

Our Church Family

At Home

Kevin Avery Alice Barrett Dorris Doyle
Russell Ford Paula McPherson Billy Shafer
Margaret VanHorn

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Happy Birthday!

March 27 Ray Martin

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Patty Hickman Recognition Sunday

This Sunday, March 15, we will recognize *Patty Hickman* for her servant's heart in the life and ministry of our church for over a decade. Patty has recently moved from our neighborhood. Her new address is: 10607 E 115th Street S, Bixby, Ok 74008-2887.

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The Video Series *Angels* continues this Sunday. This week's session is *Angels in the Beginning* (the opening books of the Bible), and is led by *Connie Connely* in Fellowship Hall, following the Worship Service.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,736.00
General Receipts March 8	\$ 1,092.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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Reflections

Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.
Matthew 5:9

These words of Jesus are found in the heart of the Beatitudes. **Eirēnopoíós**, peacemaking in the Greek, means to actively cultivate and maintain peace in relationships. It is a characteristic of the children of God as they live out the Kingdom of God on earth. Peacemaking is an intentional effort to understand others despite the multitude of differences that can separate and divide. Peacemaking is a work of transformation as conflict is resolved and a spirit of unity is created. Jesus goes on to amplify peacemaking when he calls disciples like you and me to turn away from *eye-for-an-eye thinking* to actively *loving your enemy*. I refer to this teaching as Jesus encouraging us to turn our enemies into our friends.

Sometimes this Beatitude is mischaracterized as keeping the peace. Peacekeeping is closer to policing others—trying to implement a “no-disagreement” policy, or just an avoidance of any conflict at all. Peacemaking is harder than that. Peacemaking requires time, energy, and empathy. For all the people involved, it utilizes our skills of active listening and intentional learning. It demands a willingness to change our thinking and suspend some of our previous conclusions. It may necessitate a compromise of actions and planning. Peacemaking involves much prayer and tenderness, confession and humility. Peacemaking is on-going discipleship—encouraging each other, building up each other, and loving each other beyond politeness or mere civility. It is self-sacrificing and generous. Peacemaking changes us, our emotional tensions, and our mental wellbeing. It changes our workplaces, our churches and our homes. Peacemaking changes the world to become more like the kingdom of heaven.

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

Bro. Darryl

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SUNDAY, MARCH 15

JESUS JOURNEYS TO THE CROSS SERIES

10:00 a.m. Waiting for Jesus in Bethany

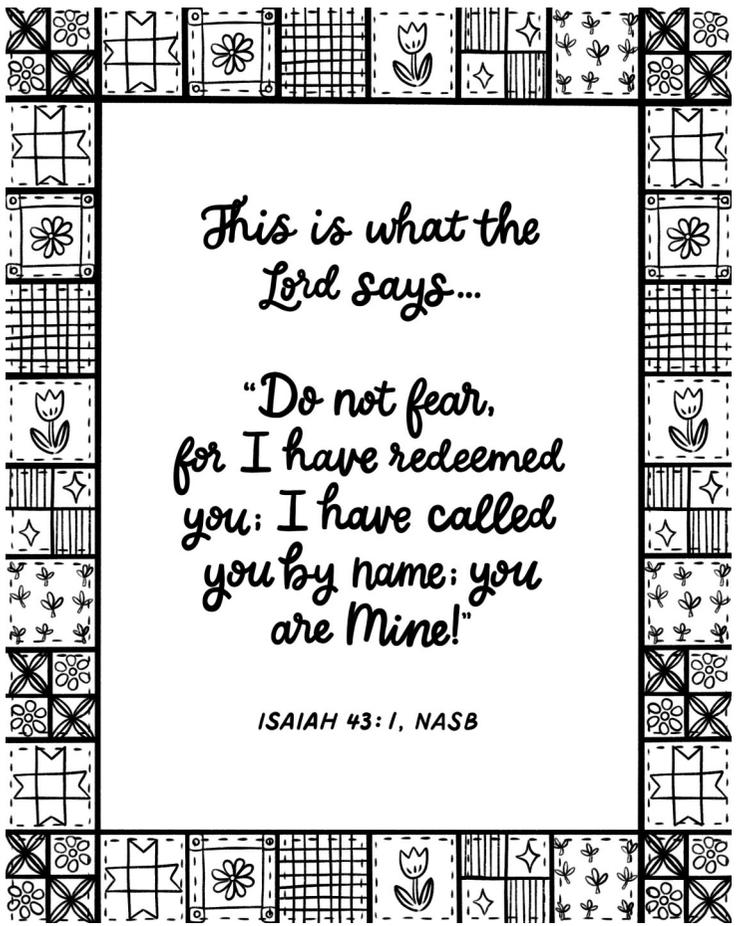
John 11



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This is what the Lord says...

*“Do not fear,
for I have redeemed
you; I have called
you by name; you
are Mine!”*

ISAIAH 43: 1, NASB

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

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