

Our Church Family

At Home

Kevin Avery	Alice Barrett	Dorris Doyle
Bob Gilmore	Paula McPherson	Roy Smith
Margaret VanHorn		

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In the Hospital

Billy Shafer	St John Medical Center
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Happy Anniversary!

April 13	Sandra and Roy Smith	52 Years
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Ministries Update Through March 31

Our Braden Park Area Food Pantry provided emergency groceries for 75 individuals, 44 families, approximately 332 meals, for February and March. We served 417 hot Wednesday evening dinners for the quarter. We also assisted 45 people with clothing. Thank you for your ongoing faithfulness.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,736.00
General Receipts April 5	\$ 742.00
Special Offerings.....	\$ 0.00

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

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Reflections

I came across some long-forgotten notes and papers while searching for things totally different. I recognized these were from a retreat I had attended in Atlanta about 2003. It was a gathering of urban pastors from across the south to talk about ministries in our old neighborhood, metropolitan cities. We were seeking to discern the patterns of God's leading in the congregations located in or near the heart of our city centers. Most of the 25 or so of us knew each other either by reputation, through denominational service, or from college or seminary days. We covered a wide range of topics. My notes reminded me that we even spent time discussing war. This was after 9/11, and deployments to the Middle East were affecting thousands of families. How do pastors and church leaders reconcile the call to war, the call to peacemaking, and the teachings of the Prince of Peace?

We sought to understand how Jesus dealt with evil in everyday relations, not just demon casting. I wrote notes that reflected a couple of things that struck me that were discussed about war. Because of Jesus' work of redemption and reconciliation to all the world, war is no longer God's work in the world. War is of the devises of men. Our nation continues to exhibit Vietnam Syndrome, which is ambivalence toward foreign wars because of that war's mix of honor, controversy and shame. War magnifies the suffering—people are dying, widows are being made, children are orphaned, and the once whole are lamed, maimed, and blinded. The concluding words of our discussion on war spoke of a healthy dose of humility. As the current US/Israeli War threatens to purposefully "wipe out the Iranian civilization," my observation is: this needs to end now. This war is not just. War is evil, and pretending our God chooses us in any war, goes against all that Jesus died and rose again for.

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

Bro. Darryl

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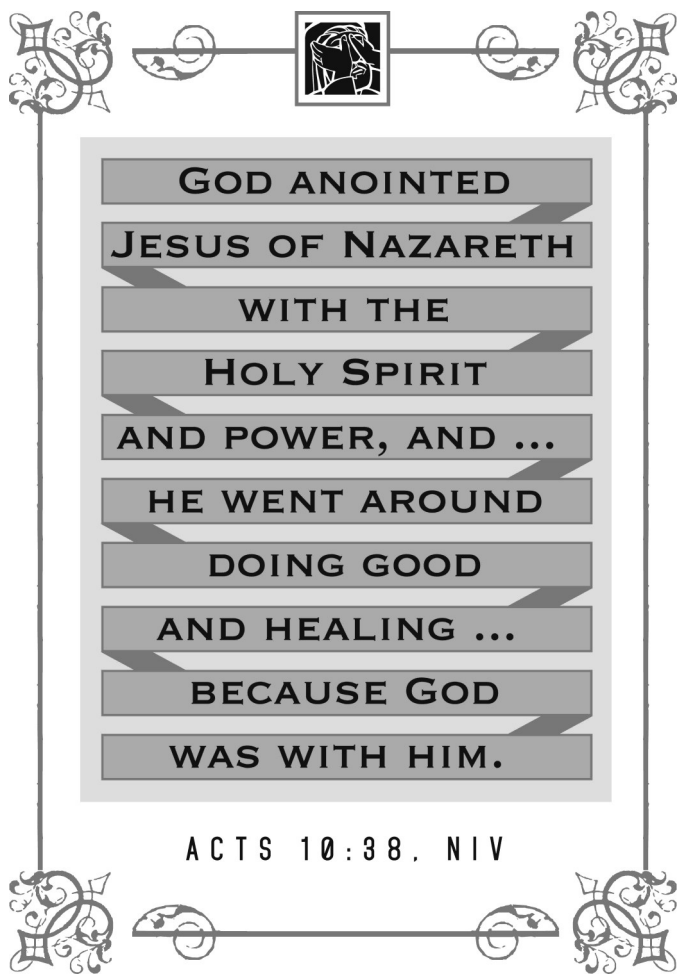
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10:00 a.m. Who Is to Blame?
John 9



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JESUS OF NAZARETH
WITH THE
HOLY SPIRIT
AND POWER, AND ...
HE WENT AROUND
DOING GOOD
AND HEALING ...
BECAUSE GOD
WAS WITH HIM.

ACTS 10:38. NIV

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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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