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Concerning Seasons and Church Calendars

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In the Churches of Christ, we typically don't recognize special seasons or holy days in the year. While members may choose to do so individually, it is not a practice of the congregation as a whole. However, many of our religious neighbors do, and it seems appropriate therefore to be aware of what is going on.

Late November marks the beginning of the church calendar as observed throughout much of church history. This is an important date for highly liturgical churches, such as Catholic, Episcopal, or Lutheran. Eastern Orthodox churches use a slightly different calendar that starts about three months earlier. Mark Roberts, a former Presbyterian pastor, explains, "The Christian year, sometimes called the church year or the liturgical year, is a centuries-old way that many Christians have ordered the 365-day year. It depends, not on the positions of the sun and moon, nor on the start and end of school, nor on the requirements of the IRS, but rather on key aspects of the life of Christ that are coordinated with the solar calendar. The major holidays (literally, holy days) in the church year are Christmas (December 25), Good Friday and Easter (in the spring, dated according to Jewish Passover), and Pentecost (seven weeks after Easter). Every other special day or season fits around these crucial days (Advent, Epiphany, Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, Holy Week, Maundy Thursday, etc.)." He goes on to write, "Now, let me hasten to add that nothing in Scripture demands recognition of the church year. We do not have in the New Testament some equivalent to Leviticus 25, where God lays out for Israel the major fasts and feasts during the year. So, although the liturgical year is structured around the biblical story of Jesus, it is not commanded in Scripture in the way of the Jewish holidays for the Jews. ... The church year, therefore, is not something all Christians must observe, or must observe in exactly the same way."

What use is this information to us if we don't actually follow any liturgical calendar at this congregation? It gives us greater awareness of what is going on around us among our religious neighbors. Paul writes, "Therefore let no one pass judgment on you in questions of food and drink, or with regard to a festival or a new moon or a Sabbath" (Col. 2:16). We should not judge our neighbors for their observances of religious seasons. Nor should they judge or condemn us for not observing as they do. Whether you observe these seasons or not, Paul cautions us to make sure that you live to honor God at all times, "One person esteems one day as better than another, while another esteems all days alike. Each one should be fully convinced in his own mind. The one who observes the day, observes it in honor of the Lord. ..." (Romans 14:5-6). As Paul says, be convinced in your own mind, and be sure to honor God and others in this and all seasons of the year.

by Benjamin J. Williams

SUNDAY

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

WEDNESDAY

Bible Classes for All Ages 7:00 pm

Teachers for the Winter Quarter

Sunday

Auditorium: Birth and Early Ministry of Jesus, James Hamilton

Young Adult: Apologetics, Ben Williams

Teens: Birth and Early Ministry of Jesus, Matt Caldwell

4th-6th grade: Birth, Early Ministry of Jesus, Thomas Hallsted

Teacher: Debbie Witchurch

Nursery: Steven & Jennifer Wetzel

Toddlers: Tonya Davidson, Jennifer McCafferty

4 & 5 yrs: Autumn Caldwell, Melinda Jones

1st-3rd grade: Cathy Burcham, Mickey Hecht

Wednesday

Auditorium: The Trinity, Ben Williams

Teens: Explorer series: the Church, Topper Causby

4th-6th grade: will meet with the Teen class

1st-3rd grade: Karen Brown, Rachel Figueiredo

Toddlers: Earline Lierly

Nursery: Kaci Martinez



*Happy
Thanksgiving!*

We wish you a wonderful and safe, Thanksgiving holiday!

CHRISTMAS PARTIES

Sunday, Dec 7th there are two Christmas Parties

- * The youth (4th grade & up) will go to Ben and Selene's home during class time and have a youth devo until 6:00 then have their youth party. (please bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$10.00).
- * There will be a gathering after evening services in the fellowship room for anyone else, please bring sandwiches, finger foods, snacks, etc. If you wish to participate in an ornament exchange bring a wrapped ornament costing no more than \$5.00.



Wednesday, Nov 26th

Due to Thanksgiving holiday, services are moved to Tuesday night

Thursday and Friday, Nov 27th & 28th

The office will be closed

Sunday, Nov 30th

5th Sunday special contribution

Sunday, Dec 7th

Teen Christmas Party after evening service at Ben & Selene's home (bring a wrapped gift costing no more than \$10)

Christmas party in the fellowship room after PM services

Sunday, Dec 14th

Corporate Meeting 3:30

upcoming
work dinners
events fellowship
retreats picnics games parties meetings

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Our sympathy is extended to Judy Bankston and family after sudden passing of her son-in-law. Her address is 5880 Oaks Lane / Beggs, OK 74421 (Judy visits with us often and brings two little girls with her).
- Leasa Mulkey's step-dad, Al Gilbert, was taken by ambulance to St Francis and are running tests on him; they found him unresponsive after returning from foot surgery on her mother, Sue Gilbert.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; David Guten (Afghanistan);
- **Our friends and family:** Suzanne Stamps; Sue Gilbert (Leasa's mother); Jeannene Thomas (cancer); Barbara Vaughan; Eric Vaughan (heart); the Mulkey family; Larry Isaacs (chemo); Bryant Calip (chemo); Maggie Ryan (cancer); Daniel Cessor (cancer); James Hultman (cancer); Maile Reedy (kidney transplant); Darcy Ives (cancer) & others.

