

*HISTORY OF...*

*Glenpool Church of Christ*



1982-2008



## INTRODUCTION . . .

Dear Church Family,

I was asked how this little project began. I moved back to Glenpool in 2006 after living in Broken Arrow and Tulsa for about 13 years and in Hugo before that. Because my husband, George, and teenagers, Mike and Julie, and I were among the few who first met at the Pippin's home in 1982, I thought it would be interesting to explore what had transpired during that quarter of a century.

This little history book is the result of that initial thought. Thanks to all who helped by supplying bits of information and pictures. I appreciate Karen Brown for locating the sources available in the office and Daniel Byers for helping me get into some floppy discs which I could not open on my computer. I owe a huge debt of gratitude to my daughter-in-law, Micki O'Neal, for doing the typing.

I make no pretense of being a historian, an interviewer, or a writer. This has been a totally new experience for me and somewhat daunting at times. It is my hope that you will enjoy what information I have found and attempted to compile. It is not complete by any means. Then what I really wish is that some of you will take this material and correct, revise and expand it filling in the numerous "blanks and gaps" and possibly incorporating some of the many pictures made during the past.

I know that in twenty-six years there has been much more history, many personal stories and lots of good memories.

The congregation has seen numerous members come and go. There have been struggles and trials along the way. Sometimes growth seemed slow, but there has been growth! A great deal of good has been done and brotherly love abounds. Knowing that the "fields are white for harvest" in Glenpool there is new enthusiasm for evangelism.

TO GOD BE THE GLORY!

In Christian love,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Rosalie O'Neal". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Rosalie O'Neal  
April, 2008



## ***OUR BEGINNING . . .***

The Glenpool church of Christ held its first service at 2:00 p.m. on April 2, 1982, in the Glenpool Community Center located at 94 West 145<sup>th</sup> Street in Glenpool, Oklahoma. A group of Christians from the 49<sup>th</sup> and Tacoma congregation in Tulsa met with the minister and his wife, Don and Frances Pippin, and the John Davis Family—John, Glenda, Michael, age 5; Amy, age 3; and Ryan, age 5 months.

Don had graduated in February from the Sunset School of Preaching in Lubbock, Texas. Although Don and Frances had been living and working in Muskogee, the Tulsa area was home and they desired to work in a congregation in or near the Tulsa area. They were being supported by the Westside church in Muskogee and the 49<sup>th</sup> and Tacoma church. (As time went on other area churches gave support to the young church.)

The Pippins and elders from 49<sup>th</sup> and Tacoma began a search to locate a place where they thought a new congregation was needed. They explored areas in Prue and Glenpool. On March 28, 1982, they made the final decision and the Glenpool church of Christ was planted.

Because afternoon services were difficult for the young children, the church began assembling about a month later on Sunday mornings at the home of the Pippins on Birch Street.

Members from 49<sup>th</sup> and Tacoma continued to work closely with the new church. There were several door-knocking efforts made the first few years to inform the neighborhood about the new congregation and to identify and invite Christians living in or near town.

Don began to pick up Virginia Tiger and her three daughters: Lori, 8; Shelly, 6; and Angie, 2½. Her husband, Monte, had to work on Sundays. They, with Debbie Whitchurch and her children, Eddie, Jr., 9; Christy, 7; and Keri, 5; Renee Dunham and daughter, Stephanie; Richard Foster and children, Robert and Lanita; and George and Rosalie O'Neal, Mike and Julie, composed the church for about the first year.

Don taught the adults and teens and Debbie Whitchurch taught the children as they sat on the bed. Monte Tiger was the first convert and was baptized in the fall.

In 1983, the church began meeting regularly at the Community Center again. Other members who gradually came were Roy and Barbara Girod; Bruce and Lilia Rothell with Tammy, 3; and Tiffany, 6 months; Bob and Sherry Scott, Michelle, Kathy, Kimberly, and Robert; Carolyn McGuire and Tina; June Parkhurst; William Pruss; Ken and Jane Dykes; William Lanza; David and Sharon Bryan and Jonathan; Tim and Shirley Johns; and in 1987, Dan and Edna Jones.



The first baby born was Kyle Johns on June 5, 1984. Next came Kelsey Dykes on June 17, 1984. Jennifer Dunham arrived on December 21, 1985; April Rothell on April 29, 1986; and Kendal Dykes on May 5, 1987. Matthew Howith was born January 5, 1987.

Debbie started the first baby class and was assisted by Jane Dykes. Other classes were being held in different areas of the large meeting room. Other teachers were Virginia Tiger, Sharon Bryan, Frances Pippin, and Sherry Scott. "Unique experiences," remembers Debbie.

To our knowledge, Deborah Whitchurch has never had a break from teaching in all these 26 years!

Some of the early members do not remember how they first learned of the new church. The Tigers heard from some of the Christians who were going door to door. The O'Neals heard when George and Don became acquainted at an Optimists Club Meeting. (George was a song leader, but he and his family left during the first year and Don often had to lead in every part of the worship services.)

Lilia Rothell recalls how Barbara Girod encouraged her family to come by telling her, "We need a man!" Of course, Lilia and the girls were a welcome addition, too. It was not unusual for the members to have to clean up the meeting room following the previous weekend activities before they could set the chairs, communion, and class areas in order.

They way Dan and Edna Jones heard about the church was perhaps one of the most unusual. They had moved to Glenpool when Dan retired from Wal-Mart in Bentonville, Arkansas. They had inquired at the Chamber of Commerce and were told there was no church of Christ. A woman with the "Welcome Wagon" called on them. She was a member of another religious group and a neighbor of Barbara Girod. She assured them the church of Christ did indeed exist here!



**First Family in congregation--  
John, Glenda, Michael, Amy and Ryan**



**First Building**



*GROUND-BREAKING DAY*  
*October 30, 1987 . . .*



**Don Pippin**



**Bruce Rothell & Jonathan Bryan**



**First Youth Group**



**Lilia Rothell, Baby April &  
Frances Pippin-1<sup>st</sup> minister's wife**



# HAPPY NEW YEAR

## GLENPOOL POST

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# Churches Grow to Meet Needs

By DEE SELBY  
Of the Post Staff

Whether they meet in homes, storefronts, new buildings or borrowed facilities, churches in Glenpool are striving to keep up with the growth and needs of the relatively young community.

"Any time you have a growing city, the church will grow," said Don Pippin, minister of Glenpool Church of Christ. "The church's growth also depends on our efforts and meeting the needs of the people."

The congregation of 25 or 30 meet in the Glenpool Community Center now, but the church plans to buy three to five acres for its first church building sometime in the coming year, Pippin said.

Several of Glenpool's young churches are in the process of moving into more permanent facilities. The Rev. Jerry Demetre, pastor of Church of the Nazarene, whose congregation now meets in a storefront location, said the church is buying three acres of land north side of 141st Street for a church.

"We want to build the first unit to handle 200 people," he said. Glenpool Christian Church has already acquired five acres at 1600 E. 141st St. and Larry Jones, pastor, said he hopes to begin building next June.

"We want to build a dual-purpose facility that will serve as a place to worship on Sunday and as a youth and family activity center during the week and Sunday evenings," he said.

According to Jones, the church sanctuary will double as a gym, which will house a full-sized basketball court. The back of the building will be used for Sunday School classes.

However, the 21-member church is averaging 40 in its worship service and may opt to put up a temporary building and build the dual-purpose building in 1986, Jones said.

Other Glenpool congregations have moved into new facilities, and are trying to effectively utilize space as the congregation grows. The Rev. David Archer of Faith Free Will Baptist Church said "We're not going the traditional Sunday School route."

The church building can more functionally serve its members

through "children's church," Archer said, because 100 people fit better in one large meeting area than in 10 cubicles.

The Rev. Neal Dancer of St. James Presbyterian Church said his new church was built between Glenpool and Jenks to serve both communities. However, the church was built for 100 and is already

averaging that now. The congregation has purchased some new furniture and is considering a parking lot expansion.

While some churches are bringing in members from other communities (Faith Free Will Baptist, for example), other new churches lose potential members to more established churches of the same denomination to surrounding communities and Tulsa.

"Expectations for Glenpool are very high, but there are special problems for church growth," the Rev. David Barr of the United Methodist Church of Glenpool said.

He said the number one problem is Tulsa. "The metropolitan churches of Tulsa can offer more programs for special interest groups," he said. "People who are active in that type of church life stay there and it's true in other denominations as well."

"But the need in Glenpool is not to serve the church, but the unchurched. The churches must be more evangelistic. The fact that there are 22 or 23 churches in the area is frightening - and only a small percentage of the community is being served."

Barr said he believed 50 percent of the church-goers in Glenpool attend church outside of Glenpool.

