

# Glenpool Church of Christ

## Shared Hells

Satan's craftily orchestrated plot, rolled along according to plan by his agents Judas, Pilate, Herod, and Caiaphas, culminated in the death of God. And this very event, Satan's conclusion, was God's premise. Satan's end was God's means. God won Satan's captives -- us -- back to himself by freely dying in our place.

It is, of course, the most familiar, the most often-told story in the world. Yet it is also the strangest, and it has never lost its strangeness, its awe, and will not even in eternity, where angels tremble to gaze at things we yawn at. And however strange, it is the only key that fits the lock of our tortured lives and needs. We needed a surgeon, he came and reached into our wounds with bloody hands. He didn't give us a placebo or a pill or good advice. He gave us himself.

He came. He entered space and time and suffering. He came, like a lover. He did the most important thing and he gave the most important gift: himself. It is a lover's gift. Out of our tears, our waiting, our darkness, our agonized aloneness, out of our weeping and wondering, out of our cry, "My God, my God, why hast Thou forsaken me?" he came, all the way, right into that cry.

He sits beside us in the lowest places of our lives, like water. Are we broken? He is broken with us. Are we rejected? Do people despise us not for our evil but for our good, or attempted good? He was "despised and rejected of men." Do we weep? Is grief our familiar spirit, our horrifyingly familiar ghost? Do we ever say, "Oh, no, not again! I can't take it any more!"? Do people misunderstand us, turn away from us? They hid their faces from him as from an outcast, a leper. Is our love betrayed? Are our tenderest relationships broken? He too loved and was betrayed by the ones he loved. "He came unto his own and his own received him not."

Does it seem sometimes as if life has passed us by or cast us out, as if we are sinking into uselessness and oblivion? He sinks with us. He too is passed over by the world. Does he descend into our hells? Yes. No matter how deep our darkness, he is deeper still. Does he descend into violence? Yes, by suffering it and leaving us the solution that to this day only a few brave souls have dared to try. Does he descend into insanity? Yes, into that darkness too. Even into the insanity of suicide? Can he be there too? Yes, he can. "Even darkness is not dark to him." He finds or makes light even there, in the darkness of the mind.

Love is why he came. It's all love. The buzzing flies around the cross, the stroke of the Roman hammer as the nails tear into his screamingly soft flesh, the infinitely harder stroke of his own people's hammering hatred, hammering at his heart -- why? For love. God is love, as the sun is fire and light, and he can no more stop loving than the sun can stop shining.

Henceforth, when we feel the hammers of life beating on our heads or on our hearts, we can know -- we must know -- that he is here with us, taking our blows.

*from a text by Peter Kreeft*

March 20, 2016

### ELDERS

**Bobby Hill**

**Bill Path**

**Keith Riggs**

**David Tenison**

### PULPIT MINISTER

**Benjamin Williams**

### PRISON MINISTER

**Bill Hamrick**

### DEACONS

**James Hamilton,**

WORSHIP

**Thomas Hallsted,**

FELLOWSHIP

**Todd Khoury**

BUILDING & GROUNDS

**Johnny Riggs,**

MEMBER SERVICES

**Bruce Rothell,**

MISSIONS

**Zac Tenison,**

YOUNG FAMILIES

**Edwin Whittlesey,**

ADMINISTRATION

### SECRETARY

**Karen Brown**

**Belong. Learn. Serve.**



## Monday Night for the Master

Every Monday Night  
Come When You Can  
6:30-ish to 8:00-ish  
Info: David Tenison  
or Ben Williams

### Planned for This Monday

- ⇒ Decorate 4-6th grade class room and the teen class room
- ⇒ Gather food for Back Packs for Kids program
- ⇒ Write cards / letters
- ⇒ Remodeling the Family restroom and ladies restroom

## Mark 10 / Back Packs for Kids

### Items needed:

- Oatmeal
- Fruit cups
- Beef sticks
- Fruit snack
- Vienna sausage
- Peanuts
- Cash accepted!



If you missed checking the bottom of the next page showing the birthdays and anniversaries, please do so. We have two wedding anniversaries we would like to draw your attention to... Johnny & Marcia Riggs will have their 59th anniversary on the 23rd and Henry & Winnie Lack will have their 65th on March 25th. Congratulations!

