

hope one God Lord Spirit body faith family baptism

December 30, 2012

12932 S. Elwood Ave. • Glenpool OK, 74033

Grief, Joy, and a New Year

This congregation has seen its share of grief and joy in the twelve months of 2012. We have shed tears together in sadness over the departure of those dearest to us. We have rejoiced at the birth of precious new life. We live out the words of the ancient patriarch: “The LORD gave, and the LORD has taken away; blessed be the name of the LORD” (Job 1:21). Like Job, we are not always certain of how to understand God’s role in each and every turn of our lives, but we trust His wisdom and His care.

As we look ahead with mingled optimism and uncertainty at a new year, we would do well to remember a similar time in the life of Jesus and his disciples. Jesus was looking toward his own death and considering the tumult that would follow in its wake for those dearest to him. He offers the following words to his disciples in the Garden of Gethsemane:

“Truly, truly, I say to you, you will weep and lament, but the world will rejoice. You will be sorrowful, but your sorrow will turn into joy. When a woman is giving birth, she has sorrow because her hour has come, but when she has delivered the baby, she no longer remembers the anguish, for joy that a human being has been born into the world. So also you have sorrow now, but I will see you again, and your hearts will rejoice, and no one will take your joy from you.” (John 16:20-22)

He knew that difficult days waited ahead, but also that better days remained beyond those. In this proverb for his disciples, Jesus also addresses our apprehension about what may come to pass in our lives. Joy gives way to grief, and grief gives way to joy. “Evil days come and the years draw near of which you will say, ‘I have no pleasure in them’; ... the clouds return after the rain” (Ecclesiastes 12:1-2). We wake from those days like those who dream and our mouths are filled with laughter: “Those who sow in tears shall reap with shouts of joy” (Psalm 126).

So what will next year hold? More of the same. More prayers for the grieving and more songs for the joyful (James 5:13). “For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning” (Psalm 30:5). And in all these things, our God and our church family remain with us.

Blessed be the name of the Lord.

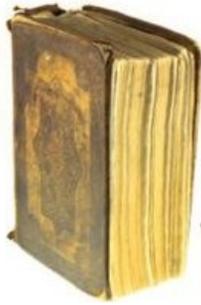
by Benjamin J. Williams

SUNDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 9:30 am
Morning Worship Assembly 10:30 am
Evening Worship Assembly 5:00 pm

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm



Eat This Book

www.glenpoolchurchofchrist.com/eatthisbook/

START THE YEAR OFF RIGHT ... AND FINISH IT THE SAME WAY!

On the first day of 2013, we are beginning our “Eat This Book” program where we will spend a year living on God’s Word. Our youth will beat most of you off the starting line, as they will be reading the first day’s reading at midnight on the night of the New Year’s Eve lock-in. Make plans today to set aside time for this new holy habit!

HOW TO GET STARTED:

- Take a reading schedule from the tray in the foyer.
- Or for online readers, visit the Eat This Book website given above.
- Or for more online and mobile device options, go to the Eat This Book website and look in the Resource tab for lots of suggestions on how to get into a habit of daily Bible reading.



May this new year bring you the good things in life—health, friends, family and a better understanding of God’s word. Happy New Year!

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties
meetings

Monday, Dec 31st

New Year’s Eve youth lock-in begins at 7:00 pm

Saturday, Jan 12th

Chili Cook-off

Sunday, Jan 27th

Fellowship meal after evening service, group Hill

Sunday, Feb 24th

Bible Bowl

March 8th-10th

Spring meeting with Jim Baird

Thursday, March 14th

Hope Harbor phone campaign

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Our sympathy goes out to Steve Estep and family. Glenna Estep passed away and her services were Friday morning. Let's also not forget Glenna's mother, Maybelle McNeely, who was baptized a few months ago. Her address is 2101 S. Hickory / Apt 1B4 / Sapulpa, OK 74066 if you wish to send her a card.
- Pauline Stone is in St Francis hospital room 1517 with an infection.
- **Our friends and family:** Dan & Edna Jones; Shelia Byers (cancer); Suzanne Stamps; Judge Morris (cancer); Kylie Aaron (cystic fibrosis); many others.
- **Service men and women:** Brian and Amber Hunt; Junior Moctezuma (Alma's brother); Cameron Hill (son of Robert & Marcia).