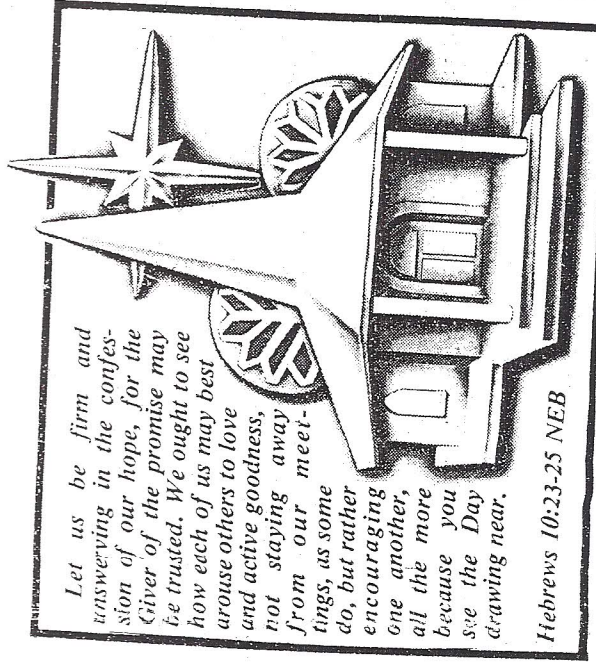
Most ministers seemed to agree that the biggest ministry of the church in Glenpool will be meeting the needs of young families, single-parent families and young people.

"Our reason for leaving strong, established churches was that we saw a need," the Rev. Calvin Brannon of the new Tri-County Assembly of God Church said. "Young families need a place to reach out and be ministered to."

"We want to establish ministries - not programs - that are tailored to the needs of the people."

"I feel like the greatest need is in the family," The Rev. John Conner of Glenpool Christian Fellowship said. "In order to have strong churches, the families need to be strong."

Jones said Glenpool Christian Church is building the church/recreation facility with the idea of serving youth and young families. He added that the church would eventually build a permanent sanctuary.



Let us be firm and unwavering in the confession of our hope, for the Giver of the promise may be trusted. We ought to see how each of us may best arouse others to love and active goodness, not staying away from our meetings, as some do, but rather encouraging one another, all the more because you see the Day drawing near.

Hebrews 10:23-25 NEB



## *THE FIRST PERMANENT BUILDING. . .*

In preparation for a permanent building in which the church could meet, a used prefabricated building, size 24 x 48 feet, was purchased from another religious group in 1985 and the church began making payments on it.

We have a very limited number of early bulletins, but on the five-year anniversary of the Glenpool church, Brother Pippin made this observation in the Family Newsletter, Vol. 1, No. 2, April 5, 1987:

It hardly seems possible! Last month (March) marks the end of five years of our work here in Glenpool, together.

Looking back, I think of the many good times we have shared together and also some disappointing times. Many of you met with us when we were meeting in our home, on Birch St. Some of you have become Christians in the last five years. Some of you have learned to teach people about Jesus. Many have grown in their faith and service to the Lord. There have been some very close friendships developed within the church here in the past five years. Personally, I want all of you to know that I love and appreciate every one of you, for the love and encouragement you have given me with your kind words and actions.

Looking ahead, I believe we will continue to grow in our faith and love as God's people. I believe each of us will learn better how to serve God together, so that we can cause His Kingdom to grow. I believe there are a lot of people that are lost today that will be saved in the future because of the church being here.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord."

That year the membership list named 21 families. June Parkhurst, Lisa Allen, Tammy Marrs and Carolyn McGuire had been baptized by Don at the 49<sup>th</sup> and Tacoma building. Carolyn was a co-worker of Frances Pippin and Lisa and Tammy are Carolyn's daughters.

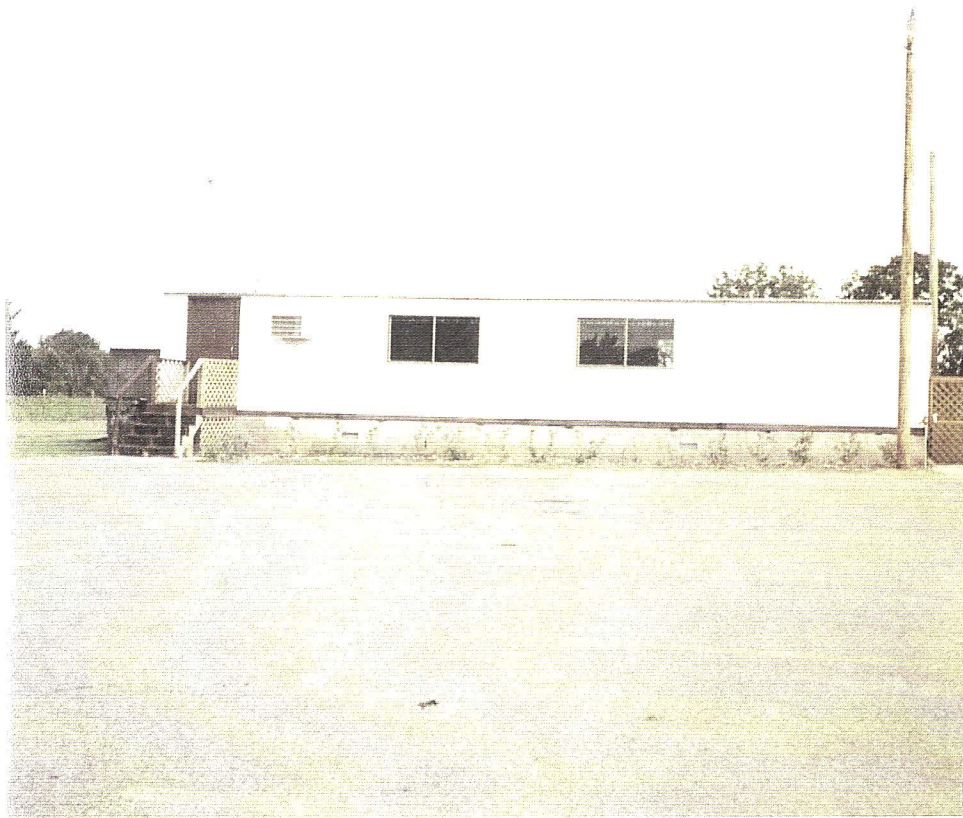
The search began for property on which to place the building. Three acres of land at 130<sup>th</sup> and South Elwood were purchased from John Miller after the City of Glenpool approved the site for a church. The building was moved and the ground breaking was held on October 30, 1987. The ground was frozen so hard that the men were unable to scoop even a shovel full of dirt.



Don Pippin, Bruce Rothell, Roy Girod, Donny Pippin, and Ken Dykes put in many, many hours to make it all happen. Ken's father donated the central air conditioning. In 1988 the church family finally had a home.

A lectureship was held in the fall of 1988 and the speakers were Tom Bright, Hershel Dyer, Sidney Ellis and Francis Whiteman.

Christy and Eddie Whitchurch were baptized by Ken Dykes in 1989. They went to the Broken Arrow church for the baptisms because their grandparents lived there.



**First Permanent Facility**



## THE 1990's . . .

This would be a historic decade for the Glenpool church!

Eddie Whitchurch, Jr. graduated in 1990.

There were numerous excellent articles in the bulletins during this time written by Don Pippin, Bill Hamrick, Bob DeLay and Bruce Rothell. They contained teachings on Christ, unity, and encouragement. Some of the titles were "True Happiness," "Friends," "The Prosperous Soul," and "No Excuses for Excuses." A note about the Great Sequoia trees illustrated how Christians can be. These trees do not have deep roots, but they grow in groves and their shallow roots intertwine, supporting and holding each other up.

Part of an article by Bruce in the Glenpool church of Christ Newsletter, Vol. 11, No. 4, on May 5, 1991, observed this:

Recently our congregation has experienced a number of heartaches and sorrows. Some have lost a dear friend, others have or have had relatives seriously ill in hospitals. The recent hurts have grieved us all, for when one of us hurts, we all hurt. We are one big family with a caring, compassionate love for one another. And we can be thankful for that love; thankful for our friendship, thankful for the closeness that we share. We can be thankful for our children and their health, remembering the courageous example of the Lastingers. (A neighbor family whose child had a genetic order disease which meant she would likely only get worse and never better.) And there are surely many other things we can be thankful for; so many we can't possibly count them all. And yet, if we had very little to be thankful for, we would still have more than the early Christians who were content just knowing Christ and with the assurance that THEY WOULD SEE THE KING SOMEDAY.

How fitting for the present church family here in Glenpool!

A tent meeting was held in 1991. The tent was set up where the present church building is located. The 29<sup>th</sup> and Yale church in Tulsa helped knock on doors and Bill Thrasher and Mike Schroeder were the speakers. One night a heavy rain forced those in attendance to crowd into the small church building.

"THE HAMRICKS ARE HERE!!!" was the announcement in the February 2, 1992, weekly bulletin, "Keeping in Touch." This was a major milestone!

Little Kassidy Dykes was born on February 17 and Lorie Tiger, Shellie Hamrick and Kathy Scott graduated from high school that year.



The present auditorium was constructed in two phases. The contractor for the first phase, Brewer Construction, did the foundation work, framework, and the outside walls. A storm with heavy winds came through and twisted the frame rendering it useless and they had to start over. Brother Brewer was a member of the Choteau church of Christ.

