

# Glenpool Church of Christ

## The Beatitudes (Matthew 5:3-10)

*Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* Privation is the lot of the disciples in every sphere of their lives. They have no security, no possessions to call their own, not even a foot of earth to call their home, no earthly society to claim their absolute allegiance. They have their treasure in secret, they find it on the cross.

*Blessed are those who mourn, for they shall be comforted.* By “mourning,” Jesus means doing without what the world calls peace and prosperity. He means refusing to be in tune with the world or to accommodate oneself to its standards. Such men mourn for the world, for its guilt, its fate, and its fortune. They find their comfort in the cross, they are comforted by being cast upon the place where the Comforter of Israel awaits them.

*Blessed are the meek, for they shall inherit the earth.* These possess no inherent right of their own to protect them in the world, nor do they claim such rights, for they are meek, they renounce every right of their own and live for the sake of Jesus Christ. Those who now possess the earth by violence and injustice shall lose it, and those who here have utterly renounced it, who were meek to the point of the cross, shall rule the earth.

*Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they shall be satisfied.* Not only do the followers of Jesus renounce their rights, they renounce their own righteousness too. They get no praise for their achievements or sacrifices. Happy are they who have the promise that they shall be filled, for the righteousness they receive will be no empty promise, but real satisfaction.

*Blessed are the merciful, for they shall receive mercy.* These have renounced their own dignity, for they are merciful. As if their own needs and their own distress were not enough, they take upon themselves the distress and humiliation and sin of others. That is how Jesus, the crucified, was merciful.

*Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God.* Who is pure in heart? Only those who have surrendered their hearts completely to Jesus that he may reign in them alone. They are wholly absorbed by the contemplation of God.

*Blessed are the peacemakers, for they shall be called sons of God.* When he called them they found their peace, for he is their peace. But now they are told that they must not only have peace but make it. The peacemakers will carry the cross with their Lord, for it was on the cross that peace was made.

*Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness' sake, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.* The world will be offended at them. Not recognition, but rejection, is the reward they get from the world for their message and works.

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### 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.

Having reached the end of the beatitudes, we naturally ask if there is any place on earth for the community which they describe. Clearly, there is one place, and only one, and that is where the poorest, meekest, and most sorely tried of all men is to be found - the cross of Golgotha. The fellowship of the beatitudes is the fellowship of the Crucified. With him it has lost all, and with him it has found all. From the cross there comes the call "blessed, blessed." The world cries: "Away with them, away with them!" Yes, but where? To the kingdom of heaven. There shall the poor be seen in the halls of joy. With his own hand God wipes away the tears from the eyes of those who had mourned on earth. He feeds the hungry at his Banquet. There stand the scarred bodies of the martyrs, now glorified and clothed in the white robes of eternal righteousness instead of the rags of sin and repentance. The echoes of this joy reach the little flock below as it stands beneath the cross, and they hear Jesus saying: "Blessed are ye!"

*abridged from The Cost of Discipleship by Dietrich Bonhoeffer*

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

## 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.

## TODAY'S 5th SUNDAY SCHEDULE

- **During Worship** - A second contribution will be collected to go toward the needed funds for OSUIT Campus Ministry and upgrading the outside play area, a fence, lights, picnic table, etc.
- **After Worship** - A noon fellowship meal recognizing our new members in the last year -- Group Hill is responsible for setting and cleaning up
- **After Lunch** - 5:00 service moved up to 1:00 (no 5:00 pm service)

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### Sunday, Jan 29

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

### Saturday, Feb 11

Senior Saints—Valentine's Day meal (noon)

### Sunday, Feb 12

Leadership meeting at 3:00

Young families dinner at 6:00

### Saturday, Feb 25

Men's Breakfast from 8-10 AM, guest speaker Dan Schnell (Owasso), Young Families class responsible for setup and clean up

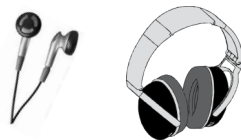
**EDITOR'S NOTE:** Sorry for the confusion, this was announced in the bulletin for a different date, but this one is correct.



## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Darla Smith, Sandra Tenison's mother, had kidney surgery to remove cancer; it was successful. We hope for a full recovery.
- Wanda Howard is having knee problems and will be seeing her doctor.
- Bob Howard is having problems with his COPD and will see a lung specialist. They are putting him on oxygen when necessary.
- Piper Pence, Jean Brown's gr-grand daughter, has been admitted to St Johns ICU with RSV, they are running tests to rule out meningitis.
- Eddie Whitchurch fell and shattered his foot and has had a plate and screws put in, 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.
- Billie English, sister of Jennifer McCafferty, was diagnosed with multiple tumors in her lungs that are inoperable; biopsies have been taken and they are waiting on test results.
- Bob Hecht had shoulder surgery, it went well and he is recovering.
- **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:

- **Stetson Harris** can name the 5 Acts of Worship
- **Ryder Killebrew** knows how many books are in the whole Bible.  
Good work!

## SENIOR SAINTS

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



## MISSIONARY ERIC BRANDELL

Eric Brandell was here last week and informed us about his mission work in Vanuatu. If you wish to give to this good cause please mark your check for Eric or give the funds to one of the elders. So far we have collected \$2,520.00. Thank you.

## 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

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  
Paisley Hallsted, Feb 4  
Devon Russell, Feb 7

Alayna Whittlesey, Feb 7  
Patrick Garrison, Feb 7  
Eleanor Phillippe, Feb 11  
Alexa Whittlesey, Feb 12  
Riley McCafferty, Feb 19

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Jesse Byers
Table	1. Jeff Bullinger 2. Jack Lierly 3. Bobby Hill 4. Ryan McCafferty 5. Darrel Kent 6. Jeff Harris
Scripture Reading	Hayden Bullinger
Closing Prayer	Randy Crawford

### SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Bill Path, Sr
Table	1. Bobby Hill 2. Jack Lierly
Closing Prayer	Zac Tenison

### WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Larry Killebrew
Opening Prayer	Randy Brown
Devotional	.
Closing Prayer	Bruce Rothell

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

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

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	147
Sunday AM Worship	194
Sunday PM Worship	110
Wednesday Bible Classes	107

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

1/29	B.J. Neal
2/5	Tonya Davidson
2/12	Autumn Caldwell
2/19	Edwards Ladies
2/26	Causby Ladies

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

1/29	Lilia & Rita
2/5	Saundra & Nancy
2/12	Tonya & Toni
2/19	Debbie & Autumn
2/26	Bobby & Shirley

### 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

“Foolish Church”  
 1 Corinthians 1:18-25  
 Benjamin Williams

### Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 123 & 124

**Sunday Evening Classes:**  
 Evangelism (Bruce Rothell)  
 Gospel Stories (Benjamin Williams)