Our Church Family

At Home

Kevin Avery Alice Barrett Paula McPherson Billy Shafer Margaret VanHorn

Katy Cook P O Box 432, Antlers, OK 74523

Happy Anniversary!

December 24 Rita and John Snellgrove 38 Years

The Glenn and Joan McKinley Scholarship applications for the Spring 2026 semester are available through the church office. The deadline for those applying to colleges other than Oklahoma Baptist University is December 28.

Updated Abridged Church Directories are now available through the church office. Contact the office by email: office@bradenpark.org or pick one up in the church foyer.

Our Lottie Moon and Global Missions Offering Embracing Neighbors Nurturing Hope

Our Goal: \$1,000

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 2,071.00
General Receipts December 7	\$ 1,228.00
Christmas Offering for Missions	\$ 0.00

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

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Reflections

What are your Christmas traditions? We all have them, whether we call them traditions or not. They may revolve around cherished ornaments, special foods, or gift-giving. Our church has the tradition of observing Advent with the lighting of the weekly candles and scripture readings. We also have the tradition of our 6:00 p.m. Christmas Eve Candlelight Service with the observance of the Lord's Supper. The Christmas Eve service includes carols and special songs, interspersed with Bible readings, and a reading of the Story from the Gospel of Luke. Following the Lord's Supper there is the passing of the peace and light of Jesus. Another Christmas Eve tradition is the reception and the time to linger and enjoy the sweet fellowship, renewed friendships, and homemade goodies.

Christmas time is partly about being home with family and dear friends. The separation of miles and circumstances, heartbreak, or the loss of a loved one often turns this holiday season into a difficult time for many. When financial pressures, stressful relationships, and dreary days are added to the mix, darkness can blanket the soul.

You probably know someone who is quietly experiencing a sad or lonely Christmas this year. A Blue Christmas Service is the name given to a Christian time of prayer and reflection, usually held around the winter solstice, for those who have experienced grief and loss during the year. This year our Blue Christmas service will be Wednesday evening, December 17, at 6:30 p.m. following our community dinner. The Blue Christmas also acknowledges those who are separated from "home" at Christmas time, such as those in prisons, those in military service, missionaries, homeless, and the displaced immigrant neighbors. Join us, in person or in spirit, as we intercede for all who may be having a melancholy Christmas this year. In addition, our church will be providing dinner from 12 to 2 p.m. for anyone who would like to share a meal together on Christmas Day.

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

Bro. Darryl

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 14
THE THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT
0 a.m. Joy: The Fullness of Christ

10:00 a.m. Joy: The Fullness of Christ Colossians 2:6-15

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SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

Sunday MorningContinental Breakfast

9:20 a.m.

Worship Bible Study & Conversation 10:00 a.m. 11:15 a.m.

Wednesday Evening
The Clothes Closet Ministry

5:00 p.m.

Community Dinner

Prayer Service

6:30 p.m.

Dr. Darryl DeBorde, Minister Bill Ess, Music Minister

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