

GLENPOOL church of Christ

Attendance: Last Week

	Contribution	
Sunday Bible Classes	128	Sunday Contribution \$4,746.66
Sunday AM Worship	168	Budget \$4,371.00
Sunday PM Worship	100	Over Budget \$8,910.19
Wednesday Bible Classes	154	Building Fund \$4,488.25

Men To Serve

Sunday Morning

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Bill Path
Scripture Reading	Bob Hecht
Closing Prayer	Topper Causby
Lord's Table	Sonny Pulliam
	Jerry Morgan
	Harry Reeve
	Zac Tenison
	Wes Wadkins
	Hayden Bullinger

Greeter

Dennis & Kay	
Robinson	
Jerry & Nola	

Ushers

Buller	
Steve Rucquoys	
Richard Senn	

Lock Building

Johnny Riggs and Bob Simmons

Announcements

Bobby Hill with James Hamilton as backup
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Sunday Morning Sermon

"The Sign of Bread"

John 6:10-14

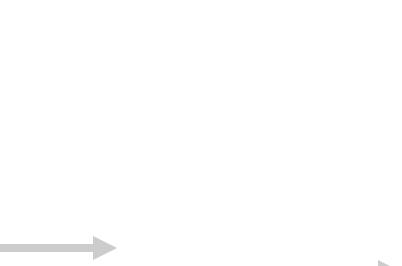
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Sunday Evening

A Study of the Church of Christ (Continued)

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Discipline of Gardening

Gardening is rarely seen as a spiritual discipline, however, there are few other places where I find constant reminders and illustrations of God's Word, His goodness and His working in our lives. God meets me in the garden.

What's funny is, I used to hate gardening. When I was a young boy, my father kept a garden next to our creek, and it was the job of my brother and I to pull weeds. Pulling weeds during a hot Oklahoma summer wasn't exactly my idea of fun. I considered our task to be a mild form of torture, and so I decided that gardening was not for me. However, one day, my father approached me with an offer that changed my entire outlook on the torturous task of pulling weeds. He offered me

an area (about 15 ft x 15 ft) of the garden to be my very own! I would be able to decide what was planted there, and I would be the one to take care of it. This excited me, and I jumped at the chance (my dad was wiser than I thought). I planted pumpkins and cantaloupe. Every morning, I would hop out of bed and immediately head to my section of the garden. I would carefully search for every new weed that had emerged overnight. I would happily stay on my knees while ensuring that my garden was completely weed free. My perspective on gardening had officially changed.

Fast-forward to 2015. I now grow a large garden every year, and my children pull weeds beside me. Our garden currently has over 40 tomato plants, bell peppers, jalapenos, cayenne peppers, habaneros, ghost peppers, trinidad scorpion peppers, carolina reaper peppers (hottest pepper in the world....my wife thinks I'm crazy), potatoes, onions, pinto beans, pink-eyed purple hulls, green beans, corn, squash, zucchini, spaghetti squash, leaf lettuce, romaine lettuce, cucumbers and okra. The little boy from Oklahoma that once hated gardening, is absolutely crazy about it now. Within a rectangular section of dirt, my God provides numerous reminders of His truth, plenty of food for my family, and even food to share with others. Gardening is a blessing!

In the description of creation in the first two chapters of Genesis, we find that God is speaking the wonders of his creation into being. In chapter two, verse eight, we find that God is a gardener. He has "planted" a garden, and this is where He places Adam. We are told in verse fifteen that Adam's task is to work the garden and take care of it. It is in the garden where God walks with His creations. It is in this garden that we find the tree of life (Gen. 2:9). Tragically, it is in this same garden, where we find the fall of mankind (Gen. 3).

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Sundays at 7:30 am
Channel 47
In Truth in Love 8:00 am
Channel 47

Search Programs:

July 26—Mark of the Beast
August 2—Life in Christ
August 9—God the Father
August 16—Jesus the Son

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



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A lot of our volunteers had a full week of Vacation Bible School. We are going to take a week off from Monday Night for the Master and give everyone a break. Stay tuned. We will be back next week.

Now that sin had entered the creation, Adam and Eve were banished from the garden, cut off from the tree of life, and a curse was placed on the ground: "Cursed is the ground because of you; through painful toil you will eat of it all the days of your life. It will produce thorns and thistles for you, and you will eat the plants of the field. By the sweat of your brow you will eat your food until you return to the ground, since from it you were taken; for dust you are and to dust you will return." (Gen. 3:17-19).

