

Glenpool Church of Christ

In the Light of Victory

We think of the cross and resurrection of Jesus as breaking the power of sin. But if the power of sin, death, and evil has been broken, how can we make sense of the fact that it still continues to plague us? Human history and Christian experience tell us of a constant struggle against sin and evil in our own lives, even as Christians. There is a real danger, it would seem, that talking about the “victory of faith” will become nothing more than empty words, masking contradiction between faith and experience. How can we handle this problem?

A helpful way of understanding this difficulty was developed by a group of distinguished writers, such as C.S. Lewis in England. They noticed important parallels between the New Testament and the situation during the Second World War. The victory won over sin through the death of Christ was like the liberation of an occupied country from Nazi rule. We need to allow our imaginations to take in the sinister and menacing idea of an occupying power. Life has to be lived under the shadow of this foreign presence. And part of the poignancy of the situation is its utter hopelessness. Nothing can be done about it. No one can defeat it.

Then comes the electrifying news. There has been a far-off battle. And somehow, it has turned the tide of the war. A new phase has developed, and the occupying power is in disarray. Its backbone has been broken. In the course of time, the Nazis will be driven out of every corner of Europe. But they are still present in the occupied country.

In one sense, the situation has not changed, but in another more important sense, the situation has changed totally. The scent of victory and liberation is in the air. A total change in the psychological climate results. I remember once meeting a man who had been held prisoner in a Japanese prisoner-of-war camp in Singapore. He told me of the astonishing change in the camp atmosphere which came about when one of the prisoners (who owned a shortwave radio) learned of the collapse of the Japanese war effort in the middle of 1945. Although all in the camp still remained prisoners, they knew that their enemy had been beaten. It would only be a matter of time before they were released. And those prisoners, I was told, began to laugh and cry, as if they were free already.

The end of the Second World War in Europe came about a year after the establishment of the bridgeheads in Normandy in June 1944. But an objective change had taken place some time before in the theatre of war - with a resulting subjective change in the hearts and minds of the captive people. And so with us now. In one sense, victory has not come; in another, it has. The resurrection declares in advance of the event God's total victory over all evil and oppressive forces - such as death, evil, and sin. Their backbone has been broken, and we may begin to live now in the light of that victory, knowing that the long night of their oppression will end.

from a text by Alister McGrath

March 27, 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!

EGG HUNT

We are going to have an egg hunt after services this evening for our little ones. If you would like to bring some goodie filled eggs this evening for them to find that would be great. Please put them in the tub in the foyer. Thanks!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Wednesday, March 30th is the 5th Wednesday and we will have a singing night. There will be no classes.



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

- Edmond Collett will have surgery on Thursday, March 31st.
- Toni O'Neal had her hysterectomy surgery on Thursday, March 24th; all went well and she should have gone home from the hospital on Friday.
- It was good to see Jesse Byers at services last Sunday after his heart surgery and new pace-maker. He left a card for the congregation, it will be posted on the bulletin board.
- **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

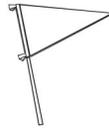
Ladies you are invited to attend a Ladies Breakfast on Saturday, April 2nd from 8:00-10:00 am in the fellowship room. **Please sign the sheet either on the bulletin board or on the clip board in the foyer today** if you plan on attending. The younger ladies will do the serving and Sandra Tenison will be the speaker. For questions see Zac Tension.



WELCOME

We are happy to announce that Christine Pulliam has place membership with us. She is the wife of Marc Pulliam. Welcome Christine!

Youth activities



YOUTH RALLY

Sunday, April 10th the Glenpool church will host a youth rally for the area church of Christ congregations.

- ◆ Speaker is Scott Keele from Broken arrow
- ◆ Song leader is Edwin Whittlesey
- ◆ At 4 pm there will be games and singing
- ◆ At 5 pm will be our regular worship time
- ◆ At 6 pm we will provide a meal for our guests
- ◆ **PARENTS: please have your children wear a Glenpool t-shirt or hoodie, and be here by 4 pm!**
- ◆ For questions see Ben, he will be able to direct you to the correct person.

WEDDING SHOWER

Come be a part of the Wedding Shower for Tiffany Rothell, the daughter of Bruce & Lilia Rothell. It will be on Sunday, April 17th at 3 pm in the fellowship room. Tiffany does not have a registry. You are welcome to bring a wedding gift of your choosing, or add to a money tree at the shower for her to use toward a gift of her choice for their home. If you wish to contribute funds in advance of the shower you can give it to Lenora Hamrick, Barbara Girod, or Earline Lierly.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Alex Riggs, Mar 29

Matthew Hamilton, Mar 30

Elizabeth Hamilton, Mar 30

Lindsey Bain, Mar 31

Betty Simmons, Apr 4

Sarah Hallsted, Apr 5

Ian Hill, Apr 7

Coleman McVay, Apr 8

Jessica Khoury, Apr 9

Debbie Whitchurch, Apr 11

Nola Buller, Apr 19

Easton Tenison, Apr 19

Harry & Mary Reeve, Apr 20

Colton Treat, Apr 21

Barbara Girod, Apr 21

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	David Tenison
Table	1. Ryan McCafferty 2. Jerry Morgan 3. James Hamilton 4. Topper Causby 5. Zac Caldwell 6. Darrel Kent
Scripture Reading	Hayden Bullinger
Closing Prayer	Jerry Morgan

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Table	1. James Hamilton 2. Jerry Morgan
Closing Prayer	Robert Hallsted

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Todd Khoury
Devotional	
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4,964
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$220
Building Fund	\$164

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	150
Sunday AM Worship	175
Sunday PM Worship	97
Wednesday Bible Classes	96

COMMUNION PREPARATION

3/27	Cathy Burcham
4/3	Marilyn Pulliam
4/10	Stephanie Bullinger
4/17	Nancy Riggs
4/24	Shirley Hill

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

3/27	Saundra & Nancy
4/3	Stephanie & Mackayla
4/10	Tonya & Toni
4/17	Debbie & Autumn
4/24	Bobby & Shirley

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

“Destroying Every Rule”
 1 Corinthians 15:19-26
 Benjamin Williams

Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 81

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