

Glenpool Church of Christ

About New Songs & Song Selection

We are grateful for the talents of our song leaders. I think that very few of us understand the difficulty of their task given the diverse family who sings together here.

We are a blended congregation, meaning that many of our members are new and many are from various places and backgrounds. This also means that our personal list of “songs we know” may not match the list of the person sitting next to us, not to mention the person leading singing. Every congregation has their own favorites, and this congregation reflects many different congregations. The result is that from time to time our song service includes hymns which are very familiar to some while being completely unfamiliar to others. It is a challenge that is not easily resolved.

To help ensure that as many people as possible know the songs we sing, the elders have asked James Hamilton to help the song leaders by pointing out songs that he suspects might be unfamiliar to many. James has been assembling the worship slides for a while now, and he is in an ideal position to be aware of our song selection trends. This is a difficult task for James, and no one seriously thinks that it will be a perfect process. Hopefully, it will work over time to create a worship service that is uplifting and encouraging more often than not.

But what about the other songs? Are we now limited to just the songs that we already know? Not at all. The elders have also decided to implement a process to help the congregation learn new songs on a regular basis.

Each time that James helps us to identify a requested song that is unfamiliar, he will add it to a list. Each month, one song on that list will be selected for the congregation to learn. All of the regular song leaders will be asked to attempt to learn it and lead it in either a Sunday evening or Wednesday evening service. In addition to giving each song leader a chance to practice the song, it will expose the congregation to the song several times over the course of a month. Additionally, an audio file of the song will be made available online if one can be found for distribution. If deemed necessary, we may even schedule a practice run or two before a worship service or Bible class. After a month of learning the new-to-us song, all song leaders will be welcome to include it in the Sunday morning rotation.

This isn't a perfect process, and we are not perfect people. We want to include the favorite songs of as many people as possible without creating a worship environment that is utterly unfamiliar to others. With your patience and support, I believe this proposal from James and the Elders will lead to a noticeable improvement in our hymn service and in our ability to share in the glorification of God.

by Benjamin Williams

May 8, 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.

What Is A Mother?

It takes a mother's love to make a
house a home
A place to be remembered no matter
where we roam.
It takes a mother's patience to bring a
child up right
And her courage and her cheerfulness
to make a dark day bright.
It takes a mother's thoughtfulness
to mend the heart's deep hurts
and her skill and her endurance
to mend little socks and shirts.
It takes a mother's kindness to forgive
us when we err,
to sympathize in trouble,
and to bow her head in prayer.
It takes a mother's wisdom to recog-
nize our needs
and to give up reassurance by
her loving words and deeds.

-Helen Steiner Rice-



Don't be discouraged if your children reject your advice. Years later they will offer it to their own offspring.

As they were on the way to church services, a Sunday school teacher asked her class why it was important to be quiet in church.

One little girl replied, "Because people are sleeping."

YOUTH AND FAMILY MINISTER POSITION

We have two possible candidates for the above position, Zach Megee and Nathaniel Michael. Each will be here on a different Sunday in June and will be teaching a class and worshipping with us. At noon there will be a Meet & Greet luncheon so you can visit with him. There will be more details coming later this month. Please pray about this endeavor.



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

Saturday, June 4

Frog Road Camp clean up day

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Rosalie O'Neal has come down with a case of the shingles.
- Eric Vaughan is home from the hospital after his heart surgery. Barbara has asked us to continue to keep Eric in our prayers.
- Darla Smith, the mother of Sandra Tenison, has ongoing health problems.
- Todd Khoury's grandmother is fighting pneumonia, the family has asked for prayers.
- **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;

MEETING

Elder's & Deacon's meeting, Sunday, May 15, 3:00

MEALS

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

YOUNG FAMILIES

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

QUESTIONS TO ASK

As the Elders consider hiring a Youth Minister what questions would you ask him? There is a 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 this evening.



YOUTH ACOMPLISHMENTS

- **Reid Figueiredo** can quote John 3:16
- **Ruby Tenison, Roman Martinez and Carson Talley** can all say the Fruits of the Spirit. Great work everyone!

FROG ROAD CAMP WEEK

Camp begins June 12th this year. If you plan on attending camp go to the web site Frogroad.com and apply on-line before the application deadline of May 16th.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

Our young men will conduct the Wednesday night devotional on May 18th. Class time will be shortened by 10 minutes.

BABY SHOWER

There will be a Baby Shower for Yvonne Collett on Sunday, May 15th at 3:00 in the fellowship room. Jared & Yvonne are having a boy.



DIRECTORY PICTURES

Families with the last name beginning with **S-Z** should have theirs taken next week immediately after morning services. (Please have all your family members there and ready for pictures—it will go much faster that way.) Sunday, May 22nd will be the Sunday for make up photos.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Darrel & Dana Kent, May 31

Paul Ennis, June 1

Zackary Treat, June 3

Richard & Becky Senn, June 3

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Jesse Byers
Table	1. Sonny Pulliam 2. Todd Khoury 3. James Hamilton 4. Johnny Riggs 5. Dennis Robinson 6. Darrel Kent
Scripture Reading	Thomas Hallsted
Closing Prayer	Topper Causby

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Jerry Morgan
Table	1. James Hamilton 2. Todd Khoury
Closing Prayer	Bruce Rothell

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Joseph Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Bill Hamrick
Devotional	
Closing Prayer	Steve Wetzel

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$5,468
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$2,093.72
Building Fund	\$164

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	129
Sunday AM Worship	185
Sunday PM Worship	82
Wednesday Bible Classes	84

COMMUNION PREPARATION

5/8	Renee Whitchurch
5/15	Barbara Girod
5/22	Mickey Hecht
5/29	Debbie Whitchurch

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

5/8	Tracy & Kennedy
5/15	Jennifer W. & Renee
5/22	Melissa & McKenzie
5/29	Yvonne & Becky S.

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 Woman & The Lamb”

Revelation 12:1-6

Benjamin J. Williams

Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 87

Sunday Evening Class:

“A Study of Isaiah”

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