

# Glenpool Church of Christ

## Get Out of the Way

One of the simplest and most useful accounts of sharing Jesus with others is in the opening chapter of John's Gospel. Notice three brief stories.

First, we read of John pointing the people to Jesus, saying, "After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me" (John 1:30). John is able to direct people's attention to Jesus effectively because he is not trying to direct them to himself. John recognized the superiority of Jesus to himself and willingly stepped aside so that Jesus would be the center of people's attention. "I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God" (1:34). The next day, John sees Jesus again and shouts, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" Two disciples of John hear him and begin to follow Jesus (1:35-37).

Second, we read of two brothers, Simon Peter and Andrew. Andrew was one of the two disciples who had been led to Jesus by John. He goes to his brother with a simple message. "He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, 'We have found the Messiah (which means Christ).' He brought him to Jesus" (1:41-42). It was a short conversation.

Third, we read of a man named Philip who had already met Jesus. "Philip found Nathanael and said to him, 'We have found him of whom Moses in the Law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus of Nazareth, the son of Joseph'" (1:45). Nathanael is skeptical, but Philip is persistent, saying, "Come and see" (1:46). Nathanael meets Jesus and is brought to faith by him.

I don't think we fail to reach people with the gospel because we lack eloquence, as if the gospel of Jesus depended on how clever we could be with words. I think we fail because we simply choose to talking about anything and everything else. When we talk to our friends, we talk about our day at work, our interests, and our hobbies. We talk about us. What made the difference in the stories above is that people decided to get out of the way and instead talk about Jesus. They decided he was more important than their usual conversation.

So get out of the way. Talking about Him is better than whatever you were going to say anyway.

*by Benjamin J. Williams*

January 15, 2017

### 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.**



## S.H.A.P.E SURVEY

The elders have asked for us to fill out the S.H.A.P.E. Survey again this year. They intend to make it a yearly practice. These have been handed out last week and now can be found at the Welcome Center in the Foyer.

The elders want this to be a yearly routine for us for several reasons. First, it keeps our contact information up-to-date in the directory. Second, it allows people to grow and volunteer to do new things. Third, it gives you and the elders an opportunity to evaluate your level of involvement in the congregation.

If you are a new member who has filled out a survey in the last couple of months, feel free to pass on this one.



## Monday Night for the Master

### MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

Monday Night for the Master is in full swing after having some time off for the holidays. The following is a partial list of items that we can do:

- Family bathroom: tile work; prep for painting
- Chapel area: building shelves for storage
- Classroom material: putting together flipbooks
- Other odd jobs.

If you wish to participate and or have questions visit with Ben Williams.

Monday Nights 6:30ish to 8:00 ish

## THANK YOU!

Thank you for bringing yarn for the ladies at the prison. We have enough for now!

### FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

To help coordinate the setup and clean up for our monthly fellowship activities, we have the congregation divided into four groups, one led by each of our elders. This year, we are keeping the groups the same as they were in 2016 with a few minor adjustments. Please take a look at your group and talk to your group leader about how you can help out with upcoming activities. If everyone helps, the work gets done very quickly!

**If you have forgotten what group you are in there are some on the desk in the foyer and a few on the bulletin board. Feel free to take one.**



### Wednesday, Jan 18

Young men will lead devotional

### Sunday, Jan 22

Mission Work Presentation, Eric Brandell

### Sunday, Jan 29

5th Sunday, noon meal, early 1:00 pm service—Group Hill



## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Henry Lack isn't feeling well, he is having some bleeding issues. He visited his doctor on Wednesday and will go again today (Thursday).
- Barbara Vaughan was in a auto accident a few days ago; she is still in pain and has trouble breathing.
- Bill Path, Sr. has been ill
- Haden's friend Kelsey Merrick, was hit by a truck while walking in a parking lot and had head trauma (her husband is a preacher in Lubbock).
- Haden's friend Alan Taylor was in a severe auto accident that broke his spine and has a head fracture.
- **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;

### 5TH SUNDAY Jan 29

January 29 is a 5th Sunday, and the following will happen:

- A second contribution (this will go toward the needed funds for OSUIT Campus Ministry and upgrading the outside play area, a fence, lights, picnic table, etc.)
- Noon fellowship meal -- group Hill is responsible for setting and cleaning up
- 5:00 service moved up to 1:00 (no 5:00 pm service)

## AREA WIDE YOUTH RALLY

If you plan on attending the Area Wide Youth Rally at 29th & Yale this evening please see Haden this morning. The van will leave our church building at 4:30 and return about 7:30-8:00.

## THIS EVENING

For the adult class this evening we will have a singing. Ben will be away participating in the 29th & Yale Youth Rally.

## FROG ROAD CAMP

For those who like to plan ahead, the date for Faith week at Frog Road Camp is June 11-16. Applications and more info will be available once we get a little closer to Spring.

## SPRING FAMILY RETREAT

The young families class is planning a retreat at Frog Road Camp on March 3 & 4. The retreat in the Fall was so much fun, they have decided to have another and invite anyone who would like to attend. Though there will still be special classes just for the young family group, any members who would like to come for the other activities may do so and enjoy some time together out at the camp. A sign up form will be available in February and a small fee may be charged to help cover food costs.



## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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

Ryan & Jennifer McCafferty, Jan 21  
Rachel Tenison, Jan 21  
Billy Russell, Jan 22  
Kenley Yeager, Jan 23  
Cody Mendosa, Jan 23

Penny Hall, Jan 28  
Bayla Burrus, Jan 28  
Savannah Caddell, Jan 28  
Zac Tenison, Jan 28

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Robert Hallsted
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Table	1. Wes Wadkins 2. Thomas Hallsted 3. Jerry Buller 4. Zac Caldwell 5. Jerry Morgan 6. Jeff Harris
Scripture Reading	James Hamilton
Closing Prayer	Keith Riggs

### SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Robert Hallsted
Opening Prayer	Carl Burrus
Table	1. Jerry Buller 2. Thomas Hallsted
Closing Prayer	Matt Caldwell

### WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Young men
Opening Prayer	.
Devotional	.
Closing Prayer	.

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4,948
Budget	\$4,755
Over Budget	\$1,134

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	165
Sunday AM Worship	200
Sunday PM Worship	103
Wednesday Bible Classes	105

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

1/15	Susan Yeager
1/22	Jessica Khoury
1/29	B.J. Neal
2/5	Tonya Davidson
2/12	Autumn Caldwell

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

1/15	Deb & Sandy
1/22	Yvonne & Becky S.
1/29	Lilia & Rita
2/5	Saundra & Nancy
2/12	Tonya & Toni

### SUNDAY MORNING

Bible Classes / 9:30 am  
 Worship / 10:30 am

### SUNDAY EVENING

Devotional & Classes / 5:00 pm  
**WEDNESDAY**  
 Devotional & Classes / 7:00 pm

### Sermon Series: Authentic Church

*"(Im)Perfect Church"*

1 Corinthians 1:4-9  
 Benjamin J. Williams

### Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 121

### Sunday Evening Classes:

*Evangelism (Bruce Rothell)*  
*Congregational Singing (Auditorium)*