

Glenpool Church of Christ

Winning Souls Is a Christian Duty (2)

God remembered a man named Cornelius. He knew Cornelius feared God, was quick to help the poor, and was a devout man who prayed often. Cornelius, however, had not heard the gospel and had not become a Christian. God sent an angel to Cornelius; but God did not tell him how to become a Christian. Instead he told Cornelius to send for Peter who would “tell you words by which you might be saved” (Acts 11:14).

God watched a man travel from Ethiopia to Jerusalem to worship in the temple there. He saw his deep interest in God’s word as he read from Isaiah. But God did not speak to him. Instead an angel told Philip to join the traveler and Philip taught him the gospel of Christ (Acts 8:26-40).

Jesus saw the zeal and dedication of a man named Saul and He knew that this man acted with a clear conscience even when he persecuted the church. Jesus appeared to Saul on the road to Damascus; but He did not tell Saul how to correct his sin. Instead Jesus told him to “go into the city and it will be told you what you must do” (Acts 9:1-6). Then Jesus sent Ananias who told Saul to “arise and be baptized and wash away your sins” (Acts 22:16).

God had the opportunity to speak the words of salvation directly to these men but God did not do that; nor will God do that today. Instead God entrusts the gospel to Christians and expects us to “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation.” (Mark 16:15).

God does not personally reveal the message of salvation to mankind today. He does not speak directly to us or save us by a direct operation of the Holy Spirit. Instead God uses humans, who will share his inspired gospel with others who are lost. His message saves, but God uses people to share his message. “For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, it pleased God through the folly of what we preach to save those who believe” (1 Corinthians 1:21).

When Paul encouraged the church to pray for the lost; he did not ask them to pray for a direct operation of the Spirit. Instead he said we are to devote ourselves to prayer “that God may open to us a door for the word, to declare the mystery of Christ” and to make the message clear (Colossians 4:2-4; cf. Ephesians 6:18-19).

Peter taught that we are purified through our obedience to the truth and born again, “not of perishable seed but of imperishable, through the living and abiding word of God” (1 Peter 1:22-23). “And this word is the good news that was preached to you” (1:25).

by Phil Sanders

December 25, 2016

ELDERS

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YOUNG FAMILIES

Edwin Whittlesey,

ADMINISTRATION

SECRETARY

Karen Brown

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!

Hey, did you get a phone call last Sunday morning (really early!) from Ben? 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 Karen or the office know ASAP! There is sure to be another phone call this winter.

Thank you.

My Christmas Wish For You

My Christmas wish for you, my friend
 Is not a simple one
 For I wish you hope and joy and peace
 Days filled with warmth and sun
 I wish you love and friendship too
 Throughout the coming year
 Lots of laughter and happiness
 To fill your world with cheer
 May you count your blessings, one by one
 And when totaled by the lot
 May you find all you've been given
 To be more than what you sought
 May your journeys be short, your burdens light
 May your spirit never grow old
 May all your clouds have silver linings
 And your rainbows pots of gold
 I wish this all and so much more
 May all your dreams come true
 May you have a Merry Christmas friend
 And a Happy New Year, too...

Borrowed: By Ruth Kephart

CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

The church office will be closed, Friday, Dec 23, Monday, Dec 26 and Monday, Jan 2.



Sunday, Dec 25

Merry Christmas!

Office will be closed on

Friday, Dec 23; Monday, Dec 26 and Monday, Jan 2

Sunday, Jan 1

Happy New Year!

Senior Saints—Black-eyed Pea dinner

Sunday, Jan 15

Leadership meeting at 3:00

Young Families Dinner after evening services

Sunday, 22

Mission Work, Eric Brandell

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Rosalie O’Neal has been ill.
- Others have been having 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;

DIRECTORIES

We have printed the **new and updated** directory! You probably saw them when you came in the front door. Please let the office know if any of the information is not correct. (you can toss the one that says “Summer 2016”).

FROM RUTH HENRY

We received a card from Ruth Henry (former member) it reads “Glenpool Church of Christ, I miss attending worship there but get to attend most weeks here. I appreciate hearing from you and remember you with love. In Christian love, Ruth Henry.” her address is 530 S. Linwood / Apt 3 / Cushing, OK 74023.

PLASTIC BAGS

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



THANK YOU

Thank you to Mrs. Barbra and Mrs Lilia, we had a great time at your home Monday night for our Christmas party. The atmosphere with all the Christmas decorations made it feel as though we were really in the north pole! The kids and I loved seeing everything from the little village to the upside down tree and the chili was incredible. Thank you so much for having us, it was definitely a Christmas party I will never forget. Haden Brill

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Please pick up your sack of Christmas cards today!



SENIOR SAINTS

There will be a Black-eyed Pea Dinner on Sunday, Jan 1 after **MORNING** services for the Senior Saints group. The black eyed peas will be furnished, please bring a side dish and or a dessert. Please sign the sheet in the foyer so they will have a estimate on how many to prepare for. See Bobby for questions.

SUNDAY, DEC 25

The Elders have decided to have one service today beginning at 10:30, we will have our regular worship service and be dismissed for the day (no morning class time and no evening service). For questions please see one of the elders.

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Susan Yeager, Dec 25	Sandy Rucquoy, Dec 29	Dorothy Ennis, Jan 1
Topper Causby, Dec 26	Daniel Caddell, Dec 30	Johnny Riggs, Jan 1
Tammy Rothell, Dec 27	David & Sandra Tenison, Dec 30	Taylor Morgan, Jan 2
Larry & Beverly Killebrew, Dec 28	Matt & Autumn Caldwell, Dec 31	Mark Martinez, Jan 3
James & Paula Hamilton, Dec 29	Wes Wadkins, Jr, Jan 1	Shelby Caldwell, Jan 7

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bill Path
Opening Prayer	David Tenison
Table	1. Steven Wetzel 2. Bob Hecht 3. James Hamilton 4. Johnny Riggs 5. Devon Prescott 6. Jesse Byers
Scripture Reading	Joseph Whittlesey
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	No evening service
Opening Prayer	.
Table	1. . 2. .
Closing Prayer	.

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Haden Brill
Opening Prayer	Bob Howard
Devotional	.
Closing Prayer	Jerry Morgan

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4,335
Budget	\$4,625
Over Budget	\$2,303

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	snow
Sunday AM Worship	snow
Sunday PM Worship	156
Wednesday Bible Classes	na

COMMUNION PREPARATION

12/25	Becky Byers
1/1	Kay Robinson
1/8	Tammy Rothell
1/15	Susan Yeager
1/22	Jessica Khoury

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

2/25	Tammy C. & Dana
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 Series: The Peaceable Kingdom
 "Prince of Peace"
 Isaiah 9:2-7
 Benjamin J. Williams

No Evening Services Today