Brother James Hayes, a metal building contractor, acted as superintendent for the work that followed. Ken Dykes, Bob DeLay, Bruce Rothell and others, which included several of the ladies, spent many, many hours hanging sheetrock, taping, mudding, painting, and wallpapering to finish the new building. Dan Jones and granddaughter, Deena Howith, put down the baseboards. Debbie Whitchurch's father laid the carpet, barely getting it done before move in day. The first service was in November. Dan and Edna Jones donated 100 new hymn books and Bob and Kathy DeLay furnished the furniture for the foyer.

Open House was held on December 6, 1992! The new baptistry had already been used. Stacy and Amanda Pippin, Robert and Kimberly Scott had become new Christians when they were baptized by Don Pippin on November 29.

In 1993 membership increased with at least five additional families. Dan and Edna Jones were able to return because she had been wheelchair bound and the first building was not wheelchair assessable, they had been worshipping somewhere else for a while.

Then it was 1994.

- The preacher's salary was \$450.00 per week.
- Bob DeLay and Bill Hamrick became elders.
- The deacons were Jesse Byers, Ken Dykes and Bruce Rothell.
- Those leading singing were Ken Dykes and Don Pippin.
- Attendance numbers were increasing.
- Two additional deacons were added—Sonny Pulliam and Michael Bean.
- Jesse and Becky Byers began working with the youth to organize and participate in various activities.
- Already plans were taking shape for expansion.
- In July Doug and Fern Boyle came and endeared themselves to this church family. They worked with the youth, Doug led singing and Fern worked in the office. Fern's words in a recent telephone conversation were, "We had a blast working with the youth group!"
- The second phase began with the expansion of the present auditorium. James Hayes and his partner did the construction and contracted for the remainder of the work. It was finished in 1996. Dan and Edna donated the 100 additional hymn books.



Ken Factor became Minister of Education in 1996. He had become acquainted with the congregation when he helped get ready for the Tent Meeting. The contribution for the building fund had reached \$11,000.00. (There was a time when the contribution was running above budget and so it was increased.)

There came a sad and shocking announcement in July, 1996. Bro. Bob DeLay had died unexpectedly in the hospital following surgery. He had served over three years as an elder, and he and his wife, Kathy, had been a huge asset to the church during that time. Since Bill Hamrick could not serve alone, there were no elders for a very short period, and then Louis McLaughlin and Bill were appointed.

Keri Whitchurch graduated from high school and was baptized by Charlie Kymes. Two weddings occurred: Lexann DeLay and David Leonard were married early in the year and Lorie Tiger and Thomas Thompson married on June 22, 1996.

By 1997 the average worship attendance had reached 87. There were 40 families listed in the church directory. (That list is in a separate section at the end of this history.)

On November 23, Julia Factor was born.

And by 1998:

- Doug and Fern Boyle had their first child, Amanda
- Jesse Byers had stepped down from serving as a deacon and was appointed an elder
- Jared and Joel Pence graduated from high school
- Adam and Angie (Tiger) DeGraffenreid were married on October 4



*New Auditorium & Classrooms -1997 . . .*





## THE 2000's . . .

The year 2000 saw a decrease in attendance and presented the church with a big challenge. The idea of a full-time evangelist was first discussed in June. In November Jim and Barbara Pinkston moved here and began full-time local work. Both had grown up in Sapulpa and graduated from high school there. They married on September 13, 1963. Brother Sydney Ellis taught them the truth. They both attended the Owasso School of Biblical Studies and Jim graduated in 1986. He also began prison ministry work that year. Barbara continued to work full-time as needed and she, too, graduated in 1994. They had sold their business in Sapulpa in 1992. They labored with the church at Ramona for nine years, from November 1991 until they began their work here.

Jacob Anderson was born on March 15. (Chris and Sara were away from the Glenpool church for a while.) Emily Thompson arrived on March 16. Little Andrew Boyle was born late in the year and the Boyles left in 2001.

Lonnie and Donna White and their family came and Lonnie became a Christian in February. Nick was baptized and also Kyle and Troy (Donna's sons) were baptized in May. The average for Sunday morning worship had come back up to 85.

Several new families (most of which are still here) were welcomed into the fellowship during 2003.

- There began to be a need for more classrooms and auditorium space.
- There were 9 baptisms and 10 restorations.
- Thirteen placed memberships.
- A college age class was begun.
- The weekly contribution was \$2,045.14—up from \$1,815.80 the previous year.
- Average worship attendance was 92 which was up from 77 in 2002.
- There was a 20 year Homecoming and a Fall Lectureship.
- Rob Kress, Jerry Powers, Randy Brown, and Jerry O'Shields were new deacons.
- Jerry and Mary Powers worked with the youth group for several years during the mid 2000's.
- Jerry Powers submitted the first preliminary drawings for building expansion in November. The original plan was to convert the current auditorium to a fellowship room and expand into a new auditorium to the east.
- In February 2004 the building fund began with \$1,000.
- Hershel Dyer held the spring meeting.
- Riley McCafferty had arrived on February 19 and Josiah Anderson was born on July 6.
- Three new deacons were installed on May 23: Jeff Bullinger, Chris McCoy, and Carl Burris which brought the total to eight.
- Six seniors graduated.
- The worship attendance average reached 115!!!



- The following year the Kress family moved to Venezuela.
- Carl Burris became one of the elders.
- In November the building fund reached \$63,286.13!!!
- New Christians in 2006 were Keith White and Renee Whitchurch. Also, Valerie and Michael Brown felt the need to be immersed again.
- Stafford North held a gospel meeting in April. The theme was “Like a Thief in the Night—What You Should Know About the Last Days.”
- There were also two weddings in April: Stephanie Byers and Nick White and Stephanie Powers and Ryan Pulliam.
- By early 2007 members had contributed over \$88,000 into the building fund. It was time for the old annex to come down after serving well for 20 years as the auditorium, classrooms and fellowship hall.

In January of 2007 the building size was decided and an architect was hired. The members began working to tear down and haul away the old building and clearing the grounds. Building plans were submitted to the City of Glenpool in mid-May for approval.

The first of July plans were approved and put out to bid. Bids were taken by three contractors. Vista Construction was the low bidder and was awarded the contract at the end of July. There were delays in the shipment of steel, but finally in September the work began on the utilities and foundation. There was another delay in shipment, but the bulletin on October 28, 2007, stated the progress went from “cement slab to framework and outside walls in one week.”

Bro. Jesse Byers resigned as elder due to health problems and Randy Brown and Jim Pinkston were installed as additional elders to serve with Carl Burris and Bill Hamrick. Deacons now were Jeff Bullinger, Johnny Riggs, and Bruce Rothell.

The list of high school and college graduates was impressive that year. Andrew Morgan graduated from Bixby High School. Doug and Loretta Anderson completed the 32-hour program at the Owasso School of Biblical Studies, Daniel Byers, Rebecca Byers, and Nicholas and Stephanie (White) Byers graduated from Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, and April Rothell graduated from Oklahoma State University. They all made us proud! We were glad to share in celebrating their accomplishments.

Lydia Jones was born on May 22 and Paden McCafferty on September 12. More new families came and Matthew Caldwell was baptized into Christ.

An anonymous contributor gave a very sizeable sum also for the building fund to apply toward future expansion needs. The climax of the new addition came in mid-January 2008 when all the inside work was completed!

The annual Valentine’s Day fellowship was held as we enjoyed this wonderful new facility. It will be a great blessing and a very useful tool for classes, special fellowship events, and outreach efforts.



We have two more new Christians in our family: Mike and Kimber Perry. With others who have come and placed themselves under the oversight of the elders, we now have 67 families in the current 2008 church directory.



Egg Hunt 2007



Valentine's Day 2008



## *ANOTHER LOOK BACK . . .*

### *. . . the Youth*

All through the years Bible Classes have been provided for the young children and older youth group. Teachers have attended teacher training workshops and seminars. Warren and Carolyn Wilcox conducted one here in Glenpool. The early church family helped when there was no official youth minister. There have been youth devotionals, youth rallies (Allan Lay was one speaker), youth and parents picnics and games, trips to Frontier City, the zoo, and Branson, and floating on the Illinois River. The young people had a lock-in with the Turley Children's Home (now Hope Harbor) and prepared dinner for a needy family. Several of the youth have traveled on mission trips.

Most of our teens and young adults were baptized in this church. The young men are encouraged to read the scriptures, serve at the Lord's table and lead public prayers. The young women have taught in VBS classes. We have seen them graduate from high school and some from college. They have made this church family proud.

From 2003-2007 some of our youth have gone with other NSU Christians on various mission trips. These included trips to Gold Beach, Oregon; Orlando, Florida; New York City (the church on Long Island); and San Francisco, California. Some also helped with clean-up in New Orleans after Hurricane Katrina.

### *. . . Fellowship*

One reason for all the love this church family has for one another is the fact that we also spend time together away from Bible classes and worship. Fellowship times have included care groups, regular potluck dinners, Valentine's Day Banquets, Fall and Holiday parties, men's breakfasts, fishing trips, fish fries, ladies' day, and ladies' night out.

