

Glenpool Church of Christ

With Gentleness and Respect

1 Peter 3:15 is a verse I committed to memory many years ago and have tried to live by. The New King James Version says: “But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts, and always be ready to give a defense to everyone who asks you a reason for the hope that is in you, with meekness and fear.” When I memorized it and each time that I recalled it, the emphasis to me was “to always be ready to give a defense” or an answer when someone questioned me about what I believe. But recently I saw something I had missed when I read a different version. The ESV version says: “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect.” The part that I had missed and not grasped before was the last phrase: “yet do it with gentleness and respect.” And it’s that part that can mean the most when we seek to be a witness to others; be gentle and not harsh and have respect for those you witness to.

Having respect for all people is an absolute necessity! We must accept others for who they are. Jesus on many instances was with those who no one else would want to be seen with, Zacchaeus, Levi, the woman at Jacob’s well, and many others. He openly accepted them and treated them as he treated all people. We must do the same. You want others to accept you for who you are and what you stand for; your friend, or anyone you share your faith with will expect the same thing from you. And if we don’t have genuine respect for the other it will be obvious; they will see right through us and turn a deaf ear to that which we profess.

On the other hand, gentleness may not be as obvious, but it is every bit as important. Why? Why did Jesus list meekness as one of the beatitudes (Mt. 5:5) and why did Paul list gentleness as one of the fruits of the spirit (Gal. 5:23)? I think Jesus and his Apostles saw gentleness not as a weakness but a strength in Christians. The gentle Christian will approach witnessing with a humble attitude. Harshness or rudeness has no place in the character of a witnessing Christian. We want to gently lead the lost to see what the scriptures say. We must not present the gospel with a superior attitude, but see ourselves as equals with the lost. Let our attitude be like that of Paul in 1 Thes. 2:7-8: “But we were gentle among you, like a nursing mother taking care of her own children. So, being affectionately desirous of you, we were ready to share with you not only the gospel of God but also our own selves, because you had become very dear to us.”

by Bruce Rothell

October 30, 2016

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Bobby Hill

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David Tenison

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DEACONS

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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.

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.



THANK YOU

A big thank you goes out to Steve Wetzel who gave flu shots to those who wanted one.



Don't forget to move your clocks back one hour on Saturday!

FROG ROAD CHRISTIAN CAMP

Today during our noon meal there will be a silent auction for the desserts you have brought. This is an opportunity to sponsor scholarships for the campers at Frog Road Camp. See Yvonne or Selene for questions.

TWO TEACHER'S MEETINGS

- The teachers for 4th grade and up who will be teaching this next quarter (Dec, Jan, Feb) are asked to come to a meeting on **Saturday, Nov 5th** from 8 to noon. You will be going over the book of Ephesians. Those that would like to teach are welcome to come also.
- The teachers and helpers for 3rd grade and down are asked to come to a meeting on **Sunday, Nov 13th** at 4:15. Debbie is wanting to familiarize our teachers with the new supply room, get your feed back on some items, etc. If you are thinking about being a teacher or helper in the future please come also.



Sunday, Oct 30

5th Sunday Fellowship meal—group Hill; special contribution and 1:00 service (no 5:00 service)

Monday, Oct 31

Trunk-or-Treat 6-8 pm

Saturday, Nov 5

Teacher's meeting for 4th grade and up

Time Changes—move clock back 1 hour

Tuesday, Nov 8

Day of Prayer

Saturday, Nov 12

Youth devo at the Whittlesey's home

Sunday, Nov 13

Teacher's meeting for 3rd grade and under

Leadership meeting at 3:00

Wednesday, Nov 16

Teen lead devo

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Ken Collins has been moved back to the Villages at Southern Hill 5721 S. Lewis Ave / room 205. They think his headaches were caused by his blood pressure so they are adjusting his medicine.
- Taylor Morgan is still in the hospital with a leg infection; they are hoping to release him on Monday.
- Our sympathy goes out to the Whitchurch family after the passing of Debbie's father-in-law. Services were last Friday.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear;

Long Term Prayer List: Eric Vaughan (heart surgery); Henry Lack (dizziness); Stephanie White (pain); Dolores Scherman; Alan Trimble (ALS); Wayne Morgan; Rosalie O'Neal (kidneys); Ruth Henry; Shelby family;

5th SUNDAY IN OCTOBER

Today is the 5th Sunday of the month and we will have the following:

- A special contribution
- A noon meal (group Hill is responsible for setting and cleaning up)
- Our evening service will be at 1:00 (no 5:00 service)

HOSTS ARE NEEDED

We are in need of families to host a Youth Devo for January and February. Please see Haden Bill if you would be able to help.



Brody and Colton Harris both know the names of the 4 Gospel books.

YOUTH DEVO

The November Youth Devo will be at the Whittlesey's home on Saturday, Nov 12 at 6:00. They will provide sandwiches and desserts. Boys bring a 2-liter drink and girls bring a bag of chips. Thank you!

YOUTH OUT-REACH

If you are interested in your child attending the Youth Out-Reach University program on Jan 13 -15 please sign the sheet on the b-board. For questions see Haden Brill.

THANKSGIVING BASKETS

It's time to think about Thanksgiving Baskets. If you know of anyone in need of help, let Johnny Riggs know the name of the family and how many are in the household. He will need this info by Nov 2nd. A sign up list will be posted later on for the items he will need.

PICTURES

We have about 15 families that need their pictures taken or re-taken for the directory **today!** Check the list below to see if your family is listed. Thank you!

Bains	Garrison	Martinez	Treat
Brill	Hallsted, R	McCafferty	Yocham
Causby, T	Harris	Senn	
Collett	Killebrew	Tenison, Z	

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nick White, Nov 2
Evan Bain, Nov 4
Kaylee Whitchurch, Nov 5
Thomas Hallsted, Nov 5
Joseph Whittlesey, Nov 8

Lilia Rothell, Nov 9
Vivienne Wadkins, Nov 11
Scarlett Tenison, Nov 11
Darrell Burcham, Nov 12
Jesse Byers, Nov 13

Bill Dowdy, Nov 13
Shirley Hill, Nov 15
Mickey Hecht, Nov 17
Bob Burrus, Nov 18
Natasha Yocham, Nov 19

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Carl Burrus
Table	1. Joseph Whittlesey 2. Zac Tenison 3. Bruce Rothell 4. Todd Khoury 5. Jerry Morgan 6. Jared Collett
Scripture Reading	Randy Crawford
Closing Prayer	Bob Howard

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Table	1. Bruce Rothell 2. Zac Tension
Closing Prayer	Robert Hallsted

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	.
Opening Prayer	.
Devotional	
Closing Prayer	.

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$3,949
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$621

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	160
Sunday AM Worship	192
Sunday PM Worship	105
Wednesday Bible Classes	92

COMMUNION PREPARATION

10/30	Debbie Whitchurch
11/6	Rita Risley
11/13	Renee Whitchurch
11/20	Barbara Girod
11/27	Mickey Hecht

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

10/30	Deb & Sandy
11/6	Yvonne & Becky S.
11/13	Lilia & Rita
11/20	Saundra & Nancy
11/27	Stephanie & Mackayla

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

Series: "Prayers for the Church"

2 Thessalonians 1:3-4, 11-12

Benjamin J. Williams

Sunday Afternoon Devo: Psalm 112