

Glenpool Church of Christ

God of All Comfort

The movie “Miracles of Heaven” tells the true story of a young girl named Annabel who recovers from an incurable intestinal disorder. My take from the movie though is not about the girl’s recovery nor her vision of heaven. Instead I saw two parents struggle with their faith, and in the end their faith is greatly strengthened because they went through their trials. One parent, the mother of Annabel, for a time appeared to lose her faith as she shows signs of doubting God; wondering why God allowed this to happen to her daughter and not understanding why God seemed not to be answering her prayers. The other parent was the father of a girl who had cancer and the daughter dies after having shared a room with Annabel. He had no faith to begin with and doubted the existence of God. But Annabel gives her necklace with a cross to his daughter; telling her that the cross gave her comfort and helped her trust that God was near. The daughter with cancer does find comfort in the necklace during her dying days and as a result her father begins to believe there is a God who responds to the needs of people. Annabel discovered something most Christians struggle with – how to comfort the dying and the bereaved.

Perhaps, the greatest challenge we as Christians may face is how to bring comfort to others facing trials. Whether it’s life threatening or not, Christian or non-Christian, it is a difficult task to help someone in need of encouragement. Those who have been through various hardships are the best equipped for this task. Paul in 2 Cor. 1:3-4 says, “Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of mercies and God of all comfort, who comforts us in all our tribulation, that we may be able to comfort those who are in any trouble, with the comfort with which we ourselves are comforted by God.” The trials we face accomplish two of God’s purposes. First, they strengthen our own faith when we overcome or learn to deal with our trial; then secondly they prepare us to help others overcome their trials.

Christians who experience grief or go through long illness or other difficult ordeals, they know that God’s comfort seldom comes immediately, even though God has the power to bring comfort at His will. Instead the hurting Christian learns to deal with their present circumstance through God’s assurance; the assurance that if they hold onto their faith eventually things will get better. This is God’s promise, this is the anchor for the soul written about in Hebrews 6:18-19. And this is what we should share with the hurting and the grieving, Christian and non-Christian. This is one very important way that we share the love of Christ to the hurting and lost of this world. So we should remember that the God of all comfort prepares us to comfort others.

by Bruce Rothell

July 24, 2016

ELDERS

Bobby Hill

Bill Path

Keith Riggs

David Tenison

PULPIT MINISTER

Benjamin Williams

PRISON MINISTER

Bill Hamrick

DEACONS

James Hamilton,

WORSHIP

Thomas Hallsted,

FINANCE

Todd Khoury

BUILDING & GROUNDS

Johnny Riggs,

MEMBER SERVICES

Bruce Rothell,

MISSIONS

Zac Tenison,

YOUNG FAMILIES

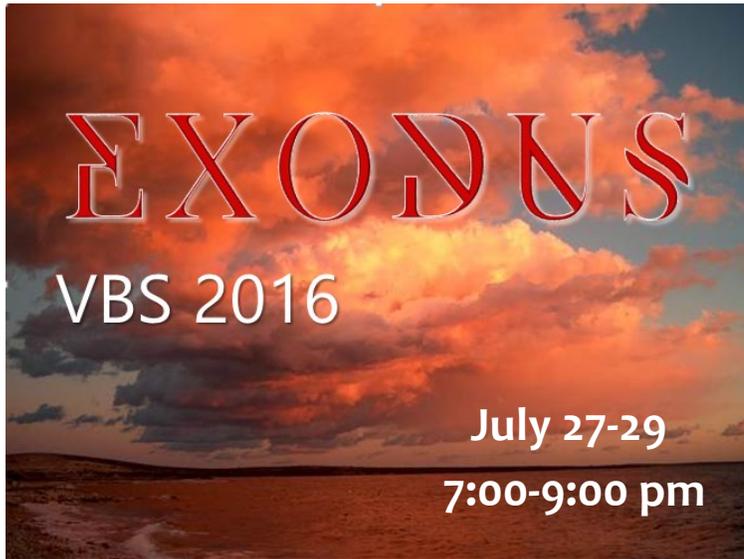
Edwin Whittlesey,

ADMINISTRATION

SECRETARY

Karen Brown

Belong. Learn. Serve.



Vacation Bible School

- It would be very helpful if you pre-registered your children on our church website Glenpoolchurchofchrist.com
- Adults, you will have your regular class time/ service from 7:00-8:00 on Wednesday while the kids have their VBS from 7:00-9:00. (There will be no adult class on Thursday or Friday.)

SCHOOL SUPPLIES

We only had one person to collect school supplies for and they have been helped.



MARK10 PROGRAM

We will be doing the Back Packs for Kids/ Mark10 Program again this year. If you wish to donate funds there is a container on the desk in the foyer for that. A list of needed items will be printed in the coming weeks. For questions see Debbie Whitchurch.

