

Glenpool Church of Christ

From Child to Heir

“I mean that the heir, as long as he is a child, is no different from a slave, though he is the owner of everything” (Galatians 4:1).

Paul asks us to imagine a wealthy man with a child who will someday inherit everything. Though he will one day run the entire operation, the child when still a minor has no authority at all. He “is no different from a slave.” Even the people who work for his father and will someday work for him are expected to boss him around: “he is under guardians and managers until the date set by his father” (v. 2).

Paul explains that his people have had this same relationship with God. They were intended to be heirs of all God’s promises in creation. However, humanity needed to grow and mature. God’s Law served as a teacher until the time of maturity (3:24; 4:3). Then, “when the fullness of time had come,” God acted to bring his people fully into their inheritance. Jesus, “his Son, born of woman, born under the law,” redeemed God’s children and brought them to their promised status. God sent “the Spirit of his Son” to teach us how to be sons and daughters of God. The result: “so you are no longer a slave, but a son, and if a son, then an heir through God” (v. 7).

God has acted to change our status and prepare us for his promises and the responsibility which comes with them. Growing up is hard work, but it is necessary work. Maturity is what allows us to appreciate what God has done and even participate in it. Growth into spiritual adulthood permits us to stop being hindrances to God’s work in this world and start being agents of his purpose, workers of his intent.

When you think of your goals and agendas for the coming year, which status do you fit into most - child or heir? The child thinks of himself and plans only for his own benefit. He expects others to shoulder the major burdens while he focuses on his own amusement. This is fine behavior for child, even expected, but you are not one of those are you?

An heir thinks of the future and the heritage being given by the father. He plans to do what he can to help his father’s work. He does not seek to replace his father or strike out on his own, but he does look for ways to participate and do his part.

Once a young boy showed us more maturity than some of us muster in a lifetime. In the temple, the boy Jesus told his parents, “Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be about my Father’s business?” (Luke 2:49) Jesus learned early to act as an heir. This little child is our role model in maturity. How are you planning to grow this year? How do you expect to act as an heir rather than a child? Will we find you doing your Father’s business?

by Benjamin J. Williams

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Belong. Learn. Serve.



MIGHTY MEN CONFERENCE

The Kingfisher congregation will host a conference to help mentor men of all ages to stand and lead on! It is Saturday, Jan 14 in Kingfisher, OK (just north and west of OKC) from 9 am to about 3:30. The cost is \$25 per person, which includes, registration fee, all materials and a box lunch. See the flyer posted on the bulletin board for more information.

PHONE CALL!

A couple of weeks ago an automated phone message was sent out to everyone letting us know about the time change for services that day (due to ice and cold). If you did not get a phone call or if you would rather it went to a different phone number please let the office know or correct the list on the clipboard in the foyer.

Thank you.

A New Year's Prayer

A whole new year is mine today...
May I be wiser, Lord, I pray!
I'd strengthen friendships, old and true
And learn to cherish new ones, too.
To keep on learning and to grow
A little deeper as I go.
To cast aside each grudge and grief
And hold fast to a firm belief
That life is joyous, gracious, good,
When lived in terms of brotherhood.
To welcome fun, and play awhile,
To lighten work with a pleasant smile!
To thank the Lord and every day
Remember Him, and kneel to pray,
In gratitude for strength and health
And blessings which are all my wealth.
This year's a gift from God to me
To spend, or use, or set me free...
A whole new year is mine today...
May I be wiser, Lord, I pray.

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GOSPEL MEETING

Benjamin Williams will be speaking at the Expo Center in Shawnee, OK on Jan 8 at 5:00 pm. This meeting is hosted by the Shawnee and Tecumseh churches of Christ.