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

- Our young men will conduct the Wednesday evening devo on Wednesday, March 23rd. Class time will be shortened by about 10 minutes.
- Wednesday, March 30th is the 5th Wednesday and we will have a singing night. There will be no classes.



### Wednesday, March 23

Young men will conduct the devo

### Sunday, March 27

No potluck dinner, Easter Sunday

### Wednesday, March 30

5th Wednesday singing night

### Saturday, April 2

Ladies Breakfast 8:00—10:00

### Sunday, April 10

Glenpool will host a Youth Rally

### Saturday, April 16

Frog Road Camp work day

### Sunday, April 17

Wedding shower for Tiffany Rothell 3:00  
Elder's and Deacon's meeting 3:00

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Jesse Byers had heart surgery Wednesday morning. As you know he has been having irregular / fast heart beats for a few years, so the doctors went in a cut the lead to the heart that makes the heart beat and will install a new pacemaker that will keep his heart beating for him. He is home and doing well.
- Darrell Burcham had surgery on Tuesday, Cathy reports he is doing well and they were to follow up with their doctor on Friday.
- Toni O'Neal will have her hysterectomy surgery on Thursday, March 24th.
- David Claybrook, an 8th grade student at Kiefer school is in ICU with swelling of the brain.
- Barbara Girod, as she continues to recover after her shoulder surgery; Chris Mulkey as he recovers from his back surgery. It was good to see both of them last Sunday.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; Josh Triay (Becky's nephew)

**Long Term Prayer List:** Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Berta Wheatley (Marcia Hill's mother, stroke); Stephanie White (pain); Dolores Scherman; Marcia Hill;

## LADIES

Ladies you are invited to attend a Ladies Breakfast on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00-10:00 am in the fellowship room. The younger ladies will do the serving and Sandra Tenison will be the speaker. For questions see Zac Tension.

## LOST RING

A ring has been found, if you think it is yours please see Karen.



## YOUTH ACOMPLISHMENTS

- ◇ **Hadley Senn** can name the 4 gospel books
- ◇ **Reid Figueiredo** can name the Five books of Law

## THE MASTER'S CARD

There are some things money can buy, for everything else there's the Master's card.

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My name is written on the card for all to see.

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## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Colby Martinez, Mar 22

Cindy Khoury, Mar 22

Michael Figueiredo, Mar 23

Johnny & Marcia Riggs, Mar 23  
(59 years!)

Janice O'Shields, Mar 24

Vickie Crawford, Mar 24

Henry & Winnie Lack, Mar 24  
(65 years!)

Hayden Bullinger, Mar 25

Alex Riggs, Mar 29

Matthew Hamilton, Mar 30

Elizabeth Hamilton, Mar 30

Lindsey Bain, Mar 31

Betty Simmons, Apr 4

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Matt Caldwell
Table	1. Wes Wadkins 2. Keith Riggs 3. Randy Brown 4. Jack Lierly 5. Zac Tenison 6. Jared Collett
Scripture Reading	Joseph Whittlesey
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter

### SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Jeff Bullinger
Table	1. Randy Brown 2. Keith Riggs
Closing Prayer	Carl Burrus

### WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	The Young Men
Opening Prayer	Will conduct the service
Devotional	
Closing Prayer	

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4,236
Budget	\$4,625
Under Budget	(\$118)
Building Fund	\$164

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	121
Sunday AM Worship	176
Sunday PM Worship	77
Wednesday Bible Classes	79

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

3/20	Earline Lierly
3/27	Cathy Burcahm
4/3	Marilyn Pulliam
4/10	Stephanie Bullinger

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

3/20	Lilia & Rita
3/27	Saundra & Nancy
4/3	Stephanie & Mackayla
4/10	Tonya & Toni

### SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Classes / 9:30 am  
 Worship / 10:30 am

### SUNDAY EVENING

Devotional & Classes / 5:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Devotional & Classes / 7:00 pm

### Sunday Morning Sermon

“Trusting to the End”  
 Luke 23:39-46  
 Benjamin Williams

### Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 80

Sunday Evening Adult Class:  
 “A Study of Isaiah”  
 Benjamin Williams