HELP RE-STOCK TEACHER'S SUPPLY ROOM

Here is a list of items we could use to help re-stock our teacher's supply room: Fiskars rounded/blundt nosed kid scissors, glue sticks and crayons.

Also, if you have any of the plastic cans that pre-made icing comes in with the lid.

CONGRATULATIONS

Sloan and Lindsey Bains are the proud parents of baby Savanna born Wednesday, July 20th, weighing 8 lbs 1 oz. All are doing well.



Wednesday, July 27

Summer Series speaker will be Kent Brown from Northwest, OKC

Wednesday-Friday, July 27-29

Vacation Bible School

Saturday, July 30

VBS clean up day by the Young Families group

Sunday, July 31

5th Sunday, noon potluck (group Riggs), early 1:00 service

Sunday, Aug 14

Elder's and Deacon's meeting 3:00

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Rosalie O'Neal informed us Wednesday night that she has stage 3 kidney failure. The doctors are looking for the cause of this failure and treatment options. Please keep Rosalie in your prayers.
- Dolores Scherman (former member) is now at home under hospice care. Per Christie's (their daughter) email, she weighs about 80lbs now, and can only take a couple of steps. You are welcome to visit her and Dean.
- Let's continue to remember Ruth Henry, Alan Trimble and Wayne Morgan, all with health problems.
- The violence and unrest in our country.
- Those that are on vacation and traveling this summer.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear;

Long Term Prayer List: Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Stephanie White (pain); Dolores Scherman;); Steven Cornejo; Alan Trimble (ALS); Wayne Morgan;

NEW CHURCH DIRECTORY

We have printed a new church directory. They are in the foyer. Please take only one today and if you want or need more let Karen know and she can print some for you. Also, if you have any corrections let her know and we will try and get it corrected before we print again.

YOUNG FAMILIES

The Young Families group is scheduled to help with VBS clean up the Saturday after VBS is over. See Zac Tenison for questions.

YOUTH ACOMPLISHMENTS

- ◇ **Morgan Talley** can quote John 3:16
- ◇ **Alexa Whittlesey** can tell you what happened on the Days of Creation.
Good work girls!

THANK YOU, JERRY BULLER!

This month is Jerry Buller's final month as our church bookkeeper. It is a thankless job that he has done as a volunteer for many years. On behalf of the elders and the entire congregation, we say a sincere thank you for all your efforts! Thomas Hallsted will be serving as the Deacon of Finance at the end of this month's transition.

POTLUCK, 5th SUNDAY

Sunday, July 31st is our Back-to-School Potluck luncheon. This is a 5th Sunday so the following activities will occur:

- 2nd contribution
- Noon potluck—Group Riggs (set/clean up)
- 5:00 evening services moved up to 1:00

THANK YOU

We wish to thank the Khoury family for cleaning up the water that blew in from the storm a few days ago. It left a big wet spot in the foyer and a few other places. If they had not checked on the building it would have ruined the carpet. Thanks again!

10th & ROCKFORD

The 10th & Rockford congregation is celebrating their 100th Anniversary. They will hold a reception on Saturday, Aug 6 from 3-5 pm and a singing from 7-9 pm. For more information see the flyer posted on the bulletin board.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Stephanie White, July 26
Larry & Jane Potter, July 27
David & Julia Talley, July 27
Karen Myrick, July 29
Wes Wadkins, III, July 30

Dennis & Kay Robinson, July 31
Sherri Carr, Aug 1
Tiffany Rothell, Aug 1
Jack Myrick, Aug 2
Tucker Davidson, Aug 4

Christine Pulliam, Aug 4

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Keith Riggs
Table	1. Eli Prescott 2. Jerry Morgan 3. Thomas Hallsted 4. Bob Hecht 5. Devin Prescott 6. Darrel Kent
Scripture Reading	Joseph Whittlesey
Closing Prayer	Zac Tenison

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Todd Khoury
Table	1. Thomas Hallsted 2. Jerry Morgan
Closing Prayer	Carl Burrus

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	James Hamilton
Opening Prayer	Todd Khoury
Devotional	Summer Series
Closing Prayer	Michael Brown

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4,368
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$1,097

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	148
Sunday AM Worship	214
Sunday PM Worship	104
Wednesday Bible Classes	92

COMMUNION PREPARATION

7/24	Kay Robinson
7/31	Shawna Caddell
8/7	Edwards Ladies
8/14	Autumn Caldwell
8/21	Tonya Davidson

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

7/24	Tammy C. & Dana
7/31	Jennifer W. & Renee
8/7	Melissa & McKenzie
8/14	Deb P. & Sandy
8/21	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

“Above Alternatives”

Colossians 2:6-8

Benjamin J. Williams

Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 98

Sunday Evening Class: *Apologetics*