

# Glenpool Church of Christ

## New Heaven, New Earth (Revelation 21:1-5)

When has there been a moment in your life when you have said to yourself, 'This is new'? I don't just mean a car with a few new gadgets, or a meal with a different combination of sauces and seasonings - though these, too, may point in the right direction. I'm think-



ing more of major life-experiences in which we think to ourselves, 'Everything is going to be different now. This is quite new. This is a whole new world opening up.'

Such experiences might well include some major life-events: birth, marriage, full recovery from a long and dangerous illness, the experience of someone new coming to live with you. All these, interestingly, feature in the list of images which John uses as he builds up this breathtaking picture of the new heaven and new earth. 'I will be his God and he shall be my son' (Revelation 21:7): a final new birth. The holy city is like 'a bride dressed up for her husband': a wedding. There will be 'no more death, or mourning or weeping or pain any more': the great recovery. And, central to this whole picture, and indeed explaining what it all means, is the great promise: 'God has come to dwell with humans.' The new, permanent guest.

Putting it like this is in danger of belittling John's picture, trimming it down to our comparatively trivial examples. But, as with all symbolism, these are signposts pointing into the unknown future; and at every point John is saying, "It's like this, but much, much more so.' The new heaven and new earth will be new in a new way; newness itself will be renewed, so that instead of a mere transition within ongoing human life, what God has planned will be the renewal of all things. 'Look,' he said, 'I am making all things new.'

All things: here we have the new heaven, the new earth, the new Jerusalem, the new Temple (which is the same things as the new Jerusalem; as we shall see, there is no temple in the city because the whole city is the new temple), and, not least, the new people, people who have woken up to find themselves beyond the reach of death, tears and pain. 'The first things have passed away.'

*by N.T. Wright in Revelation for Everyone*

May 1, 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.**

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It's time to plant our gardens. May I suggest the following...

Plant three rows of squash: 1. Squash gossip  
2. Squash criticism  
3. Squash indifference

Plant three rows of peas: 1. Purity  
2. Patience  
3. Perseverance

Plant six rows of lettuce: 1. Let us be unselfish  
2. Let us be faithful  
3. Let us read the scriptures  
4. Let us not be weary in well doing  
5. Let us be obedient in all things  
6. Let us love one another

No garden is complete without turnips:

1. Turn up for church and Bible study
2. Turn up with a smile, even if things are difficult
3. Turn up with determination to do your best for God

May you grow in God's grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

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## Mark 10 / Back Packs for Kids

Items needed:

- Pop Tarts
- Juice
- Instant Oatmeal
- Vienna Sausage
- Peanut butter
- Crackers
- Fruit cups
- Cash accepted!

## BACK PACKS FOR KIDS

We only have a couple of weeks left to fill back packs for kids in this school year. You can continue to bring items and they will be stored for the fall semester **\*\*please watch out for the expiration date!\*\*** or you can donate funds and it will be saved until the fall semester and used on our tax free account at Sam's or Walmart. See Debbie W. for questions.

## MEALS

Anyone who would like to help provide a meal for Zach and Rachel Tenison please see Selene Williams. Thanks

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### Sunday, May 1

Pictures N-R

Baby Shower for Rachel Tenison 3:00

### Sunday, May 8

Mother's Day

### Sunday, May 15

Pictures S-Z

Baby Shower for Yvonne Collett 3:00

Young Families fellowship picnic in Glenpool park

### Wednesday, May 18

The young men will conduct the devotional

### Sunday, May 22

Picture taking make up day

### Sunday, May 29

5th Sunday: special contribution, potluck (group Path), early service

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Taylor Morgan was able to go home from the hospital last Tuesday evening. He is still trying to recover from his leg infection. His address is 7909 E. 66th St So. / Apt G / Tulsa, OK 74133 if you would like to send him a card.
- Todd Khoury's grandmother is fighting pneumonia, the family has asked for prayers.
- Let's continue to remember Mary Watson after her fall and hitting her head and Ruth Henry.
- **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;

## BABY SHOWERS

- ◆ There will be a Baby Shower for Rachel Tenison this afternoon at 3:00 in the fellowship room. Rachel is registered at Target and baby girl Hazel is already here.
- ◆ There will also be a Baby Shower for Yvonne Collett on Sunday, May 15th at 3:00 in the fellowship room. Yvonne is having a boy.



## YOUNG FAMILIES

The Young Families group will have a picnic at the Glenpool park on Sunday, May 15th after evening services.

*A teacher affects eternity; he can never tell where his influence stops.*



## FROG ROAD CAMP WEEK

Camp begins June 12th this year. If you plan on attending camp go to the web site [Frogroad.com](http://Frogroad.com) and apply on-line

before the application deadline of May 16th.



## DIRECTORY PICTURES

Families with the last name beginning with **N-R** 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.) Next Sunday is Mother's Day and no pictures will be taken, so S-Z be ready on Sunday, May 15th.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK

As the Elders consider hiring a Youth Minister what questions would you ask him? What would you like to know about him? There is a treasure box in the foyer to put your questions in for the committee or the Elders to consider asking the applicants for the position of Youth Minister. These questions are due by Sunday, May 8th. Thank you for your help.

*April Showers  
bring May  
flowers*



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jim & Susan Yeager, May 1

Marcia Hill, May 1

Reid Figueiredo, May 2

Larry Potter, May 4

Caleb Hallsted, May 5

Edwin Whittlesey, May 10

Valerie Whittlesey, May 12

Tonya Davidson, May 13

Bill Path, May 13

Toni O'Neal, May 17

Makenzie Causby, May 17

Alyssa Whittlesey, May 17

Steven & Jennifer Wetzal, May 18

Zac & Rachel Tenison, May 20

Lydia Jones, May 22

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Billy Path Sr.
Table	1. Wes Wadkins 2. Ryan McCafferty 3. Keith Riggs 4. Jeff Bullinger 5. Hayden Bullinger 6. Larry Potter
Scripture Reading	Zac Caldwell
Closing Prayer	Randy Crawford

### SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	David Tenison
Table	1. Keith Riggs 2. Ryan McCafferty
Closing Prayer	Zac Tenison

### WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Devotional	
Closing Prayer	Billy Path Sr.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$5,200
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$1,215
Building Fund	\$164

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	129
Sunday AM Worship	166
Sunday PM Worship	90
Wednesday Bible Classes	81

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

5/1	Rita Risley
5/8	Renee Whitchurch
5/15	Barbara Girod
5/22	Mickey Hecht

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

5/1	Tammy C. & Dana
5/8	Tracy & Kennedy
5/15	Jennifer W. & Renee
5/22	Melissa & McKenzie

### 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

“The Temple Is the Lamb”

Revelation 21:1-6

*Benjamin J. Williams*

### Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 86

Sunday Evening Class:

“A Study of Isaiah”

*Benjamin J. Williams*