

# Our Church Family

## At Home

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## Happy Birthday!

February    4              Connie Connely

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## Weather Advisory For Sunday, January 25.

Be advised that there is a high expectation that Sunday services will be cancelled this weekend due to severe cold and snow. There will be a notice on the Braden Park Church Facebook page and a phone chain on Saturday.

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## Community Dinners Report for the 4th Quarter of 2025

We served 291 Wednesday evening meals in October, 237 meals in November and 209 meals in December, for a total of 737 for the three months. Our Clothing Ministry provided for 98 individuals during that same period. Thank you for your faithful support to this vital ministry of the church. Additionally, on Wednesday evening January 28, we will provide bags of groceries for our neighbors between 5:00 and 6:30 p.m.

### FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need .....	\$ 1,736.00
General Receipts January 18.....	\$ 442.50
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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

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# Reflections

I met a real prophet of God once. I do not believe he thought of himself as a prophet. He just sought to live what Jesus taught. In doing so he influenced the course of America's history. His name was *Will D. Campbell*. Born to cotton farmers in rural Mississippi, he was ordained a Southern Baptist minister at 17, served in the medical corps in World War II, graduated from Yale Divinity School, drank moonshine with friends from the KKK and was the only white minister invited by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. to the founding of the Southern Christian Leadership Conference in 1957. A few months later he helped escort nine black students through angry crowds to school in Little Rock. He was in Birmingham in 1963 when the hoses were turned on the people. I met him in the summer of 1999.

Calling himself a "bootleg Preacher," Will Campbell abandoned the politics of religion, yet he had a profound insight into the ways of ethical Christian living. True prophets of God cannot pastor local churches, theirs is a wider calling. He lived in rural Tennessee where he wrote his stories, believed *that Christ died for the bigot and the devoted alike*, and sought to bring *reconciliation* to all people. On his death in 2013, The New York Times wrote, *(He was) a preacher without a church who presided at weddings, baptisms and funerals in homes, hospitals and graveyards for a flock of like-minded rebels that included Johnny Cash, Willie Nelson, Dick Gregory, Jules Feiffer and Studs Terkel. Most of his scattered "congregation," however, were poor whites and blacks, plain people alienated from mainstream Christianity and wary of institutions, churches and governments that stood for progress but that in their view achieved little.* We met at a Baptist gathering where he had set up a couple of leather chairs, two small tables and some of his books. He invited me to sit with him, and he asked a lot of questions about ministry in Oklahoma. He autographed a book giving me the challenge to *Fight 'em off!* I took it as an encouragement to stand for the truth, no matter what.

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

Bro. Darryl

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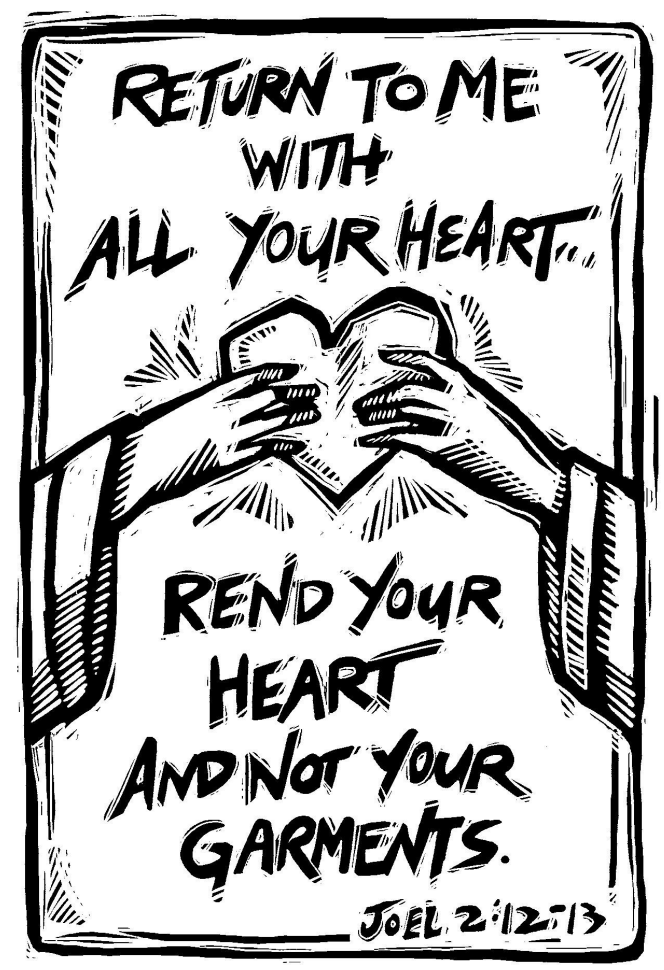
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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Morning</b>	
Continental Breakfast	9:20 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Bible Study & Conversation	11:15 a.m.
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	5:00 p.m.
The Clothes Closet Ministry	
Community Dinner	
Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.

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