

Glenpool Church of Christ

Chains of Regret

Do you have deep regrets over things done or not done in your past? I suspect that most if not everyone does. Who has not done something that they wished they hadn't done. But some things we do are difficult to forget. They burrow into our memory like a thorn in our side. I remember talking to a friend who had a deep regret for having slapped his daughter in a fit of anger because she had talked back in disobedience. He confided to me, that even though he had apologized to his daughter many times, the remorse was more than he could bear. And he could not forgive himself nor doubted that his daughter ever had, for there always seemed to be rift between him and his daughter. Many people carry such deep burdens of regret, and are troubled by lack of forgiveness. In particular, they can't forgive themselves. David regretted his adultery with Bathsheba and the Killing of Uriah so much so that it left him devastated. In Psalms 32:3-4, he wrote: "When I kept silent, my bones grew old through my groaning all the day long. For day and night Your hand was heavy upon me; My vitality was turned into the drought of summer." David's guilt was such that all the energy to carry on his life was sapped out of him. But then he confessed his guilt to God and found relief for his soul. Verse 5 says: I acknowledged my sin to You, and my iniquity I have not hidden. I said, "I will confess my transgressions to the Lord," And You forgave the iniquity of my sin." By his confession to God, David was able to overcome his deep remorse and find the strength to continue life once more. There are many people today who are bound by the chains of regret, unable to find forgiveness from loved ones or themselves. They are in desperate need of the forgiveness of a loving Father who remembers our sins no more, Heb. 8:12. It is only from God the Father, that we can receive the grace of forgiveness when our choices have produced painful regrets. We as Christians should be appreciative of God's grace, so much so that we feel an obligation to inform a friend, neighbor or loved one about God's forgiveness. The chains of regret can be such a harsh burden, but they need not be unbearable. It can be especially helpful to those who are so burdened to know that they are not alone; for as we noted at the beginning most of us do have deep regrets. The forgiveness of a loving Father and the compassion of Christian friends can help so much to lessen the burden. I believe the words of Gal. 6:1-2 are just as applicable toward past sins as current sins: "Brethren, if a man is overtaken in any trespass, you who are spiritual restore such a one in a spirit of gentleness, considering yourself lest you also be tempted. Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ."

by Bruce Rothell

September 18, 2016

ELDERS

Bobby Hill

Bill Path

Keith Riggs

David Tenison

PULPIT MINISTER

Benjamin Williams

YOUTH INTERN

Haden Brill

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.

Come to the Table

Friends & Family Day 2016
September 25th



Classes for All Ages	9:30 AM
Worship	10:30 AM
Free Meal Provided	11:30 AM
Brief Devotional	1:00 PM



FRIENDS AND FAMILY DAY

- ⇒ Invite your friends & family (post cards are available in the foyer)
- ⇒ Sign the sheet in the foyer showing what items you will bring for the noon meal (meat will be provided)
- ⇒ There will be a brief devotional at 1:00 pm (**no 5:00 pm service**)



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

Possible Projects:

- ceiling tiles
- paint touch up
- bugs in light fixtures
- carpet stains



FALL FESTIVAL

There will be a Fall Festival for the Toddlers thru Elementary age at the home of David & Sandra Tenison on Saturday, Sept 24th from 6-8 pm.

- Roasting hotdogs & playing games
- Bring your lawn chairs
- If you would like to help with food and drinks there is a sign up sheet on the b-board
- Their address is 6843 N. 120 Rd / Beggs, OK directions are: they live west of Beggs. From Beggs take hwy 16 and go west 4 miles to 120 rd. Turn right onto 120 rd (dirt road) and go 1.2 miles, house on left. New address, so GPS might not work.
- For questions see Sandra Tenison.



