Our Church Family

At Home

Kevin Avery	Alice Barrett	Wilma Connely
Dorris Doyle	Russell Ford	Nancy Holdt
Billy Shafer	Roy Smith	Margaret VanHorn

In Convalescent Care

Paula McPherson — Zarrow Pointe

Happy Birthday!

November 14 Darryl DeBorde

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Above All Else

Colossians 1:15-23

10:00 a.m.

Thanksgiving Highlights

Sunday, November 22	After Church Thanksgiving Meal
Wednesday, November 25	Braden Park Pantry Grocery Night *(without the evening meal)*
Thanksgiving Day, Noon	Community Thanksgiving Dinner

FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	$ 1,736.00
General Receipts Nov 1	$ 2,158.00
Special Offerings	$ 0.00

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Reflections

My father taught me "to expect the best and to prepare for the unexpected." My father was a railroad man for the Seaboard Airline Railroad (CRX) for 33 years. He spent years as a switchman until he decided he wanted more for his life and career. He got ahold of the Dale Carnegie book, *How to Win Friends and Influence People*. He was so inspired that he enrolled in the Dale Carnegie Course. He found a way to impress his bosses by drawing a detailed map of all the unmarked rail spurs that went behind warehouses and manufacturing plants throughout the Miami-Dade County area. He was soon promoted to Assistant Yard Master. He joined the Toastmasters International organization, not to give speeches but to gain self-confidence when talking with people. He became Yard Master. Then the unexpected happened.

This all came to mind when I came across a quote from Dale Carnegie, "First ask yourself: What is the worst that can happen? Then prepare to accept it. Then proceed to improve on the worst." That seemed a little grim to me. I liked my father's admonition better. Expect the best in people, opportunities, and circumstances first and foremost. Likewise, be prepared for the unexpected—the pleasant surprise, the disappointing result, or the unimaginable experience. My father received a call from the railroad company's office in Birmingham, Alabama. He was offered a new position with the railroad to negotiate contracts with new companies needing to ship their goods. One requirement the company had of him was to learn to play golf. One requirement he had of the railroad was for him to keep his seniority if things did not work out. After four years, he decided to give up golf and go back to the railroad yards. He became General Yard Master over the Atlanta yards, eventually becoming a Terminal Train Master overseeing South Carolina.

Believers are a people of faith and hope. There is a difference in our starting point—best case or worst. I have learned over the years to expect the best as my starting point. I call that Plan A. (See Proverbs 3) Plan B is the *what if it rains* question. Far better to begin an endeavor with faith and hope than fear and anxiety.

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

Bro. Darryl

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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 Wednesdays	5:00 p.m.
Clothes Closet Ministry	
Community Dinner	
Prayer & Bible Study	6:30 p.m.

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