Sunday, Jan 1

Happy New Year!
Senior Saints—Black-eyed Pea dinner

Office will be closed on

Monday, Jan 2

Sunday, Jan 8

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

Sunday, 22

Mission Work Presentation, Eric Brandell



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- No new ill have been reported to the office
- Those with colds, flu, congestion we hope you feel better soon
- Those traveling
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear;

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

TWO GREAT ANNOUNCEMENTS!

- We are happy to inform you that Hannah Dunlap was baptized last Wednesday. (She is the granddaughter of Jesse & Eleanor Phillippe).
- We are also happy that Joshua and Brianna Harris have placed membership with us. They have three boys, Brody, Colton and Gabe.

Welcome to the Lord’s church in Glenpool!
Their addresses and phone numbers will be in a later bulletin so those can be added to your new directories.

LEADERSHIP MEETING

There will be a Leadership meeting next Sunday at 3:00.

SENIOR SAINTS

There will be a Black-eyed Pea Dinner this morning for the Senior Saints group. The black eyed peas will be furnished, please bring a side dish and or a dessert. See Bobby for questions.

YOUTH GOALS:

- **Stetson Harris** knows how many books there are in the whole Bible
Good job Stetson!

YOUTH OUT-REACH

If you are interested in your child attending the Youth Out-Reach University program on Jan 13 -15 **please see Haden TODAY!!**

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please pick up your sack of Christmas cards today!

PLASTIC BAGS

We no longer need plastic bags for the Mark 10 program. Many thanks for bringing them!

TRASH BAGS

Someone put an empty trash bag box on the office desk, I’m guessing they have run out somewhere in the building? Please leave a note with your name or let me know where they belong. There are a lot of different places in the building where they are used—new full boxes are in the office for whoever left the empty box. I am no longer responsible for supplies, that job was moved to a deacon a few months ago. If you have questions please see me. thanks Karen.

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

Monday, Jan 2.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Wes Wadkins, Jr, Jan 1
Dorothy Ennis, Jan 1
Johnny Riggs, Jan 1
Taylor Morgan, Jan 2
Mark Martinez, Jan 3

Shelby Caldwell, Jan 7
Robert Hallsted, Jan 9
David Tenison, Jan 10
Hannah Edwards, Jan 11
Harper Senn, Jan 12

Randy & Vickie Crawford, Jan 15
Rita Risley, Jan 18
Chris & Leasa Mulkey, Jan 18
Jesse & Eleanor Phillippe, Jan 19
(54 years!)

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

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| Song Leader | Edwin Whittlesey |
| Opening Prayer | Bill Path, Sr |
| Table | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Wes Wadkins 2. Carl Burrus 3. Keith Riggs 4. Darrel Kent 5. Jeff Bullinger 6. Hayden Bullinger |
| Scripture Reading | Zac Caldwell |
| Closing Prayer | Todd Khoury |

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

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| Song Leader | Edwin Whittlesey |
| Opening Prayer | Jesse Byers |
| Table | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Keith Riggs 2. Carl Burrus |
| Closing Prayer | Larry Neal |

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

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| Song Leader | Joseph Whittlesey |
| Opening Prayer | Randy Brown |
| Devotional | . |
| Closing Prayer | Bruce Rothell |

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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| Sunday Contribution | \$6,566 |
| Budget | \$4,625 |
| Over Budget | \$3,515 |

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

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| Sunday Bible Classes | No classes |
| Sunday AM Worship | 203 |
| Sunday PM Worship | No service |
| Wednesday Bible Classes | . |

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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| 1/1 | Kay Robinson |
| 1/8 | Tammy Rothell |
| 1/15 | Susan Yeager |
| 1/22 | Jessica Khoury |

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

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| 1/1 | Jennifer W. & Renee |
| 1/8 | Melissa & McKenzie |
| 1/15 | Deb & Sandy |
| 1/22 | 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

"Seasons"

Ecclesiastes 3:1-8

Benjamin J. Williams

Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 119

Sunday Evening Classes:

Evangelism (Bruce Rothell)

Prayer (Benjamin Williams)