Wednesday, Sept 21

Teenage boys will do the devotional

Wednesday, Sept 21 thru Sunday, Sept 25

Wagoner Gospel Meeting

Saturday, Sept 24

Fall Festival for toddlers thru elementary ages 6-8 pm

Sunday, Sept 25

Friends and Family Day

Sunday, Oct 2 thru Tuesday, Oct 4

OC Lectureship

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Bill Dowdy went to the hospital with chest pains last weekend, he is home and will be wearing a heart monitor. They didn't find anything wrong while in the hospital.
- Jesse Byers will have knee replacement surgery on Monday, Sept 26 (he should remain at the Okla Surgical Hospital for about 4 days).
- **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; Rosalie O'Neal (kidneys); Ruth Henry;

WEDNESDAY, SEPT 21

Wednesday, Sept 21 our teenage boys will give the devotional — teachers please remember that you class time will be about 10 minutes shorter.

GOSPEL MEETING

The Wagoner congregation will host a Gospel Meeting Sept 21-25 (Wednesday thru Sunday). A flyer is posted on the bulletin board with more information.

LECTURESHIP

OC will have their Lectureship Oct 2-4. There is a flyer posted on the bulletin board with more information.



YOUTH ACOMPLISHMENTS

- ◇ **Harper Senn** knows the Fruits of the Spirit
- ◇ **Lucas Williams** can say the Books of the New Testament
- ◇ **Roman Martinez** can quote Mark 16:15
- ◇ **Colby Martinez** knows the names of the 4 Gospels.
Good work everyone!

PLACED MEMBERSHIP

Patrick Garrison asked for prayers on his behalf and be restored, he also wanted to place membership with us. Patrick usually sits with his children and his sister Shawna Caddell. Welcome to the Glenpool Church of Christ!

OPEN HOUSE at HOPE HARBOR

Hope Harbor will have their annual Open House on Saturday, Sept 24.



- 10:00 am Silent Auction begins along with kid and family activities
- 11-12:00 lunch includes fish fry, BBQ & more
- 12-1:00 live auction! Bid on items such as a car, gift baskets, art & more.

A flyer is posted on the bulletin board with more information.

The calendar says that Autumn begins this week, I am looking forward to a little cooler weather!

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Robert & Andrea Hallsted, Sept 18

Tammy Carr, Sept 19

Wanda Howard, Sept 19

Austin Russell, Sept 20

Winnie Lack, Sept 20

Jane Potter, Sept 20

Bob Hecht, Sept 21

Jean Brown, Sept 23

Shawna Caddell, Sept 25

Mackayla Bullinger, Sept 25

Ryan & Darla Edwards, Sept 25

Bob & Wanda Howard, Sept 25
(66 years)

Jerrad Treat, Sept 27

Billy Path, Sept 28

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Haden Brill
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Table	1. Wes Wadkins 2. James Hamilton 3. Thomas Hallsted 4. Zac Caldwell 5. Jerry Morgan 6. Darrel Kent
Scripture Reading	Hayden Bullinger
Closing Prayer	Keith Riggs

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Haden Brill
Opening Prayer	Jeff Bullinger
Table	1. Thomas Hallsted 2. James Hamilton
Closing Prayer	Matt Caldwell

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer	Bob Howard
Devotional	Benjamin Williams
Closing Prayer	Zac Tenison

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$5,078
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$490

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	179
Sunday AM Worship	235
Sunday PM Worship	96
Wednesday Bible Classes	90

COMMUNION PREPARATION

9/18	Earline Lierly
9/25	Cathy Burcham
10/2	Marilyn Pulliam
10/9	Stephanie Bullinger

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

9/18	Tonya & Toni
9/25	Debbie & Autumn
10/2	Bobby & Shirley
10/9	Tommy C. & Dana

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 Sermon Series: Written in Red
 "To the Dishonest"
 Luke 16:1-4
 Benjamin J. Williams

Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 106
Sunday Evening Classes:
 Prayer (Benjamin J. Williams, Auditorium)
 Evangelism (Bruce Rothell, Chapel)