

Glenpool Church of Christ

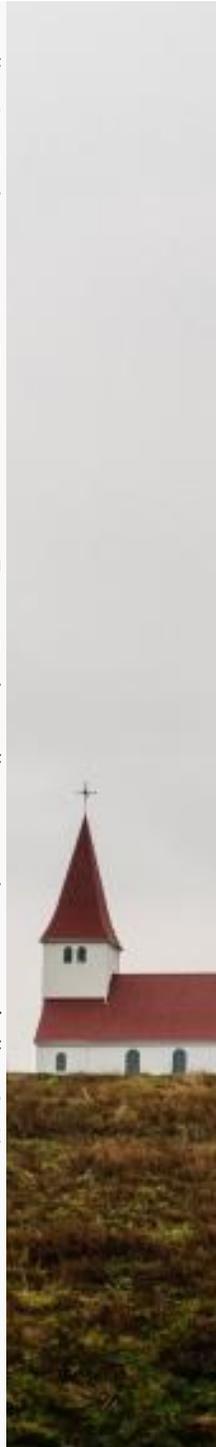
The Meaning of the Word “Church”

I use the word “church” with a somewhat heavy heart. I know that for many of my readers that very word will carry the overtones of large, dark buildings, pompous religious pronouncements, false solemnity, and rank hypocrisy. But there is no easy alternative. I, too, feel the weight of that negative image. I battle with it professionally all the time.

But there is another side to it ... For many, “church” means just the opposite of that negative image. It’s a place of welcome and laughter, of healing and hope, of friends and family and justice and new life. It’s where the homeless drop in for a bowl of soup and the elderly stop by for a chat. It’s where one group is working to help drug addicts and another is campaigning for global justice. It’s where you’ll find people learning to pray, coming to faith, struggling with temptation, finding new purpose, and getting in touch with a new power to carry that purpose out. It’s where people bring their own small faith and discover, in getting together with others to worship the one true God, that the whole becomes greater than the sum of its parts. No church is like this all the time. But a remarkable number of churches are partly like that for quite a lot of the time.

Nor must we forget that it was the church in South Africa which worked and prayed and suffered and struggled so that, when major changed and apartheid was overthrown and a new freedom came to that land, it came without the bloodshed we were all expecting. It was the church which stayed alive at the heart of the old Communist eastern Europe, and which at the end, with processions of candles and crosses, made it clear that enough was enough. It is the church which, despite all its follies and failings, is there when it counts in hospitals, schools, prisons, and many other places. I would rather rehabilitate the word “church” than beat about the bush with long-winded phrases like “the family of God’s people” or “all those who believe in and follow Jesus” or “the company of those who, in the power of the Spirit, are bringing God’s new creation to birth.” But I mean all those things when I say “church.”

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YOUNG FAMILIES

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Belong. Learn. Serve.



GOLF TOURNAMENT

There will be a Golf Tournament at the Sapulpa course on Saturday, Oct 15 with all proceeds going to Frog Road Camp. We want to encourage all our golfers to join us in this fun and worthwhile effort. If you don't play golf but would like to help, you may donate to this effort as a hole sponsor. See Bobby Hill for questions.

BAKED GOODIES

Join us for some tasty treats this coming fellowship meal Sunday, October 30! Bring a dessert to include in our Frog Road Camp Fall Fundraiser! Let Yvonne Collett or Selene Williams know if you plan to bring a dessert! More information to come in future bulletins.

SENIOR SAINTS

The Senior Saints will be going to the Golden Corral on Friday, Oct 21st. You will be leaving the church building at 12:30. See Bobby Hill for any questions.

TRUNK-OR-TREAT

If you wish to participate in the Trunk-or-Treat event this year

- ◆ Sign up on the sheet in the foyer to decorate a vehicle or be a helper
- ◆ Time—6 to 8 pm
- ◆ Monday, Oct 31st
- ◆ A meal (at 5:30) will be provided for those who participate
- ◆ If you wish to donate candy there are two tubs in the foyer for these donations.