CHILI COOK-OFF

Do you have THE best chili recipe? Let's find out at our Chili Cook Off! Bring your hottest, manliest, or spiciest pot of chili and see how it stacks up to everyone else's. **Can you take the Blue Ribbon from Robert Hill?** The challenge is on!



- * Saturday, Jan 12th at 5:00 pm
 - * Sign up sheet will be posted for food items
- For questions see Selene.

FELLOWSHIP MEALS

You have most likely noticed the inserts in the bulletin; first is our weekly sermon worksheet, and the other is a list of our monthly fellowship meals and groups. These groups are responsible for setting up and cleaning up for the fellowship meals. Example, "group Hill" is responsible for Sunday, Jan 27th's meal. If you forget which group you are in these lists will be posted on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Matt & Autumn Caldwell, Dec 31
Jerrad & Katrina Treat, Dec 31
Wes Wadkins (Jr), Jan 1
Dorothy Ennis, Jan 1
Johnny Riggs, Jan 1

Taylor Morgan, Jan 2
Colin Aycox, Jan 5
Geraldine Morgan, Jan 5
Shelby Caldwell, Jan 7
Doyle & Natsha Tuggle, Jan 7

Steve Aycox, Jan 13
Randy & Vickie Crawford, Jan 15
Rita Risley, Jan 18
Chris & Leasa Mulkey, Jan 18
Misty Eichler, Jan 20



NEW YEAR'S EVE

Monday, Dec 31st, New Year Eve's youth lock-in. Begins at 7 pm to 7 am. Bring your Bibles, favorite snacks, games and especially your nerf guns! If you have any questions see Chris Patterson.

BIBLE BOWL

It is time to start studying for the Bible Bowl that will be held here on Feb 24th. Begin reading **Proverbs chapters 1-15** in your New King James Bibles. (If you do not have a New King James Bible, let Ben know and we will get one for you.) Practice will start on Sunday nights after services in a couple of weeks so mark your calendars. See Ben if you have questions.



LET'S BUILD IT TOGETHER

- Remember to clearly mark contributions being made to the Building Fund and use the special marked envelopes in the foyer if possible.
- The Pledge deadline has now been extended **indefinitely** so that people may pledge and contribute throughout the project. Also, while it would be of help to receive already pledged funds by the May 1st deadline, contributions can be made throughout the entire duration of the project that will likely take **most of the 2013 calendar year**. If this new information allows you to revise a pledge that you have already made, let Ben know the details.

GLENPOOL church of Christ

12932 S. Elwood Ave
PO Box 145 / Glenpool, OK 74033
Office Phone: (918) 291-2211
office@glenpoolchurchofchrist.com
www.glenpoolchurchofchrist.com

Attendance: Last Week

Sunday Bible Classes
Sunday AM Worship
Sunday PM Worship
Wednesday Bible Classes

121
175
85
87

Contribution

Sunday Contribution \$5,013.48
Budget \$3,559.00
Over Budget \$30,589.76
Building Fund \$313,547.

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer Matt Caldwell
Closing Prayer Jerry O'Shields
Scripture Reading Darrell Burcham
Lord's Table Chris Patterson
Lonnie White
Steve Aycox
Topper Causby

Ushers

Jim Yeager
Randy Crawford

Lock Building

Matt Caldwell; Bobby Hill

Sunday Evening

Song Leader James Hamilton
Opening Prayer Larry Growns
Closing Prayer Michael Brown
Scripture Reading Jesse Byers

Wednesday Evening

Opening Prayer Larry Potter
Closing Prayer Lonnie White
Song Leader Jerry Buller
Invitation Bobby Hill

Communion Preparation

12/2 Selene Williams
12/9 Lilia Rothell
12/16 Bayla Burrus
12/23 Becky Byers
12/30 Debbie Whitchurch
1/6 Rosalie O'Neal
1/13 Rothell Ladies
1/20 Karen Myrick
1/27 Sherri Carr

Next Quarterly Ladies Meeting

Monday, March 4th
6:30 PM



IN SEARCH
OF THE LORD'S WAY®

"These were more noble...they searched the scriptures daily..." (Acts 17:11)

Sundays at 7:30 a.m. KWHB
TV47 or Cable Channel 7

Search Programs:

Dec 30—Trust God
Jan 6—Things We Must Know
Jan 13—Meant For Good
Jan 20—Walking By Faith
Jan 27—"Whatever"

Sunday Morning Sermon

The Fruit of Study
2 Timothy 2:14-16

Sunday Evening Sermon

The Last Sermon of the Year
Luke 13:6-9