### *. . . Members Serving*

Members have consistently volunteered to clean the building, lock the doors after services, bake communion bread, prepare the communion, stock the pantry, keep the grounds, make calls, and send cards of encouragement, prepare meals for the needy and bereaved, and give financial assistance. The ladies had showers to furnish needed items for the nursery and kitchen. All these works increased the bond of love.

### ... Outreach

Through the years outreach efforts have included clothing and school supplies give aways, holiday food baskets, support for hurricane and tornado victims, care packages to the hospital, and devotionals at the Glenpool Health Care Center. Annually there is the Change Can Campaign and the Phone Campaign for Hope Harbor Children's Home and Academy at Claremore. The church building has been used for a polling place during elections.

### ... Evangelism

In efforts to evangelize as Jesus commanded, the church has mailed the *House to House* brochures quarterly to residents in the area, and helped support a preacher student at the Bear Valley School of Preaching in Denver. We also support Dave Miller with Apologetics Press, the Spanish ministry, an orphanage in Haiti, Redmen for Christ at Northeastern State University in Tahlequah, and have helped send several youth on mission trips.

A very vital part of the evangelistic efforts has been the prison ministry work. The Pinkstons have been involved in the prison ministry since 1986. Jim continues to go to the prisons to teach classes. He has been to the Jess Dunn Correctional Center in Taft; John Lilley Correctional Center at Boley; MacAlford Correctional Center in Stringtown, and Dick Conners Correctional Center in Hominy. Bob Staley and Jerry O'Shields taught at the Jess Dunn Correctional Center in Taft and at John Lilly from 1992 until 2007. Bill Hamrick visited prisons and taught part-time for over 10 years. On December 20, 2006, he began teaching regularly with Jim Pinkston at Conners. He also goes to David L. Moss Correctional Center in Tulsa and Creek and Rogers County Jails.

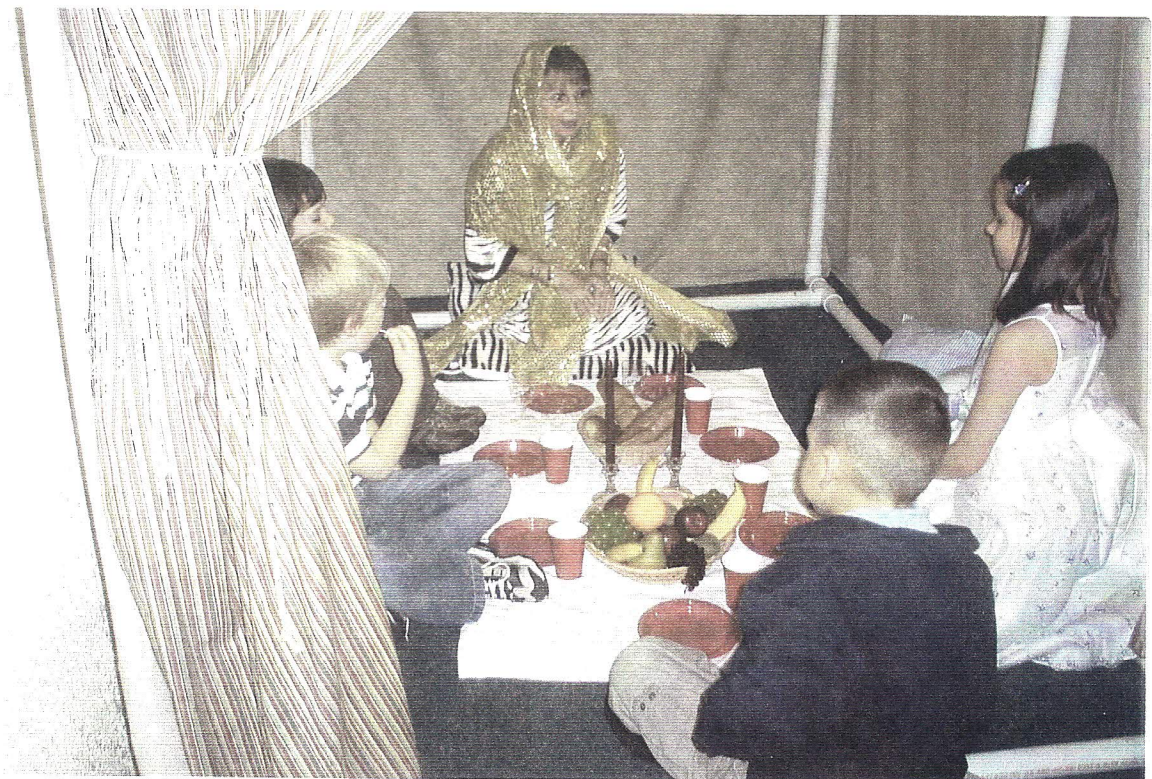
Bible correspondence courses and New Life Behavior courses are sent to women at the Eddie Warrior Correctional Center at Taft. Several women in the Wednesday morning Bible class grade the papers from the prison classes and the Bible correspondence courses. These women are: Joe Andrews, Leola Harmon, Mel Staley, Lenora Hamrick, Jean Ishmael, Sherri Carr, and Rosalie O'Neal.

A great many prisoners have become Christians through the years and volunteers from eight different congregations help conduct worship services at some of the prisons. Those in the prison ministry report there will be 88 students graduating from 5 classes taught on Thursdays at the Dick Conner Correctional Center in Hominy. Twenty-three have been baptized this year.





Trip to the Zoo 2005



Bible Class April 2007





1980's

Bible Class

Virginia Tiger  
Ashley Marrs

Summer Fun with  
Don Pippin, Minister



Holiday Fun with Santa

(George O'Neal)



## SOME "FIRSTS" . . .

- Assembly at the Glenpool Community Center on April 2, 1982
- Minister-Don Pippin and wife, Frances
- New family-John Davis family
- New convert-Monte Tiger
- Children's Bible class teacher-Debbie Whitchurch
- Babies: Kyle Johns born June 5, 1984 and Kelsey Dykes born June 17, 1984
- Lectureship with Tom Bright, Hershel Dyer, Sidney Ellis and Francis Whiteman
- Building purchased in 1985-used 24 x 48 prefab
- Land purchased in 1987
- Permanent church home in 1988
- Tent meeting in 1991 with Bill Thrasher and Mike Schroeder
- Hamrick family came in 1992 to work because the Pippins were planning to leave
- Open House for the new building was held on December 6, 1992
- Baptisms in new baptistry on November 29, 1992: Stacy and Amanda Pippin and Robert and Kimberly Scott
- Wedding in new building: Chris and Sara (Hoppes) Anderson on March 5, 1994
- Deacons: Ken Dykes and Bruce Rothell
- Elders: Bill Hamrick and Bob DeLay
- Minister of Education: Ken Factor
- 1996 Expansion of present auditorium
- 2008 New Fellowship Room completed

Ministers who have held gospel meetings or spoken at lectureships:

Tommy Haynes  
Stafford North  
Hershel Dyer  
Bill Thrasher  
Charlie Kymes  
Sidney Ellis  
Jeff Jenkins  
Steve Shinnerer  
Timothy Luster  
John Higgins  
Lee Keele  
Howard Horton

Eddie Parrish  
Kelly Riggs  
Tom Bright  
Dave Miller  
Dan Schnell  
Mike Schroeder  
Marty Kessler  
Bill Burton  
Bill Keele  
Norman Easter  
Will Mayhew  
Francis Whiteman

Ralph Hunter and Bud Tibbles have spoken about prison ministry. Two of the women who spoke at ladies' day programs were Daisy Powell and Nancy Kymer.



Song Leaders:

Don Pippin  
George O'Neal  
Ken Dykes  
Bruce Rothell  
Randy Brown  
Chris Anderson  
Doug Boyle  
Jerry Buller

Church Secretaries:

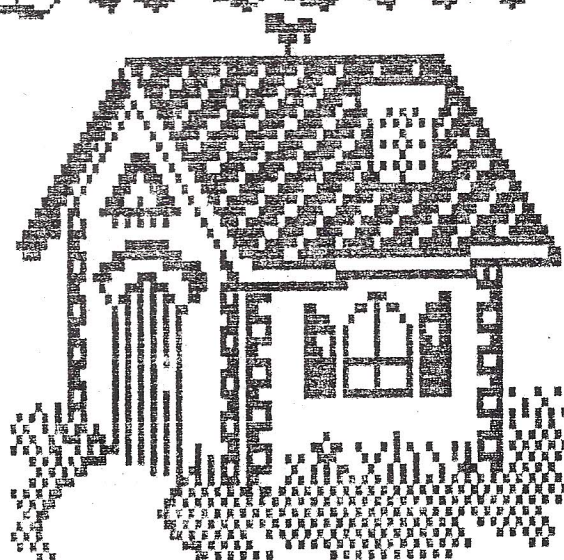
Becky Byers  
Fern Boyle  
Chris McCoy  
Karen Brown

"Youth Ministers:"

