

Our Church Family

At Home

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Oak Street Health Care of Tulsa is providing a healthcare medical advisor for the next few Wednesday evenings from 5:00—6:30 p.m. *Theresa Hinman* seeks to help anyone understand their health plan options and Medicare questions.

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The Video Series *Angels* begins this Sunday, March 8. This eight-week series traces the presence and meaning of angels in God’s kingdom from Genesis through Revelations. This week: *An Introduction to the Biblical Angels*, will be led by *Connie Connely* in Fellowship Hall, following the Worship Service.

Time Change
Sunday
March 8



FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,736.00
General Receipts March 1	\$ 2,250.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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Reflections

Rationalizing away our sins starts early for some of us. Making a certain Bible verse fit the meaning we want it to have, is an ever-present temptation for believers and cynics alike. The story is told of a cookie jar on the counter of the kitchen. The single mother tried to provide for her daughter in the best ways she knew. The mom worked in the school cafeteria so she could be on her daughter’s schedule. She mended clothes for the resale store at night. Every now and then she splurged by putting cookies in the jar. Part of the bedtime routine was to sit at the kitchen table with her daughter to read a Bible passage, learn a memory verse for the week together, and then pray. One time they memorized the Beatitudes. Another time they had a contest to name all the books of the New Testament in order. Like most mother-daughter relationships, there was a bit of a tug-of-war of wills.

It was the constant lessons on the Ten Commandments that got the best of young Taffy—especially the one about lying, and maybe stealing, and the one about respectful language. That one was hardest to keep around her friends at school. Sometimes mothers just know things, and she did work at her daughter’s school. One week the cookies in the jar seemed to disappear too quickly. The mom thought it was time to confront her daughter. She started with the commandments question: what are the Ten Commandments? Taffy recited them perfectly. Mom pointed to the cookie jar as a witness to all their conversations about the commandments. “If the cookie jar could talk, what commandment would the cookie jar say had been broken?” Taffy looked at her mother, then to the jar. “The cookie jar always says the same thing, Mom, *Let the children come to me.*”

Knowing God’s Word and living out the Word is a constant tug-of-war of wills—God’s vs. ours. We know how to justify our own sins and rationalize away the consequences. We can even do it with a grin and a wink. No matter how much we might try to make it work, *No* never means *Yes*.

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Live out God’s Word honestly. And let’s experience the love and power of God together.

Bro. Darryl

DR. TIM WALKER will be our **pulpit guest this Sunday, March 8.** Dr. Walker recently retired after 18 years as pastor of the First Baptist Church, Stillwater, Oklahoma.

SUNDAY, MARCH 8

10:00 a.m. Jesus Goes to Jericho
Luke 19:1-10

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came to seek out
and to save the lost.*

Luke 19:10, 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	5:00 p.m.
The Clothes Closet Ministry	
Community Dinner	
Prayer Service	6:30 p.m.

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