OUR SERVICE MEN

It was good to see Jenna Sullivan last week in services. Let us keep all of them in our prayers while they are away from their families.

LADIES

Ladies, if you would like to be added or taken off of the communion schedule, please give Susan Yeager a note on or before Sunday, Dec 14th. Thank you.

HOODIES

The Glenpool Middle School students send us their thanks for the hoodies. They are a great help to many students who needed the extra warmth.

CONGREGATION TO CONSIDER....

The Elders would like to put Keith Riggs' name before the congregation to be considered for the office of an Elder. If you have any scriptural concerns please see one of our current Elders, Jesse Byers, Bobby Hill or Bill Path, this week.



WEDNESDAY, NOV 26TH

Wednesday, Nov 26th services will be moved to Tuesday, Nov 25th due to the Thanksgiving holiday. There will be NO classes, everyone will meet in the auditorium for a special service.

SPECIAL CONTRIBUTION

Next Sunday is a 5th Sunday and we will have our Special Contribution for the building fund. The Elders understand this is an expensive time of year but they are wanting to give everyone the opportunity to give.

CORPORATE MEETING

On Sunday, Dec 14th there will be a Corporate Meeting at 3:30; officers and trustees for 2015 will be elected at this meeting. This is an open meeting for all members of the Glenpool church of Christ.

THANK YOU CARD

We received a Thank You card from Dillon Myrick that says "Thank you very much for the care package and the notes of encouragement. It was so nice to be reminded of my kind church family in Glenpool." It is posted on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Melinda Jones, Nov 25	Karen Brown, Dec 5	Randy & Karen Brown, Dec 16
Earline Lierly, Nov 27	Scott Lack, Dec 11	Ryan Pulliam, Dec 18
Oliver Tuggle, Nov 27	Jerry Morgan, Dec 12	Ben Williams, Dec 18
Fisher Patterson, Dec 1	Henry Lack, Dec 12	Selene Williams, Dec 20
Topper & Melissa Causby, Dec 1	Steven Wetzel, Dec 14	Lenora Hamrick, Dec 22
Zac Caldwell, Dec 5	Keith Riggs, Dec 15	Eddie & Debbie Whitchurch, Dec 22

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Attendance: Last Week

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

122
161
Snow
84

Contribution

Sunday Contribution \$3,609.66
Budget \$4,185.00
Over Budget \$5,687.57
Building Fund \$4,744.23

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader Bill Path
Opening Prayer Harry Reeve
Scripture Reading Sonny Pulliam
Closing Prayer Chris Patterson
Lord's Table Scott Lack
Todd Khoury
Jack Lierly
Randy Brown
Carl Burrus
Hayden Bullinger

Greeter

Bruce & Lilia
Steve & Sandy

Ushers

Bob Hecht
Randy Crawford

Lock Building

Johnny Riggs and Bob Simmons

Announcements

Bobby Hill

Sunday Evening

Song Leader Bill Path
Opening Prayer Steve Wetzel
Closing Prayer Jeff Bullinger
Lord's Table Jack Lierly
Randy Brown

Wednesday Evening

Song Leader James Hamilton
Opening Prayer Todd Khoury
Closing Prayer Robert Hill

Communion Preparation

11/2 Susan Yeager
11/9 Renee Whitchurch
11/16 Mickey Hecht
11/23 Barbara Girod
11/30 Debbie Whitchurch
12/7 Selene Williams
12/14 Bayla Burrus
12/21 Lilia Rothell
12/28 Becky Byers



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

Search Programs:

Nov 23 - Give Thanks
Nov 30 - Do You Believe?
Dec 7 - In Spirit and Truth
Dec 14 - Why Am I Here?
Dec 21 - The Gift of Love
Dec 28 - A Doer Who Acts

Sunday Morning Sermon

Jonah Series: "Sitting & Complaining"
Jonah 4:1-4
Benjamin Williams

Sunday Evening Adult Class

Pastoral Epistles
Benjamin Williams