

Glenpool Church of Christ

Where Sinners Go

I read an article the other day that began with a story of a Christian named Jim who was talking with his non-Christian friend named Bob. Jim knew Bob well enough to know that Bob was not totally anti-God, he just had something against religion and churches in general. So Jim struggled with how to talk with his friend about his faith. But one day he decided to take a different approach and he said to Bob: “Hey Bob do you know where sinners go?” “That’s easy, Bob replied. You’re going to tell me they go to hell.” “No”, Jim replied, “they go to church.”

Bob was speechless. Never would he have expected a Christian to say that he sinned just like him. And so Jim was able to open up a conversation with Bob and help him to see that the main difference between a Christian and a non-Christian is that Christians recognize their sinfulness and have been saved by the grace of God. He was able to explain grace – the unmerited favor we have from God despite our sinfulness (Rom.5:8-9). Not only that, but as long as we understand our inability to be perfect, acknowledge our sin, our gracious God forgives us (1ST John 1:7-9).

As Christians we must remind ourselves that the church is a fellowship of redeemed sinners. We seek to please God but we are not perfect and we will make mistakes, sometimes bad mistakes. We struggle with the temptations of the devil as all men do. We come to church not only to worship God, but to be encouraged and strengthened by our fellow brothers and sisters-in-Christ. Gal. 6:1-2 reminds us: “Brothers, if anyone is caught in any transgression, you who are spiritual should restore him in a spirit of gentleness. Keep watch on yourself, lest you too be tempted. 2 Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.” Therefore an important part of why we come together is to recognize our struggles and help each other overcome temptations; together defeating the devil and all his deceit.

It is in this fellowship of redeemed sinners that we have something special; a bond that many times is stronger than blood. And so as we talk to our non-Christian friends, we should emphasize to them that the church is more than a building where Christians worship. And that is not a group of people that think they are better than others; nor a group that thinks they live sinless lives. But instead it is a group of sinners that has been saved by the grace of God. And in response to that grace, we as Christians strive to turn away from sin. We strive to please our blessed Savior, knowing that we cannot live as perfect as He did. And we don’t condemn the lost, we seek their salvation just as He did. “For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through Him might be saved.” John 3:17

by Bruce Rothell

June 12, 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.

I know it isn't Father's Day yet (next Sunday) but I don't think I will have room for a poem next week.

It's So Nice To Have A Dad Around The House

Dads are special people -
No home should be without-
For every family will agree
They're so nice to have about.
They are a happy mixture of a small boy and
a man,
And they're very necessary in every family
plan.

Sometimes they're most demanding
And stern and firm and tough.
But underneath they're soft as silk,
For this is just a bluff.
But in any kind of trouble Dad reaches out
his hand,
And you can always count on him
To help and understand.
And while we do not praise Dad
As often as we should.
We love him and admire him,
And while that's understood,
It's only fair to emphasize
His importance and his worth,
For if there were no loving dads,
This would be a loveless earth.



I cannot even begin to thank all the people who have worked and given generously to make Faith Week 2016 at Frog Road Christian Camp possible. We have had tireless workers mowing, repairing, painting, and building. We have donations to the camp itself and also directly to our session. This year saw the remodel complete for the kitchen and the purchase and installation of a new air handler for the Boy's Dorm. We are blessed! Thank you so much for all that you do. The campers may never see your face or know your name, but the benefit they receive at camp is made possible by your work in the Lord. It is not in vain.

- Benjamin J. Williams



Sunday, June 12

Frog Road Camp Faith Week

Wednesday, June 15

Summer Series, our speaker will be Robert Prater from Crosstown

Sunday, June 19

Father's Day

Nathaniel Michael will try out for Youth & Family Minister
Elder's and Deacon's meeting for June has been cancelled

Wednesday, June 22nd

Summer Series, our speaker will be David Tenison

Sunday, June 26

Ted Simons will try out for Youth & Family Minister
Congregational picnic with ice cream (group Hill; after pm services)

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Jerry Morgan's brother, Wayne Morgan is having health problems.
- Winnie Lack reports that their pre-mature great granddaughter, Faith Eaton, is doing very well and will be released from the hospital any day now.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; Josh Triay (Becky's nephew)

Long Term Prayer List: Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Stephanie White (pain); Dolores Scherman; Faith Eaton (g-grddau. Of Henry & Winne); Taylor Morgan (leg not healing);

CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to announce that Jared and Yvonne Collett are the proud parents of a baby boy. Alexander Collett born Tuesday, June 7th weighing 7 lbs 7 ozs and 20" long. All are home and doing well.



PARENTS

There will NOT be any classes for the kids this evening or on Wednesday evening. A lot of our youth will be at camp and a lot of our teachers will be there too.

MEETING

The Elder's and Deacon's meeting has been cancelled for the month of June.

YOUTH ACOMPLISHMENTS

- ◇ **Alexa Whittlesey** can name all the sons of Jacob.
- ◇ **Savannah Caddell** knows the 3 Works of the Church; and the family trees of Adam and Eve and Abraham & Sarah.

Good work girls!

LOST AND FOUND

Have you misplaced your glasses? There is one pair left on the desk in the foyer. The frames are a pretty blue, with speckles on the ear pieces.

RIDING TO CAMP

If you are riding camp with Bobby Hill, or need a ride PLEASE check in with him this morning, as soon as you can!!

FELLOWSHIP MEAL

Our monthly fellowship meal is scheduled for Sunday, June 26th after evening services. Please bring items that you would bring for a picnic and ice cream. Group Hill is responsible for setting and cleaning up.



LADIES DAY

We are invited to attend a Ladies Day at the Coweta congregation on Saturday, June 18th from 9:00-12:00 with a salad luncheon provided following the lessons. The flyer is posted on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Kelsey Riggs, June 12	Chris & Tracy Patterson, June 19	Deb Path, June 25
Alyssa Caddell, June 13	Kenneth Collins, June 20	Harry Reeve, June 26
Chris Mulkey, June 13	Virginia Burrus, June 21	Edwin & Val Whittlesey, June 27
Leasa Mulkey, June 15	Spencer Yeager, June 23	Ben & Selene Williams, June 28
Dennis Robinson, June 16	Jared & Yvonne Collett, June 23	Eddie & Renee Whitchurch, July 1

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Jesse Byers
Table	1. Sonny Pulliam 2. Todd Khoury 3. David Tenison 4. Johnny Riggs 5. Dennis Robinson 6. Darrel Kent
Scripture Reading	Thomas Hallsted
Closing Prayer	Topper Causby

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	Jerry Morgan
Table	1. David Tenison 2. Todd Khoury
Closing Prayer	Bruce Rothell

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Todd Khoury
Devotional	Summer Series
Closing Prayer	Matt Caldwell

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4,581
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$939

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	144
Sunday AM Worship	181
Sunday PM Worship	111
Wednesday Bible Classes	107

COMMUNION PREPARATION

6/12	Bayla Burrus
6/19	Lilia Rothell
6/26	Becky Byers
7/3	Leasa Mulkey

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

6/12	Lilia & Rita
6/19	Saundra & Nancy
6/26	Stephanie & Mackayla
7/3	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

Jesus & the Weak: "The Invisible"
 Luke 7:36-40
 Benjamin J. Williams

Sunday Afternoon Devo: Psalm 92

Sunday Evening Service will be a worship service,
 but no classes due to so many being at camp.