

Our Church Family

At Home

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Billy Shafer

Alice Barrett
Russell Ford
Roy Smith

Wilma Connely
Paula McPherson
Margaret VanHorn

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Happy Birthday!

October 10 Karen Tipton

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SUNDAY, OCTOBER 4

When Distressed and Overwhelmed

1 Peter 5:1-11

10:00 a.m.

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Our Braden Park Area Pantry provided for 106 households, 167 individuals, with enough groceries for 530 meals during the past three months, *July through September 2026*. We share these groceries on the 2nd and 4th Wednesday evenings of each month. Our Wednesday evening **Community Dinners** served 687 hot meals for the quarter. A very grateful *Thank You* goes to our many volunteers who work so faithfully each week to provide these ministries.

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need \$ 1,736.00
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Special Offerings \$ 0.00

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

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Reflections

No one enjoys being played for a fool or a sucker. Upon deeper examination it seems the famous con artists are surprisingly gullible. One example is P.T. Barnum (1810-1891.) His is the famous phrase "There's a sucker born every day." If he really said it, he was talking about himself. I read his autobiography when I was a teen. (A reminder that all autobiographers shape the story of the themselves in their own image—not precisely accurate.) Phineas Taylor Barnum wrote in his book that when he was born, his grandfather deeded to him a piece of property called *Ivy Island*. He was reminded throughout his childhood that he owned Ivy Island and dreamed of the adventures he would have on his personal island one day. When he was 10, he finally saw Ivy Island. "It was a worthless piece of barren land," he wrote. The joke was on him. He was 15 when his father died. He became sole provider for his mother and five sisters and brothers. P.T. Barnum understood disappointment and pain yet somehow discovered the strength and courage to embrace life. How do you handle your disappointments?

Around age 30, P.T. Barnum wanted to buy what would be his first museum of curiosities. He was not able to raise much money, so he made a deal. He mortgaged himself to the building's owner, proposing for collateral: good references, a determination to succeed, and a "valuable and sentimental" piece of property known as Ivy Island. A year later he was out of that debt. In his 40's, Barnum took positions against slavery and for temperance. He was nearly 70 when he teamed with James Bailey to provide "The Greatest Show on Earth." If you read Barnum's whole story, you will discover he spent his life using and abusing people for money and fame. He allowed his disappointments to misshape his heart and relationships. Sadly, it all became part of his con game.

It is my observation that people tend to undervalue their victories and overrate their disappointments. We undervalue our victories, joys, and successes with words such as, "It was just lucky," "I happened to be in the right place," or "It's no big deal." We overrate our disappointments with words such as, "Things never work out for me," "No one understands," or "I always get the raw deal." If I'm not careful, I can nurse my disappointments as if they are wounds that will never heal. If I'm not careful, I can focus on the circumstances around me rather than on the Spirit that forever holds me.

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

Bro. Darryl

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CAST ALL YOUR
ANXIETY
ON HIM,
BECAUSE HE
CARES FOR YOU.

1 PETER 5:7

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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

Food Pantry 2nd & 4th Wed.	5:00 p.m.
Clothes Closet Ministry	
Community Dinner	
Prayer & Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

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