

# Glenpool Church of Christ

## The Viral Message

In this age of Facebook, Twitter and YouTube a term that is often heard is “Viral.” When something is repeated or seen over a bazillion times it is said to be Viral. YouTube shares the videos, they get talked about on Facebook and twitter and before you know it, “it’s gone Viral.” One such video is “Charlie bit my Finger”, where a two year old boy cries out when his baby brother bites his finger. The two year old’s reaction to his finger being bitten is so hilarious, everyone enjoys watching it and sharing it with their friends. It used to be that things posted in the morning paper would “go viral”, if they were shown in numerous publications. Nowadays, it’s stuff on the internet, but every age has had its “viral” distribution.

When the apostle Paul wrote to the Christians in Thessalonica, he commended them for their bold and joyful spread of the gospel: “And you became imitators of us and of the Lord, for you received the word in much affliction, with the joy of the Holy Spirit, so that you became an example to all the believers in Macedonia and in Achaia. For not only has the word of the Lord sounded forth from you in Macedonia and Achaia, but your faith in God has gone forth everywhere, so that we need not say anything” (1 Th. 1:6-8). In spite of their limited methods, and in spite of persecution, the gospel message was spread rapidly from the Thessalonians; not only in surrounding villages and cities of Macedonia and Achaia (Greece as it was known), but everywhere. Word of their faith and conviction had spread to other surrounding regions. As Paul said the word “sounded forth!” The message went “viral” from Thessalonica!

I believe the gospel message can go “viral” today as well. Some are making use of Facebook and YouTube, but it doesn’t have to be by the internet. When Christians do good deeds, and bravely speak of what Christ means to them, others will take note, Christian and non-Christian will notice. Yes, we are living in a secular age and for many people, Christianity is irrelevant. Others mistrust Christians, think we’re after their material wealth or that Christianity would take away their freedom. But not all are scornful, or skeptical or disinterested, definitely not all. When we show good deeds continuously, never expecting anything in return. And then we convey the message of forgiveness and eternal life in Christ, we will find that many are looking for that. It will be something new and fresh, something very appealing; something much more appealing than a funny video. When there is enough of us doing that so that it is seen and heard over and over, a bazillion times, the gospel message will go “viral.” It’s the way Jesus commanded his disciples to spread the gospel, and it’s the way He commands us.

*by Bruce Rothell*

February 12, 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.**



## AFFIRMING THE FAITH SEMINAR

One of the truly great church events in our state is the Affirming the Faith Seminar each Spring in OKC. It has great singing, great speakers, and great attendance. This year, the event will be on March 3 & 4. Jack Lierly has volunteered to drive the church van if anyone is interested in going, but first we need to know who is interested. So, if you are looking for a spiritual feast and a great time with other Christians, let Jack know that you will be going to the Affirming the Faith Seminar on March 3 & 4. We will publish details about the trip once we have more information about how many want to attend. See also [www.affirmingthefaihtok.com](http://www.affirmingthefaihtok.com)



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

## PRAYER REQUEST

Roy & Fran Cates, who are members of the church in Yale and relatives of one of our members, are in desperate need of our prayers. They took a trip to Phoenix and he was hospitalized there three weeks ago with pneumonia. He needs to greatly improve before he can make the trip back home.

## CHILI COOK-OFF

There will be a Chili Cook-Off on Sunday, Feb 26 after evening services. Please bring soups, finger foods and or desserts. Group Path is responsible for setting and cleaning up. Who will win this year??



### Sunday, Feb 12

Leadership meeting at 3:00

### Wednesday, Feb 15

Young men will lead devotional

### Saturday, Feb 18

Youth Devo at Bill Path's home

### Sunday, Feb 19

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.

### Sunday, Feb 26

Chili Cook-Off, group Path (soups, finger foods, desserts)

### Fri-Sat, Mar 3 & 4

Spring Family Retreat at Frog Road Camp

### Sunday, Mar 26

VBS meeting 4:00

## IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Eddie Whitchurch is now at home; Debbie reports that they found at least one of his vertebra had shattered into thousands of pieces. We hope for a full recovery.
- Please continue to remember Bob and Wanda Howard, as they continue to deal with health issues.
- Also, Eric Vaughan, he continues to have problems with his heart.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; David Stills; Ken Whittington (Ben & Selene's brother-in-law)

**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; Billie English (cancer);

## LEADERSHIP MEETING

Leadership meeting today at 3:00. Please clean out your boxes BEFORE your meeting.

## FOOD PANTRY

We now have a small food pantry located in the chapel (go thru the door at the front of the chapel on the left side). You are welcome to donate to the pantry. Please leave your non-perishable items in the tub in the foyer.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

There will be a Men's Breakfast Saturday, Feb 25 from 8-10 am in the fellowship room. The speaker will be Dan Schnell from Owasso. Please sign the sheet in the foyer if you plan to attend.



## YOUTH GOALS:

- **Beau Harris** knows how many books there are in the whole Bible
- **Alana Whittlesey** can quote Gen. 1:1
- **Savannah Caddell** knows the names of the books of the New Testament
- **Gabe Harris** can quote Gen 1:1

Wow! Keep up the good work!

## YOUTH

Haden needs to know if you are planning to attend the devotional at the Path's home on Sat. Feb 18.

- Boys bring pop, girls bring chips.
- Meet at the church building at 5:00 to ride the van and parents can pick up their kids at 8:30.
- For questions see Haden

## YOUNG FAMILIES

The young families monthly dinner has been moved to the 3rd Sunday of the month. Your next dinner will be next Sunday, Feb 19.

## THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the Senior Saints Valentines Day dinner.

## WEDNESDAY NIGHT

This Wednesday evening our young men will conduct the devotional.

## UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Alexa Whittlesey, Feb 12  
Riley McCafferty, Feb 19  
Brody Harris, Feb 20  
Ruby Tenison, Feb 21  
Bill & Lenora Hamrick, Feb 22

(57 years!)  
Thomas Wadkins, Feb 27  
Brianna Harris, Feb 28  
Jim Yeager, Mar 1  
Jack & Karen Myrick, Mar 4

Marcia Riggs, Mar 5  
Jerry & Nola Buller, Mar 6  
Barbara Vaughan, Mar 6  
Robert & Marcia Hill, Mar 7  
David Shelby, Mar 7

### SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Robert Hallsted
Opening Prayer	Haden Brill
Table	1. Sonny Pulliam 2. Topper Causby 3. Bill Path 4. Jesse Byers 5. Steven Wetzel 6. Dennis Robinson
Scripture Reading	Zac Tenison
Closing Prayer	Bob Howard

### SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Robert Hallsted
Opening Prayer	Edwin Whittlesey
Table	1. Bill Path 2. Topper Causby
Closing Prayer	Jerry Buller

### WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

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

### FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$5,029
Budget	\$4,755
Over Budget	\$3,485

### LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	157
Sunday AM Worship	214
Sunday PM Worship	100
Wednesday Bible Classes	93

### COMMUNION PREPARATION

2/12	Autumn Caldwell
2/19	Edwards Ladies
2/26	Causby Ladies
3/5	Marcia Riggs
3/12	Dana Kent

### NURSERY ATTENDANTS

2/12	Tonya & Toni
2/19	Debbie & Autumn
2/26	Bobby & Shirley
3/5	Tammy C. & Dana
3/12	Jennifer W. & Renee

### 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

"God's Church"

1 Corinthians 3:1-9

Benjamin Williams

### Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 126

### Sunday Evening Classes:

Evangelism (Bruce Rothell)

Gospel Stories (Benjamin Williams)