The Byers  
Doug Boyle  
Joel Pence  
Jerry Powers  
Jeff and Stephanie  
Bullinger



# Glenpool Church of Christ Directory



Cover page for the first church directory)



## 1987 . . .

Allen-Lisa, Blake, Samantha  
Bryan-David, Sharon, Jonathan  
Dykes-Ken, Jane, Kelsea  
Dunham-Eddie, Renee, Stephanie,  
Jennifer  
Foster-Robert, Richard, Lanita  
Girod-Roy, Barbara  
Harp-Dwight, Martha, Robert, Byron  
Johson-Ann, Megan  
Jones- Dan, Edna  
Lanza, William  
Marrs-Tammy, Amy, Ashley  
McGuire-Carolyn, Tina  
Parkhurst, June  
Pippin-Don, Frances  
Pruss, William  
Rothell-Bruce, Lilia, Tammy, Tiffany,  
April  
Scott-Bob, Sherry, Michelle, Kathy,  
Kimberly, Robert  
Thames-Lori, Steffanie, Ashely  
Tiger-Monte, Virginia, Lori, Shelly,  
Angela  
Watson-Cathy, Lynn  
Whitchurch-Eddie, Sr., Debbie, Eddie, Jr.,  
Christy, Keri

## 1988 . . .

Allen-Lisa, Blake, Samantha  
Cavenah, Julie  
Dodd, Leonila  
Dykes-Ken, Jane, Kelsea, Kendall  
Dunham-Eddie, Renee, Stephanie,  
Jennifer  
Girod-Roy, Barbara  
Harders, Marie  
Johnson-Ann, Megan  
Jones-Dan, Edna  
Lambillotte-Russell, Pam, Russell,  
Chrissy, Mandy, Brandon, Daniel  
Lanza, William  
Marrs-Tammy, Amy, Ashley  
McGuire-Carolyn, Tina  
Parkhurst, June  
Pippin-Don, Frances  
Pruss, William  
Rothell-Bruce, Lilia, Tammy, Tiffany,  
April  
Scott-Bob, Sherry, Michelle, Kathy,  
Kimberly, Robert  
Simmons, Sarah  
Snyder-George, Janice  
Thames-Lori, Stephanie, Ashley  
Tiger-Monte, Virginia, Lori, Shelly,  
Angela  
Whitchurch-Eddie Sr., Debbie, Eddie, Jr.,  
Christy, Keri



## 1993 . . .

Allen- Lisa, and children  
Brandon, Marie  
Byers, Jess and family  
DeLay-Bob and Kathy  
Dodd- Leonila  
Dykes, Ken and family  
Girod-Roy and Barbara  
Hamrick-Bill and Lenora  
Harders, Marie  
Harmon, Leola  
Hayes-James and family  
Howeth-Greg and family  
Jefferies-Chuck and family  
Jones-Dan and Edna  
Lanza, William  
Marrs-Tammy and children  
McGuire-Carolyn and Tina  
McLaughlin-Louis and Gwen  
Pippin-Don and Frances  
Pippin-Les and family  
Rothell-Bruce and family  
Scott-Michelle and children  
Simmons, Sarah  
Tiger-Monte and family  
Whitchurch-Debbie and family

## 1997 . . .

Anderson-Chris and family  
Anderson-Doug and Loretta  
Barclay-Stephen and Michelle  
Bean-Mike and family  
Boyle-Doug and Fern  
Brackeen, Morris  
Brown-Bill and Jean  
Brown, Dianna  
Byers-Jesse and family  
Calvin, Joyce  
Cohen, Mike  
Delay-Kathryn and Lexann  
Dykes-Ken and family  
Factor-Kenneth and family  
Garrett, Nola  
Girod-Roy and Barbara  
Hamrick-Bill and Lenora  
Harders, Marie  
Harmon, Leola  
Hayes-James and family  
Howeth-Greg and family  
Jeffries-Chuck and family  
Johns-Tim and family  
Johnson-Harley and family  
Jones-Dan and Edna  
Keeling, Doris  
McLaughlin-Louis and Gwen  
Mosley, Luther and family  
Newkirk-Darren and family  
Owen, Juanita  
Pence-Marilyn and family  
Pulliam-Marc and family  
Pulliam-Sonny and Marilyn  
Rothell-Bruce and family  
Scott-Bob and family  
Simmons-Bob and Betty  
Tiger-Monte and family  
Vaughan-Ron and Barbara  
Whitchurch-Debbie and Keri



## 2008 . . .

Anderson-Chris and family  
Anderson-Doug and Loretta  
Andrews, Jo  
Bennett-Sara, and children  
Bridgewater-Paul and Sherry  
Brown, Jean  
Brown-Randy and family  
Buller-Jerry and Nola  
Bullinger-Jeff and family  
Burrus-Carl and Bayla  
Byers-Jesse and family  
Caldwell-Matt and family  
Carr, Sherri  
Cashon, Lillian  
Eichler, Misty and Lainey  
Gatlin, Hazel  
Girod, Barbara  
Guymon, Lance and Martha  
Hamilton-James and family  
Hamrick-Bill and Lenora  
Harders, Marie  
Harmon, Leola  
Hood, Shirley  
Ishmael, Dortha "Jean"  
Jones-Dan and Edna  
Jones-Melinda and children  
Kochert-Sherry and Erica  
Kress-Rob and family  
Lack-Henry and Winnie  
Landon-Edward and JoAnna  
Marquette-Kevin and Karen  
McCafferty-Ryan and family  
McVay-Coleman Ross  
Morgan-Jerry and family  
Mulkey-Chris and Leasa  
Myrick, Dillon  
Myrick-Jack and Karen  
Nunley, Nyla  
O'Neal-Mike and family  
O'Neal, Rosalie  
O'Shields-Jerry and Janice  
Owen, Dayla

Pennington, Bud  
Perry-Mike and family  
Pinkston-Jim and Barbara  
Pulliam-Marc and Ryan  
Pulliam-Sonny and Marilyn  
Riggs-Johnny and Marcia  
Risley, Rita  
Robbins, David  
Rooks-Rick and Kathy  
Rothell-Bruce and family  
Scherman-Dean and Dolores  
Simmons-Bob and Betty  
Staley-Bob and Mel  
Sullivan-Ryan and Jenna  
Thompson-Lorie and Emily  
Tiger-Monte and Virginia  
Vaughan, Barbara  
Whitchurch, Debbie  
Whitchurch-Eddie and family  
White, Keith  
White-Lonnie and family  
White-Nick and family  
Yeager-Spencer and family  
Yeager-Jim and Susan



Other members who were not on any of our available dated directory lists:

Andrea and Jessica Adams  
Russell Barber family  
Nancy Benway  
Phillip Cimei family  
Jay Cragg family  
Marquitta Cross  
Kenny Curtis family  
Jim Davis family  
Ermal Durham  
Bob Gorbet family  
Hardeman family  
Bob and Wanda Howard  
Ryan Hoskin family  
Harley Johnson family  
Jonathan Johnson, Sr. family  
Julie Johnson  
Teresa Johnson



Graduation Party 2007



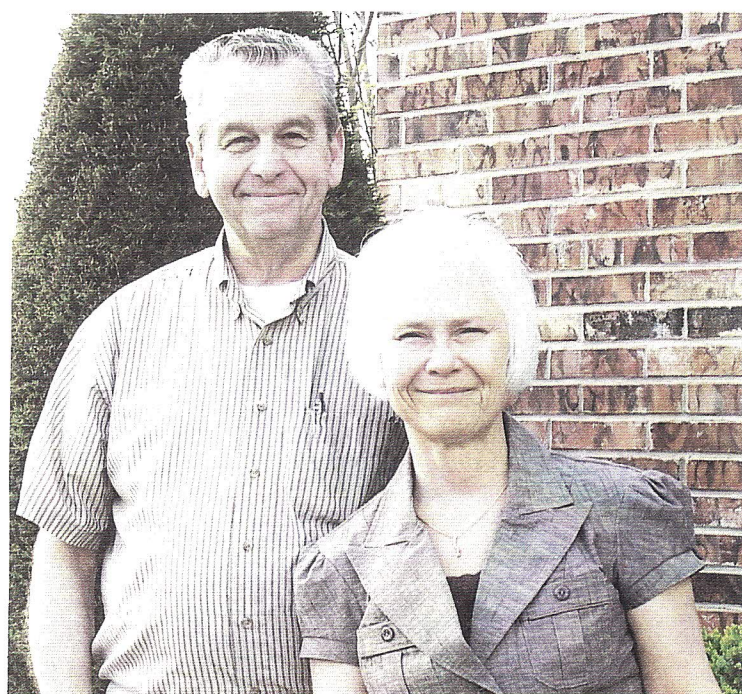
*The Ministers . . .*



**Don & Frances  
Pippin**



**Bill & Lenora  
Hamrick**



**Jim & Barbara  
Pinkston**





# Family Newsletter



Vol. 1 No. 1 March 8, 1987

## The Birth of Sin

"But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust. Then when lust has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and when sin is accomplished, it brings forth death."

