

# Glenpool Church of Christ

## Psalm 23: Defiance & Devotion

Suppose just for a moment that our favorite and most comforting funeral psalm was about something else? Psalm 23 is a favorite of all and memorized by many. It is peaceful and pastoral, and so it appeals to us in days of grief. What else is it?



**1. It is the answer to a question.** Human hearts are full of questions. We might ask David, “Who is your shepherd?” Who is it that guides you and

shapes your life? David answers, “The LORD is my shepherd.” The God of Israel and none other directs his life. Does he desire some other god? Does he lack anything while in God’s care? No. “I shall not want.” But does this shepherd really act in your life, David? Is he not a distant god, uninvolved in human affairs? “He makes me lie down ... He leads me ... He restores my soul.” To what end does he do all this, David? “He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.”

**2. It is a prayer of defiance.** Human power is always tied to death. The worst thing we can do to each other is violence, and the greatest power a mortal can hold is the threat of death. As such, death permeates this world. We walk in death’s valley, beneath death’s shadow (v. 4). David’s song is one of defiance because he refuses to be chased by the fear of death or ruled by the power of death. “I will fear no evil, for you are with me.” David, do you not fear the rod of oppression and the staff in the hand of foreign kings? No. Only the Lord’s might matters to David, and it is a provider of shelter and care, not malice. “Your rod and your staff, they comfort me.”

**3. It is a song of devotion.** Human life is often self-absorbed. I attend to my own needs. I satisfy my own desires. I heal my own hurts. But this is not the life of a believer. We trust in the Lord’s care. “You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies; you anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.” Rather than living in anxiety over the future, the believer trusts in the future of God. “Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life.” In response to God’s goodness, we devote ourselves to worship. “And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.”

*by Benjamin Williams*

April 17, 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

- ⇒ Gather food for Back Packs for Kids program
- ⇒ Teacher's work room
- ⇒ Decorate 4-6 grade class room
- ⇒ Remodeling the Family restroom and ladies restroom

NOTE: This is the home stretch! We will be suspending our Monday Night program after school is out for the summer. Finish strong!

## Mark 10 / Back Packs for Kids

### Items needed:

- Goldfish
- Chex mix
- Mac & cheese (cups)
- Fruit cups
- Rice krispies treats
- Cereal bars
- Capri sun
- Cash accepted!



### BABY SHOWER

There will be a Baby Shower for Rachel Tenison on Sunday, May 1st at 3:00 in the fellowship room. Zac & Rachel are having a girl and are registered at Target.

### VBS MEETING

Vacation Bible School meeting on Sunday, April 24th at 3:00 (probably in the fellowship room). See Selene or Debbie W. if you have questions.

### WEDDING SHOWER

The Wedding Shower for Tiffany Rothell, will be this afternoon at 3 pm in the fellowship room. You are welcome to bring a wedding gift of your choosing, or add to a money tree at the shower. Hostesses are Lenora Hamrick, Barbara Girod and Earline Lierly.



### Sunday, April 17

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

### Wednesday, April 20

Young men will conduct the devo

### Friday, April 22

Senior Saints outing to see Azaleas in Muskogee

### Saturday, April 23

Middle Agers fellowship 6:00 pizza & pie

### Sunday, April 24

VBS meeting at 3:00  
Fellowship meal after evening service, group Tenison

### Sunday, May 1

Baby Shower for Rachel Tenison 3:00

### Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

### Sunday, May 15

Baby Shower for Yvonne Collett 3:00

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Ruth Henry is home from the hospital after having a small stroke and a new stint to replace the old clogged stint that was giving her problems. She does have some heart damage but she is feeling a little better.
- **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;

## SENIORS SAINTS

The Seniors are welcome to attend an outing to see the Azaleas at Honor Heights Park in Muskogee on Friday, April 22nd. You will leave the church building about 9:00 am, tour the park, have lunch and be back at the building around 2 :00. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend, if you have questions see Bobby Hill.



## FELLOWSHIP MEAL

There is a fellowship meal planned for Sunday, April 24th after evening services. Group Tenison is responsible for setting and cleaning up.

## PLACED MEMBERSHIP

We are happy to announce two families have placed membership with us: Bob & Virginia Burrus 11622 So. Mulberry Lane / Jenks, OK 74037 and David & Julia Talley and children Morgan and Carson 511 Lexington Rd / Sapulpa, OK 74066. Welcome to Glenpool!



## YOUTH ACOMPLISHMENTS

- ◇ **Carson Talley** can name the 3 Works of the Church

## WEDNESDAY EVENING

This Wednesday evening our young men will be conducting the devotional. Class time will be shortened about 10 minutes.

## MIDDLE AGERS

The Middle Agers are invited to a pizza, Pictionary and peach pie party on Saturday, April 23rd at 6:00 pm in the fellowship room. Please let David Tenison know in advance if you are coming so he can order enough pizza.

## DIRECTORY PICTURES

Today is the day we start taking pictures! Families with the last name beginning with A-E should have theirs taken **today** immediately after morning services. (Please have all your family members there and ready for pictures—it will go much faster that way.) F-M please be prepared for next Sunday.

## FROG ROAD CAMP WEEK

Camp begins June 12th this year. If you plan on attending camp go to the web site [Frogoroad.com](http://Frogoroad.com) and apply on-line before the application deadline of May 16th.



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nola Buller, Apr 19  
Easton Tenison, Apr 19  
Harry & Mary Reeve, Apr 20  
Colton Treat, Apr 21  
Barbara Girod, Apr 21

Nyla Nunley, Apr 23  
Stephanie Bullinger, Apr 25  
Becky Senn, Apr 26  
Jake Yeager, Apr 30  
Paula Hamilton, Apr 30

Jim & Susan Yeager, May 1  
Marcia Hill, May 1  
Reid Figueiredo, May 2  
Larry Potter, May 4  
Caleb Hallsted, May 5

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Bruce Rothell
Table	1. Wes Wadkins 2. Keith Riggs 3. Randy Brown 4. Steve Wetzel 5. Zac Tenison 6. Steve Rucquoy
Scripture Reading	Joseph Whittlesey
Closing Prayer	Johnny Riggs

### 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	Young Men
Opening Prayer	
Devotional	
Closing Prayer	

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4,596
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$639
Building Fund	\$164

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	154
Sunday AM Worship	210
Sunday PM Worship	204
Wednesday Bible Classes	101

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

4/17	Nancy Riggs
4/24	Shirley Hill
5/1	Rita Risley
5/8	Renee Whitchurch

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

4/17	Debbie & Autumn
4/24	Bobby & Shirley
5/1	Tammy C. & Dana
5/8	Tracy & Kennedy

### 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

“Satan’s Design For Worship”

Eph. 2:1-3

John Shafer

### Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 84