Sunday, Oct 9

Leadership meeting at 3:00
Young Families picnic after evening services

Saturday, Oct 15

Golf Tournament—proceeds to Frog Road Camp

Wednesday, Oct 19

Teen boys lead devotional

Friday, Oct 21

Youth devo outing to Frog Road Camp

Friday, Saturday, Oct 21-22

Young Families Retreat

Sunday, Oct 30

5th Sunday Fellowship meal—group Hill

Monday, Oct 31

Trunk-or-Treat 6-8 pm

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- There have been no new ill (of our congregation) reported to the office—please keep those on our long term prayer list and our service men and women in your prayers.
- Mike O’Neal, son of Rosalie, has been ill with pneumonia and a blood infection (he went home from the hospital on Friday).
- Those who have been hit with hurricane Matthew out east.
- **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; Shelby family;

YOUNG FAMILIES

- ♦ The Young Families group will have a picnic after services this evening. Each family will need to bring food for their own families and we will be on the playground, so please bring lawn chairs. For questions see Zac Tenison.
- ♦ The Young Families group will also have a Family Retreat on Friday and Saturday, Oct 21-22 at Frog Road Camp. See Ben for details.

BIBLE LECTURESHIP

The Sperry congregation will host a Bible Lecture Oct 9-12, a flyer is posted on the bulletin board with a list of speakers.

MEETING

Leadership Meeting this afternoon at 3:00.

YOUTH

The youth will be going to Frog Road Camp on Friday evening, Oct 21. More details coming.

Brody and Colton Harris can both say the names of the books of the New Testament. (they are visitors, and not related to the Harris family that just placed membership).

FROM THE PRISON MINISTRY NEWSLETTER

Reflections: It is interesting to read the reflections of our students as they complete each lesson. Doing the reflection is a necessary part of receiving a grade for each lesson. The response of each student is a good indicator of how much the lesson was internalized. The following reflections from Mark S. in the Attitudes and Behaviors course is insightful. He writes “At first I had to force myself into the habit of temperance. But the more intimate my relationship with God becomes mature, I realize that temperance is a by-product of living my life according to God’s will”.

We strive to offer classes that help the inmates to see the need for a change of attitude, which in turn can bring about a change of behavior. We are encouraged to see students who are taking classes not just to receive a certificate after completing the course, but to learn how to become a better person. Prison ministry is changing live for the good.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Jennifer McCafferty, Oct 10	Marilyn Pulliam, Oct 19	Noah Bain, Oct 26
James Hamilton, Oct 12	Fredde Path, Oct 19	Daniel & Shawna Caddell, Oct 26
Xander Martinez, Oct 14	Dillon Myrick, Oct 21	Bert Shelby, Oct 26
Mark & Kaci Martinez, Oct 15	Eddie Whitchurch, Oct 24	Keith & Nancy Riggs, Oct 27
Jenna Edwards, Oct 18	Darrell & Cathy Burcham, Oct 25	Steve Rucquoy, Oct 28

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Matt Caldwell
Table	1. Wes Wadkins 2. Steve Rucquoy 3. James Hamilton 4. Randy Crawford 5. Jeff Bullinger 6. Hayden Bullinger
Scripture Reading	Zac Caldwell
Closing Prayer	Jerry Morgan

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	David Tenison
Table	1. James Hamilton 2. Steve Rucquoy
Closing Prayer	Zac Tenison

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Joseph Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Devotional	Benjamin Williams
Closing Prayer	Bob Howard

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$5,230
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$1,339

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	182
Sunday AM Worship	259
Sunday PM Worship	111
Wednesday Bible Classes	102

COMMUNION PREPARATION

10/2	Marilyn Pulliam
10/9	Stephanie Bullinger
10/16	Nancy Riggs
10/23	Shirley Hill

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

10/2	Bobby & Shirley
10/9	Tammy C. & Dana
10/16	Jennifer W. & Renee
10/23	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

“To the Ungrateful”

Luke 17:12-17

Benjamin J. Williams

Sunday Evening Devo: Psalm 109

Sunday Evening Classes:

“Evangelism” with Bruce Rothell

“Prayer” with Benjamin J. Williams