Because gardening is such a major theme found throughout Scripture, it should be no surprise to us when we find valuable lessons and reminders about God and His Word while in the garden. For example, the other day I noticed something very odd on some of my potato plants. There were small "tomato-like" fruit growing at the top of the potato plants (but as you know, the actual potato grows underground). I had never seen anything like it before. I took a picture and sent it to my dad and to a couple of gardening experts that I know. None of them had seen this before. We were all baffled. It looked as though my potato plants were also producing tomatoes (ketchup and fries!!!). My dad cautioned me to not eat them since we weren't sure what they were. Another friend did some research and found that they were the "true fruit" of potato plants, and were actually poisonous.

What looked like a tomato to me, had the potential to kill me and my family. God meets me in the garden, and He teaches me. How often does Satan feed us falsehood disguised as truth? We see him do this as he twists Scripture while tempting Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4 and Luke 4). Jesus was able to withstand the temptations because He was trained in the Word. Ephesians 6:14 tells us to stand firm with the belt of truth buckled around our waist. The belt was the first part of the armor that a Roman soldier would put on. It was vitally important because it held the breastplate in place and it held the sword. If the belt was not properly in place, then the armor would lose much of its effectiveness in protecting the soldier. If we are not spending time with God in His Word (THE truth), then our belt of truth will not be secure, meaning the breastplate of righteousness will not be in place, leaving us completely vulnerable to the attacks of Satan. Our enemy may present us with falsehood that looks strikingly close to truth. We need to be trained by God's word to be able to recognize truth from lies. If we don't, what may seem like truth to us, just might kill us.

by Michael Jones

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

There will be a fellowship meal after evening services tonight. Bring sandwiches and ice cream! Group Riggs is responsible for setting up and cleaning up.

upcoming events

Sunday, July 26

Fellowship Meal

July 31-Aug 1

Youth Trip to Branson

August 9

Leadership Workshop, Elders and Deacons Meeting, A/V Training

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Betty Jo Hetzel has a bulging disk and is currently in a lot of pain.
- Jack Madding has a torn bicep near the attachment to his shoulder.
- Karen Brown is improving slowly. She is still struggling a little to get up and down but she is finding ways to cope with the pain.
- Barbara Vaughan's son Eric will have major heart surgery at St Johns hospital on Aug. 4th.
- Henry Lack is having some health problems.
- Kevin Marquette, a former member, has been diagnosed with stage four colon cancer.
- Those on vacation and on the road traveling.

Service men and women: Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear

Our friends and family: Suzanne Stamps; Jeannene Thomas; Barbara Vaughan; Eric Vaughan (heart); Bryant Calip (chemo); Bill Taylor (cancer); Stephanie White; Betty Jo Hetzel; Henry Lack; Robert Vaughan; and others

FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

Mark your calendars. We will be having a friends and family day on Sunday September 27th.

AUGUST 9

On August 9th there will be a Leadership Workshop from 2-3. An Elders and Deacons meeting from 3-4. And A/V training from 4-5 for all volunteers interested.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Stephanie White, July 26

Alex Tuggle, July 26

Larry & Jane Potter, July 27

Karen Myrick, July 29

Wes Wadkins III, July 30

Dennis & Kay Robinson, July 31

Sherri Carr, August 1

Tiffany Rothell, August 1

Jack Myrick, August 4

Tucker Davidson, August 4

grow
bonding
leadership
camp
fellowship
devos
youth
excitement
lock-ins
energy
fun



YOUTH TRIP TO BRANSON

July 31-Aug 1, Youth in grades 6-12

There will be a brief parent meeting today after worship. The final schedule and medical forms are in the church office. See Matt for any questions.

HOPE HARBOR

Hope Harbor change cans are here! Please take one with you and fill it up with change for the kids. They will need to be back around the 1st of Sept. Thank you for helping the kids.

SENIOR SAINTS PROGRAM

If you are interested in participating or have ideas see James Hamilton.

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

It is time to start thinking about collecting school supplies again. If you know of a child that needs supplies please give the name and a list of items needed to Keith Riggs. Supplies need to be brought to the church building by August 9th. Any supplies not used here will be given to one of the local schools. A list has been posted on the bulletin board—you are welcome to take one.

SUMMER SERIES

Our Wednesday night speaker will be Bobby Hill from Glenpool.

Rachel Figueiredo, August 6

Steve & Sandy Rucqouy, August 6

Matthew Caldwell, August 6

Carl Burrus, August 6

Melissa Causby, August 6