did get a D in creative writing that junior year. She persisted in her observations of high school life and the petty cliques that amplified the differences. She graduated from Tulsa's Will Rogers High School in 1966. Published in 1967, that novel *The Outsiders*, continues to be a bestseller every year. An interesting quote from the book highlights the gaps, the social barriers, between north and south Tulsa: "Can you see the sunset from the South side real good?" "Yeah, real good." "You can see it from the North side too." Ponyboy Curtis and Cherry Valence.

This week the Tony Award winning Broadway musical, *The Outsiders*, began its national tour here in Tulsa. The cast is making visits to the high school to talk with students and to see where it all began. Most of us know what it is to be the outsider when everyone else seems to be an insider. Insiders have their own little rules, customs, and special words. It is always hard trying to fit in. Pretending to be an insider is nearly impossible. That is why most outsiders stay quiet while trying to decipher the insider norms. The book, the movie and the musical turn very dark in places because embarrassment and anger walk hand in hand. Insiders can embarrass themselves in their treatment of the outsider. Outsiders can embarrass themselves by trying too hard to be accepted.

Visiting a church is often an insider-outsider experience. We have taught ourselves to scan the room, look for clues, and ask ourselves if there is anyone here that looks like me. Is there anyone one here who will bridge the gap? Outsiders seek belonging, understanding, and friendships. Insiders can become so accustomed to each other that they find no need to invite anyone else into their circle. I am reminded of the biblical caution, *Do not forget to entertain strangers, for by doing so some have entertained angels without knowing it.* (Hebrews 13:2)

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Welcome in all the angels. And let's experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12

10:00 a.m. Conflicts of Interests James 3:17—4:10



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Draw near
to God,
and he
will draw near
to you.
James 4:8, ESV



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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	5:00 p.m.
The Clothes Closet Ministry	
Community Dinner	
Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.

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