Many Christians live with feelings of guilt, because they do not understand the difference between temptation and sin.

Temptation is when Satan is on a hunting trip. He is drawing his victim away like a hunter uses bait to trap an animal. One is drawn because of his desire for the bait. Satan lures his victim with a multitude of enticements. His tackle box is always full. He can surely make sin look appealing. At this point, the victim is not caught, but is being tempted. Christ was also tempted in all the ways that we are tempted and remained sinless.

In verse 15, James starts speaking in terms of conception and birth as in childbirth. As a child is conceived in woman and in due time is born unto the world, it brings joy and happiness into the world. It is a time of great rejoicing.

On the other hand, when lust is conceived in the heart of man, it grows and grows, and in due time brings forth sin and death. Brethren, do not allow Satan to kill your spirituality by his temptation. Remember, temptation is not sin.

Remember, sin is when you WILL in your heart to take the bait. Remember, James also wrote, resist the devil, and he will flee from you (James 4:7).

--Don Pippin--

## PRAYER LIST:

Monte's grandmother is in the Hillcrest Hospital undergoing rehabilitation.

David's grandmother, who lived in San Diego, California, passed away last Wednesday night after a long illness.

Debbie's grandmother is still in the hospital in Colorado.

Let's remember all of these families in your prayers.

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Wednesday, March 25th will be our monthly singing night.

The Tulsa Soul-Winning Workshop will be March 26, 27, & 28 at the Tulsa Fairgrounds. The theme this year is "Moving Into The Heart Of Jesus".

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THE MODEL CHURCH IS: SOUND IN DOCTRINE.....CLEAN IN LIFE  
FRIENDLY IN SPIRIT.....AND AGGRESSIVE IN WORK

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# Family Newsletter



Vol. 1 No. 2 April 5, 1987

## Looking back and looking ahead

It hardly seems possible! Last month (March) marks the end of five years of our work here in Glenpool, together.

Looking back, I think of the many good times we have shared together and also some disappointing times. Many of you met with us when we were meeting in our home, on Birch st. Some of you have become Christians in the last five years. Some of you have learned to teach people about Jesus. Many have grown in their faith and service to the Lord. There have been some very close friendships developed within the Church here in the past five years. Personally, I want all of you to know that I love and appreciate every one of you, for the love and encouragement you have given me with your kind words and actions.

Looking ahead, I believe we will continue to grow in our faith and love as God's people. I believe each of us will learn better how to serve God together, so that we can cause His Kingdom to grow. I believe there are a lot of people that are lost today that will be saved in the future because of the Church being here.

"Therefore, my beloved brethren, be ye steadfast, unmovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, forasmuch as ye know that your labor is not in vain in the Lord".

--Don--

## What about the land purchase?

A contract has been negotiated between the Glenpool Church of Christ and John Miller, for the purchase of 3 acres of land at 130th & South Elwood. The closing on the property is contingent upon the City of Glenpool approving this location for a church site.

## Bible Bowl

For grades 4th-12th. Saturday, April 11th, 10am-3pm. Lunch will be provided for those attending and participating. It will be a good day of fun and fellowship.

## TATTS

Tulsa Area Teachers' Training Seminar. April 27th-29th.  
Keynote Speaker: Dick Marcéar. 7-9:15 nightly  
sponsored by: 29th & Yale Congregation

## Prayer list

Remember the following in your prayers: Debbie's Grandmother, Monte's Grandmother, Lilia's Parents, Sharon, and Jane.



# N E W S L E T T E R

## Glenpool Church of Christ

Volume I

October 28, 1990

Number 1

### TO GOD BE THE GLORY

"Thus saith the Lord, let not the wise man glory in his wisdom, neither let the mighty man glory in his might, let not the rich man glory in his riches: but let him that glorieth glory in this, that he understandeth and knoweth me, that I am the Lord which exercise lovingkindness, judgment, and righteousness, in the earth: for in these things I delight, saith the Lord." (Jeremiah 9:23-24)

Sometimes, when a man is blessed with wisdom, he will trust in his own wisdom rather than trusting in God. He will boast of his accomplishments and be filled with pride and arrogance.

Great athletes many times forget God, trusting in their own strength and physical ability.

The rich man takes pride in his ability to accumulate wealth and becomes self-sufficient in his own mind because of his prosperity.

God blesses man so greatly. Not only does he provide us with talents and abilities to assist us in our daily living, but He provides us with all spiritual blessings. God is just, full of lovingkindness for his people. God delights in these attributes. He is a God of righteousness.

Our goal should be to develop the attributes in our life so that God will delight in us.

As we count our blessings and talents, let us give God the glory, praise, and honor.

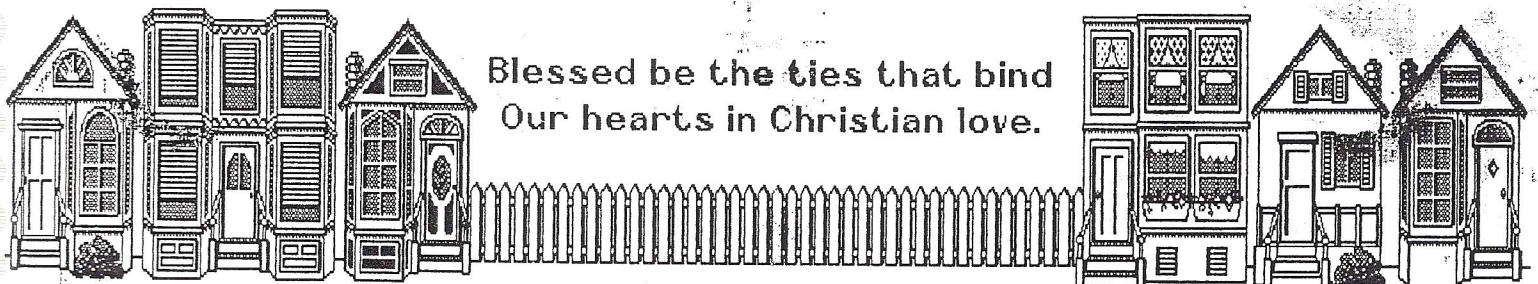
*"Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear His voice  
Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the people rejoice  
O come to the Father through Jesus the Son,  
And give Him the glory, great things He hath done." (W. H. Doene)*

--Don

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Charlotte Pippin's mother, Don Pippin's friend (Jim Armbruster), David Bryan (while he is traveling).

BUSINESS MEETING: The men will be having monthly business meetings and would appreciate any ideas or input you would like to share regarding the work of the church.

A WARM WELCOME to Bob and Wanda Howard, and Jim and Joanne Lower, the newest additions to our family at Glenpool. We're VERY glad to have you here!



Blessed be the ties that bind  
Our hearts in Christian love.



# Glennpool Church of Christ NEWSLETTER

Volume I

December 2, 1990

Number 2

## HOW CLOSE ARE WE?

"Ye are the salt of the earth: but if the salt have lost his savor, wherewith shall it be salted? it is thence forth good for nothing, but to be cast out, and to be trodden under foot of men.

Ye are the light of the world. A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.

Neither do men light a candle and put it under a bushel, but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.

Let your light so shine before men, that they may see your good works, and glorify your Father which is in heaven." Matthew 5:13-16

For salt to change the flavor of anything or preserve anything, it must be close to what it is flavoring or preserving.

For light to expel darkness in a room it must be turned on or shined in the room.

What's the point? Are we close enough to people that we can have a savouring or preserving effect on them?

Are we close enough to people that they can see our light shining?

Let the beauty of Jesus be seen in you!

--Don

REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS: Lillia's father who is in the hospital, Charlotte's mother who is now at home, David Bryan (while he is traveling), Sylvia Paddubny who broke her leg but is doing much better, Carolyn's friend, Opal, and Jim Armbruster, Don's friend who was involved in a car accident.

BUSINESS MEETING: This month's business meeting will be held next Sunday evening, December 9th, at 6:00 p.m.

CHRISTMAS PARTY: Don't miss our church Christmas party on December 23rd at 6:00 p.m., after evening services. There will be snacks, desserts, games and entertainment.

TEEN ACTIVITIES: Sapulpa Church of Christ is having a youth fellowship every Thursday night at 7:00 p.m. which our teenagers have really enjoyed. If you would like to go next Thursday, and need a ride, please contact Bruce Rothell.

