

# REFLECTIONS

For my whole life I have successfully avoided quicksand. What happened to all the quicksand? I have never even seen a quicksand pit. My mind went down this profound rabbit hole while studying for last week's sermon based on Psalms 9 and 10. In those psalms, David writes of falling into a pit set for the prey. I grew up in a time where quicksand was everywhere, according to movies and tv shows. There was quicksand in the jungles, on tropical islands, in the desert, in the deep woods and in the old West. I think even Lassie had to rescue Timmy from the quicksand once. Someone should have kept a better eye on Timmy. The plot was always the bad guys would stumble upon some quicksand and use it to catch the good guys, or for a damsel to become distressed. Someone always showed up to pull them out of the sinking sand. The damsel was always rescued, and the bad guys were trapped in the quicksand until they were arrested or drowned.

While I've never seen quicksand, I have seen sinkholes. Sinkholes and quicksand sort of work on the same principle—agitated water undermines the ground soil. I have also learned that quicksand, sinkholes, and pits are metaphors for the traps we get ourselves into. Take social media, like Facebook and Instagram, for instance. We join in the fun of seeing family and friends, but we can quickly find ourselves sucked into the sinking sands of reposting sort of funny stuff. If we are not careful, we may find our selves “doom scrolling” through some dark alleyways, ridiculing embarrassed people caught (or set up) for shame, or just plain gossiping about people, whether they are famous, family, or friends of friends. Many of those pithy, satirical political posts, and artful humble brags are really designed to undermine other people's self-esteem and tangle them up in faulty logic and false equivalencies.

Any time anyone posts something that begins, “I don't know if this is true or not, but if it is...” is gossiping. Clever gossip is still bearing a false witness. Paul reminds us that we are to be careful (even on social media), for we are witnesses to God's truth. Read Ephesians 4:25-32. The old hymn reminds us every time we hear it, “From sinking sands He lifted me. With tender hand He lifted me.”

Keep healthy. Pray mightily. Enjoy your life today. Be careful around quicksand. And let's experience the love and power of God together while we are apart.

Bro. Darryl

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### SCHEDULE OF SERVICES

<b>Sunday Morning</b>	
Continental Breakfast	9:20 a.m.
Worship	10:00 a.m.
Sunday School	11:15 a.m.
<b>Sunday Evening</b>	
Sanctuary Choir	5:30 p.m.
Worship	6:30 p.m.
<b>Wednesday Evening</b>	
Prayer Service	6:45 p.m.

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*Psalm 15:1-2, NRSV*



**O LORD ...**

*Who may dwell on your  
holy hill? Those who walk  
blamelessly, and do what  
is right, and speak the  
truth from their heart.*

# Our Church Family

## ARMED SERVICES HONOR ROLL OF PRAYER

Chad and Holly Burke, Air Force  
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Lesley Garnai, Navy  
Linda Jantzen, Army  
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## OUR MISSIONARIES

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Russell Ford  
Gene Lessel  
Bonnie Nutting  
Waneta Reynolds  
Ben and P J Shepard  
Delores Troxel  
Homer Wager  
Leslie White

# Looking Ahead

The church is not having in-person worship services until it is safer for us to worship together.

We are able to worship online through Facebook at *Braden Park Church Tulsa* Sunday by 10:00 a.m.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25

Psalm 15  
(on Facebook)

Living In God's Presence

Psalm 15 teaches us how to walk with God and live in His presence. This is a five-verse psalm we all should memorize. It asks us, *who will dwell with God forever?* This is a psalm for our day. Join with us this week as we explore what it means to face each day with faith-filled courage.

Wednesday Evening

5:00 — 6:30 p.m.

People's Pantry Ministry  
Outside in the North Parking lot

## CONNECT WITH THE CHURCH

You can join with us on Sundays for worship and prayer through the church Facebook page. Search Facebook for **Braden Park Church Tulsa**, and then select "Add friend" to friend us. Confirmation of your request will automatically include you each time we post a new message. You can also find the **EVANGEL**, sermons, and other features at our church website.

[www.bradenpark.org](http://www.bradenpark.org)

# Behind the Scenes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th SERVICE  
IS ONLY ON FACEBOOK THIS WEEK

## ELECTION DAY PREPARATIONS

### For Tulsa County:

**Absentee Ballots** must be received by November 2. They should be mailed as soon as possible. They can also be taken to the Tulsa County Election by Nov. 2. No absentee ballots will be accepted on election day, Nov. 3 or at ONEOK Field.

**Early Voting** will only be at ONEOK Field, 201 N Elgin Ave.  
Early Voting dates are : Thursday, October 29 8 am to 6 pm  
Friday, October 30 8 am to 6 pm  
Saturday, October 31 9 am to 2 pm

**Election Day voting** is only at your assigned precinct on November 3, from 7 am to 7 pm.

If you live outside Tulsa County, check with your county election board for specific election information about voting.

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

October	
30	Barbara Casey
31	Gena Vann

## FOR THE CHURCH RECORD

Weekly Budget Need	\$ 1,934.00
General Receipts October 18	\$ 1,708.00
Special Offerings October 18	\$ 100.00

Thank You to all who are sending sustaining offerings. On-line giving at <https://www.bfok.org/give-bradenpark>