

Glenpool Church of Christ

The Cares of the World

In one of his books, Michael Shanks describes his enthusiasm for teaching others the gospel, and how he was using the old Jule Miller Film Strips. The associate minister at the church where he attended had checked out a projector to him and within a month he had burned out the bulb in the projector. Michael, startled at the price of the bulb, asked how the church could afford them. He was even more startled to find out that himself and the associate minister were the only ones in the congregation of about 900 members using the film strips. Michael wanted to know why others were not doing more to evangelize. The young minister pulled out his Bible and turned to the Parable of the Sower (Mark 4:13-20). “But the cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches and the desires for other things enter in and choke the word, and it proves unfruitful” (v. 19). This is the challenge of the church today. Too many Christians are too involved in the cares of the world to be effective for Christ.

Let there be no misunderstanding, no doubt we must provide for our families. No man or woman should neglect his children for the work of the church, and it doesn't seem to get any easier to gain time as we get older. So what's the answer – When is there time to share the gospel? The more I think about that question, the more I think it should be reversed – When is there **not** a time to share the gospel? As we spend time with our children, should we not use some of that time to teach Biblical Principles? As we take our children to their various activities, is there no time for visiting with the parents of other children; letting our light shine by discussing the wonderful youth program at the church and how good the teachers of our youth are, or expressing the contentment only found in Christ. And at work, during break time or at lunch hour, instead of talking about the past football game or the last fishing trip, could we not discuss the sermon we heard the previous Sunday? Recently, Ben had an excellent lesson on how people are always trying to get to a time when there is no trouble, yet never seem to get there. Instead we should see the present time as our best days and make the most of them. Could we not share lessons like that with our friends at work?

So friends, let us not be guilt of making the excuse that “I have no timeshare the gospel.” Let us not allow the cares of the world to cause us to be unfruitful. Instead, see every day as an opportunity to speak and be thinking how we can create interest in God, the church, and the love of Jesus Christ.

by Bruce Rothell

January 22, 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.

YOUTH MINISTER HIRING PROCESS

We are once again beginning a process for hiring a full-time Youth Minister. The first task we have is to consider and evaluate our current youth intern, Haden Brill. The elders intend to allow Haden to apply for the position first and go through the same process as all previous candidates. He will interview with the elders on February 19th, and then the elders want to meet with the parents for feedback on Haden's progress so far. All parents are invited and encouraged to attend a meeting with the elders on February 19th at 4 PM in the Chapel. Anyone with questions or comments on this process are encouraged to speak with the elders.



**Every Monday Night
Come When You Can
6:30-ish to 8:00-ish
Info: David Tenison
or Ben Williams**

MONDAY NIGHT FOR THE MASTER

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.

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)

NEXT SUNDAY

Next Sunday, Jan 29, we will be recognizing our new families that have placed membership with us in the past year. If you are one of those families we hope you will plan to stay and share the meal as well as give us the opportunity to again say "Thank You" for choosing to worship with us at Glenpool.



Sunday, Jan 22

Mission Work Presentation, Eric Brandell

Sunday, Jan 29

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

Saturday, Feb 11

Senior Saints—Valentine's Day meal

Saturday, Feb 18

Men's Breakfast from 8-10 AM, guest speaker Robert Prater (Crosstown), Young Families class responsible for setup and clean up

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Eddie Whitchurch fell and shattered his foot a few days ago, then they found out he had broken his back in the same fall. He will be having back surgery Tues, Jan 31 and be in the hospital about 5 days.
- Last Sunday Marcia Riggs went to the hospital for dizziness, back pain and weakness. After running many tests and scans they couldn't find anything wrong. They decided she didn't have a stroke, but her back continues to hurt.
- Billie English, sister of Jennifer McCafferty, was in the hospital last week with difficulty breathing. They found fluid on her right lung, which they had to drain. After x-rays were done, the doctors found two masses on her lung. She will be seeing her oncologist soon.
- Barbara Vaughan, as she continues to recover from her auto accident.
- Haden's friends Kelsey Merrick, was hit by a truck while walking in a parking lot and had head trauma—she is doing very well; and Alan Taylor is still in the hospital after his auto accident.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; David Stills

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;



YOUTH GOALS:

- **Gabe Harris** can name the 4 Gospels.
- **Lily Hallsted** can quote Genesis 1:1

THANK YOU

A big Thank You goes out to Bobby & Shirley Hill for hosting the youth devotional this month.

SENIOR SAINTS

The Senior Saints will have a Valentine's Day Meal on Saturday, Feb 11 in the fellowship room. There will be a sign up sheet in the foyer (later on) so you can let us know if you plan to attend. More information will be coming.



LISTENING AIDS

It has been suggested that we purchase some headphones or ear buds for those who have trouble hearing the sermons. If you would be interested in using these please let Ben know. The church will purchase them and they are battery operated. Ben needs to know how many would use them and if you would rather have headphones or ear buds. Thank you.



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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
Nancy Riggs, Jan 29
Todd Khoury, Jan 29
Rylee Davidson, Jan 30

Sonny & Marily Pulliam, Jan 31
(57 years!)
Robert Hill, Jan 31
Sonny Pulliam, Feb 2
Betty Shelby, Feb 3

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	David Tenison
Table	1. Steve Wetzel 2. Bob Hecht 3. James Hamilton 4. Zac Tenison 5. Devon Prescott 6. Jesse Byers
Scripture Reading	Joseph Whittlesey
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer	Todd Khoury
Table	1. James Hamilton 2. Bob Hecht
Closing Prayer	Thomas Hallsted

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$5,589.35
Budget	\$4,755
Over Budget	\$1,968

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	143
Sunday AM Worship	181
Sunday PM Worship	90
Wednesday Bible Classes	103

COMMUNION PREPARATION

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

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

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

Sunday Morning: Guest Speaker

"Being the Body of Christ"

John 13:31-35

Eric Brandell

Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 122

Sunday Evening Classes:

Evangelism (Bruce Rothell)

Gospel Stories (Benjamin Williams)