### BUDGET FOR 1991:

Preacher's Salary.....\$400.00

Land Payment..... 300.00

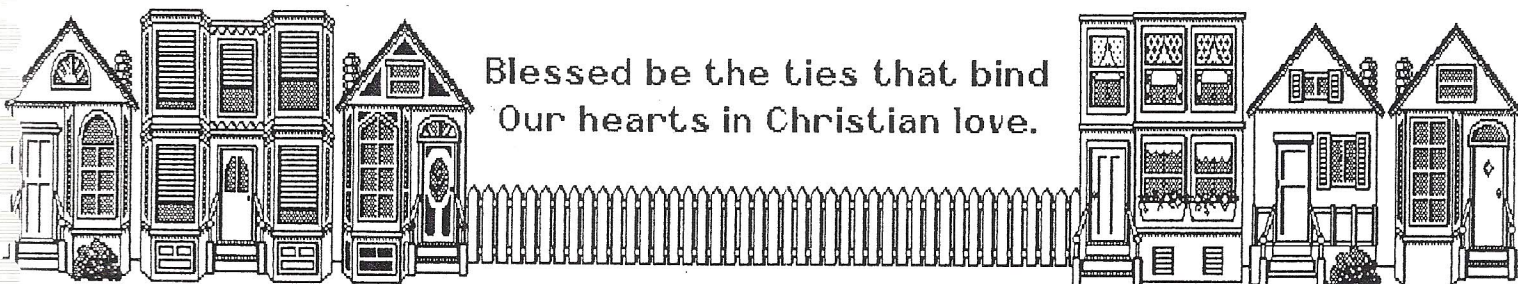
Utilities..... 100.00

Maintenance & Building Fund.... 100.00

**TOTAL: \$900.00**

**WEEKLY BUDGET: \$225.00**

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# NEWSPLETTER

## Glenpool Church of Christ

Volume II

May 5, 1991

Number 4

### WE SHALL SEE THE KING SOMEDAY

"Not that I speak in regard to need, for I have learned in whatever state I am, to be content." Phil. 4:11

Lilia and I get a very stiff reminder twice a week on how lucky we are; how much the Lord has blessed us. Twice a week, Lilia takes care of Kirby Lastinger, who I'm sure many of you have heard about. Kirby is the little girl with a genetic disorder disease. There is no cure for her disease and most children with her disease don't live past 9 years. Each time we see Kirby, we have to be extremely thankful that all our children are healthy. To have a child who is steadily getting worse and who in all likelihood will never get better; well, that's a pain, a heartache that you wish no one had to endure. Knowing your child is never going to run and play, nor know the laughter that other children do, well...that's got to be the worst pain of all.

Yet the Lastingers bravely endure. Asking for no pity, only understanding. They organize and participate in many fundraisers for children like Kirby; and each July, they organize a Chili-Cookoff to raise funds for research of the disease. Also, they wish the best for everyone else's children. I remember Shirley Lastinger coming by to see April after Lilia gave birth to April. How happy she was for us, yet one could see the tears in her eyes as she held April.

But the Lastinger's story is not without happiness. The Lord has rewarded their courage. They now have a very healthy three year old son named Chance, who runs, plays and laughs like other children. I remember how the whole neighborhood rejoiced when we heard the news that Shirley was pregnant and even more so when Chance was born. And now there is even more to rejoice about, because Shirley is carrying another child.

Recently our congregation has experienced a number of heartaches and sorrows. Some have lost a dear friend, others have or have had relatives seriously ill in hospitals. The recent hurts have grieved us all, for when one of us hurts, we all hurt. We are one big family with a caring, compassionate love for one another.

And we can be thankful for that love; thankful for our friendship, thankful for the closeness that we share. We can be thankful for our children and their health, remembering the courageous example of the Lastingers.

And there are surely many other things we can be thankful for; so many we can't possibly count them all. And yet, if we had very little to be thankful for, we would still have more than the early Christians who were content just knowing Christ and with the assurance that **THEY WOULD SEE THE KING SOMEDAY.**

--Bruce Rothell

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**PRAYER LIST:** Please remember to pray for Barbara's mother, Sherry's father and Roy Girod's brother.

**GOSPEL MEETING:** June 2nd through the 5th (**SUNDAY TO WEDNESDAY**) are the dates set aside for our gospel meeting here in the Glenpool area. Remember to keep this effort in your prayers and join in the door knocking campaign that starts on Friday, May 31st.



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## Keeping in Touch

Feb. 2, 1992

### THE HAMRICKS ARE HERE!!

Our Glenpool family has the fortune this Sunday of beginning what will undoubtedly prove to be a most mutually satisfying relationship with the Bill Hamrick family: Bill, Lenora and daughter Shellie.

His inaugural sermon to us today has been seeded in twenty-five previous years of preaching which has taken him to nine states and three foreign countries. He holds the B.S. and Master of Theology degrees, having attended Oklahoma Christian, University of Maryland, Southeastern School of Biblical Studies and University of Texas, Arlington.

Bill has been the Executive Director of Turley Children's Home since 1981. In addition, he has been a teacher for the Owasso School of Biblical Studies since 1983, is currently President of Oklahoma Association for Children's Institutions and Agencies, is a member of the Child Care Advisory Committee of Oklahoma Department of Human Services and the Oklahoma Council for Services to Children and Youth, and holds membership in a number of regional and national counseling and child care associations.

Keeping this busy household purring falls to Lenora, a first-grade teacher at Kerr Elementary. This fine couple has three daughters, one son and three grandchildren. Only one child is still at home, Shellie, a senior at Metro Christian Academy. She is making plans to attend Oklahoma Christian College.

Expressing delight in seeing the dedication of the current membership, the Hamrick's have stated that their decision to come to Glenpool was based primarily on the belief that a great opportunity exists to build a strong work here.

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### POTLUCK SUPPER TONIGHT AFTER SERVICES

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Jane Dykes has been severely curtailed in activity by her doctor. In addition, both Kelsea and Kendall have had strep throat. Jane's mother, Helena White, is still undergoing treatments. A sister of Ken's is undergoing tests. Debbie Whitchurch is keeping tabs on the family to let us know what can be done to help.

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TEACHERS MEETING -- 7TH GRADE AND BELOW -- FEB. 8, 2:30 P.M.



# keeping in touch

## WE CANNOT BE DENIED

● Bruce Rothell

**Mk. 9: 23** Jesus said to him, "If you can believe, all things are possible to him who believes."

As I watched the Super Bowl this past Sunday, it was quite obvious that Washington had something that Buffalo didn't. The announcers talked continuously about Washington's mastery over Buffalo: Washington was able to run and Buffalo wasn't; Washington was getting to Buffalo's quarterback and Buffalo wasn't. But the real determining factor was the confidence of Washington. They knew they were going to win. Buffalo was thought to be equal with Washington in talent, but it was as if Washington were saying, "It doesn't matter what you do, we're going to win." They were not to be denied.

Today, in our congregation there is a spirit that expresses the same attitude. We have confidence that we are on the verge of doing great things for the Lord's cause. We are thrilled that Bill and his family are joining with us, for Bill will be bringing us more than preaching. He has experience and proven leadership qualities; he is known for his counseling abilities, and he has many friends in the body of Christ.

But there are other signs that have lifted our spirits; the continued support and interest of the 29th and Yale congregation; the enthusiasm of Bob and Kathy Delay; the steadfastness of Don and Francis; a new large sign; a new back door; better attendance and larger contributions; and many visitors, some of which have expressed interest in joining in us. For sure, it is time to rejoice in the Lord.

And, the words of Jesus are alive in us. We believe! No matter what obstacles the Devil places in our path, we will overcome them. All things are possible to us because we believe! We are also reminded of the Apostle Paul's words: "If God is for us who can be against us?...We are more than conquerors through Him that loved us...Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ (Romans 8:31, 37; 1st Cor. 15:57). There is no defeating Christ, and there is no defeating us as long as we are in Christ. Victory is ours.

### WE CANNOT BE DENIED!

We are pleased to announce the addition of **Marie Brandon** to our membership. She was widowed in August, 1991, and has moved to our area to be near her daughter. She brings two great grandchildren with her: **Jeremiah** and **Elyse Burkett**. **Jeremiah** is a fifth grader and **Elyse** is a second grader. Marie will be in California for six weeks visiting relatives.

Also joining our ranks are **Doug and Loretta Anderson**. They are Jenks residents. Their son, a member at 29th and Yale, is in his second year of college. Loretta is attending college, also. They are in New Mexico this weekend.



### MY OLD BIBLE

*Though the cover is worn,  
And the pages are torn,  
And though places bear traces of tears.  
Yet more precious than gold,  
is this book worn and old,  
That can scatter and shatter my fears.*

*This old book is my guide.  
This is a friend by my side,  
It will lighten and brighten my way;  
And each promise I find,  
Soothes and gladdens my mind,  
As I read it and heed it each day.*

*To this book I will cling,  
Of its worth I will sing,  
Though great losses and crosses be mine;  
For I cannot despair,  
Though surrounded by care,  
While possessing the blessing divine.*

*Jerusalem Church of Christ Bulletin*

January 2, 1993

Many of the members here have been down with colds or the flu. Please remember these in your prayers. Also pray for any who may still be traveling.

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### STRANGE MARRIAGE

The wedding was over. Joe and his bride were alone at last. As the car pulled away from the curb, the bride moved over to the far side of the seat and said, "Joe, take me home."

"Home, " Joe exclaimed, "But we haven't started our honeymoon yet!"

"Joe," said the bride, "I'm glad we're married. We belong to each other and I can use your name as mine, but please, I want to go back to my old apartment. Now that we are married, I'll try to see you once a week, but as far as living with you is concerned, nothing doing. I'm going back to my old occupation, my old friends, my old pastimes. Oh yes, I do love you! I've accepted you as my husband, haven't I? I belong to you forever, but I refuse to let you interfere with my life. Of course, if I'm sick or if I need money, I'll call you at once, because, after all, I accepted you as my husband. In the meantime, thank you for loving me. Thank you for being my husband, but just keep your hands off my life!"

What do you think of this article? Marriage?! Not hardly. And yet there are so many who call themselves Christian who treat the Lord the same way. We want the benefits without the responsibilities.

"Remember your Creator in the days of your youth." Be responsible to the vows you made the day you became a Christian.

-Borrowed-

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The Owasso School of Biblical Studies is now enrolling for the spring semester. Classes start Saturday, January 8. For more information see the flier located on the bulletin board.

*Bulletin-*



## NOTES FROM THE PREACHER...

### KNOWING CHRIST OR KNOWING ABOUT CHRIST

There was a young lady who grew up in a Christian home, attended services regularly from infancy and graduated from a Christian University. She remained active in the church until her college graduation but within two years she was attending services only on visits home and she had begun to drink socially and engage in other unchristian actions. When she was questioned as to the reasons for her change, her reply was, "I realized at last that I only knew about Christ, but I never really knew Him".

It is essential that we know about Christ and Christianity. We need certain facts (truth) to build our faith upon, (1 Cor. 15:1-4). A knowledge of the word is absolutely necessary, (John 17:17; John 8:32).

However, there is a difference in accepting principles to be true and truly living by these principles. We may learn facts but never integrate them into our philosophy of life.

When the real pressures and temptations of life must be faced, apart from the direct influence of loved ones, the one without a personal, real and living faith will usually give over to Satan. We have a great challenge to help out young people to develop a personal relationship with God and Christ. This includes our example before them when we are faced with trials and temptations. It requires us to allow them to question and probe facts about the bible and Christianity. The truth will always stand up in the light of honest investigation.

May we encourage our children to make God as personal as any friend or playmate, yet teach them a proper reverence for the Creator. They need to know Christ in addition to knowing about Him.

Bill Hamrick

#### Sermon Topics:

A. M. Bruce Rothell- "The Causes of Non-Involvement"  
P. M. Bill Hamrick - "Meekness"

VANITY - Two geese about to start northward on their annual spring migration were entreated by a frog to take him with them. When the geese expressed their willingness to do so if a means of conveyance could be devised, the frog produced a long stick and got the two geese to take it at each end, while he clung to it by his mouth in the middle. In this manner the three were making their journey successfully when they were noticed from below by some men, who loudly expressed their admiration of the device and wondered who had been clever enough to discover it. The vain frog, opening his mouth to say, "It was I," lost his hold, fell to the earth and was smashed. Beware, Christian, lest you meet with the same fate as the frog through vain-glorying in self.

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There is a letter and information from "Oklahomans Against the Lottery" in the foyer for anyone who might be interested.

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Please remember to pray for those who are traveling during the upcoming holiday. Also remember any who may be sick.

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The faith of a home, not its wealth or address, is the foundation of a life.

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Please remember to let Becky Byers know of anything that needs to be put in the bulletin.



## NOTES FROM THE PREACHER...

### "Avoiding Extremes"

We live in an age of excesses and we are presented with the constant challenge to not be overcome.

Our age is characterized by a lack of accountability for human behavior and a broad tolerance for differing views. We see some of the consequences of this philosophy in the alarming increase of violence, a lack of respect for human life and the open endorsement of "alternative" lifestyles. It seems that the only people not to be tolerated are Bible believers.

We are seeing, even in the Lord's church, some who seem determined to reshape the church to "fit" our modern society. There have been serious efforts to abandon primitive Christianity in favor of a church more tolerant of modern denominationalism. Advocates of change seem tolerant of everyone but their brethren who choose to remain in the "Old Paths."

We believe there is a real danger in overreacting to our pagan\secular society or even to brethren bent on change. In our efforts to uphold the truth, may we take care not to add to the word of God, (Rev. 22:18). We must carefully distinguish between custom and opinion and matters of doctrine. When we begin to bind our opinions as authority from God, we have also erred.

Vigilance is essential, but we must avoid suspicious attitudes about everyone who may not agree with us in every point. It is so important that we keep a sense of balance between the excesses. Others are more likely to take our warnings seriously when we avoid the extremes.

Bill Hamrick

#### Sermons:

A.M. "Anxiety"  
P.M. "The Hour Has Come"

**WELCOME NEW MEMBERS.** Placing membership last Sunday morning were:

Sonny and Marilyn Pulliam  
Route 7, Box 17  
Sapulpa, OK 74066  
224-9165

Nola Garrett  
1143 East Davis  
Sapulpa, OK 74066  
224-4688

Be sure and introduce yourself to the newest additions to our family here.

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TEACHERS MEETING. The teachers meeting scheduled for last Sunday was postponed until today. All teachers are requested to meet at the building at 4:00.

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The following names have been submitted for consideration, and each is willing to serve, as an elder or deacon:

#### Elders:

Bob DeLay  
Bill Hamrick

#### Deacons:

Jesse Byers  
Ken Dykes  
Bruce Rothell

If a member objects to any of those named above they must submit (in writing and signed) any scriptural objections. Objections need to be submitted to Chuck Jeffries, Louis McLaughlin or Bill Hamrick by February 2, 1994. Installation of elders and deacons will be on February 6 at the Sunday morning worship hour.

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**CONGRATULATIONS!!** Saturday, January 15 Ryan Johns and Matthew Howeth went to Choctaw to compete in the Elementary Novice State Wrestling Tournament. Ryan Johns won first place in Division 1 Light Heavyweight, and Matthew Howeth won first place in Division 1 Heavyweight. Congratulations boys.

January 23, 1994



## NOTES FROM THE PREACHER...

### "You Are Still Carnal"

Paul wrote in 1 Corinthians 3:3, "For you are still carnal. For where there are envy, strife, and divisions among you, are you not carnal and behaving like mere men?"

The word **carnal** has a wide scope of meaning. It includes sexual and sensual sins but is also used to include tempers and dispositions expressing themselves in strife and dissensions. In Romans 7:14, it is used to distinguish between the physical and spiritual nature.

Paul informed the Corinthians that he could not speak to them as though they were spiritual since they were led by the impulse of the flesh, (1 Cor. 3:1). He also points to the need they had to be given milk rather than food suitable for mature Christians. Milk was best suited to the digestive system of the weak and helpless. Although a sufficient time had elapsed for them to be eating spiritually mature food, their failure to deny the flesh indicated their continued need for the food appropriate only for infants.

How were they carnal? Verses 3 and 4 of 1 Corinthians 3 lists envy, strife and divisions as the reasons for this classification. In Galatians 5:19-21, Paul lists the works of the flesh in more detail. Where these things exist, the flesh rules!

We see the same problems in the 20th Century church. We still must fight against jealousy, envy, gossip, parties and factions. The devil wants to disturb the peace of the church and even lead the strong back to carnal practices. We just can't be careful enough when it comes to this issue. We all need to regularly examine self and always strive for the higher ground of spirituality.

-Bill Hamrick

**IN NEED OF PRAYERS** Doug and Loretta Anderson and family. Our brethren in Haiti.

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All ladies are invited to Park Plaza Ladies Day fellowship and luncheon on Wednesday, October 5. Barbara Houch will be the guest speaker. For more information see the flier which is posted.

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All youth are invited to a **Lock-in** at Turley Children's Home this coming Friday, September 30. See Ken for information.

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The next youth devotional is next Sunday at the Byers' home. All youth are invited to attend.

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Today marks the beginning of our Lectureship. The theme is "The Mission of the Church". The speakers will be:

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| Sunday am    | Marty Kessler | "Taking the Word to Others"           |
| Sunday pm    | Bill Burton   | "Edifying and Caring for One Another" |
| Monday pm    | Bill Keele    | "Striving for Higher Goals"           |
| Tuesday pm   | Norman Easter | "Steadfastness"                       |
| Wednesday pm | Will Mayhew   | "Remembering Our Heavenly Prize"      |

### OUTWARD, INWARD, FORWARD, ONWARD & UPWARD

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Turley Children's Home is gearing up for their annual dinner Thursday, the 6th of October. This year we will be moving the location of the dinner. It will be held at the Central church of Christ's new facility in Claremore. The building is located off of Route 66 on Blue Starr Drive, directly behind the church building. This is an excellent time to bring your change cans or a check for the amount of all of your change cans. We hope that many of you will attend.

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The Sapulpa church is sponsoring their 3rd Annual Ladies Retreat at Frog Road Christian Camp on Friday and Saturday, September 30, and October 1. See the bulletin board for further details.

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Please fill your change can for Turley Children's home. Remember the goal is to put at least \$25 in each can. If you prefer to write out a check for your donation, just drop it in your change can.

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**WIN BY NOT QUITTING**-Keep your faith growing by feeding upon the promises of the Bible. Never stop believing God's Word. The quitter is never a winner and the winner is never a quitter.

September 25, 1994