

Glenpool Church of Christ

The Culmination of Our Youth Director Search

Almost one year ago, Matt Caldwell let us know that due to his own personal and professional commitment, he could not continue to serve as our part-time Youth Minister. This news made clear a few truths. First, Matt had done an excellent job, and we needed to continue this work. Second, we could not expect anyone to keep up with the demands of our growing youth ministry on a merely part-time basis. In the Spring of 2016, we began the process of searching for a full-time Youth Program Director.

Through the Spring, we began collecting applicants for the position. We conducted the open search by several means, including: posting on various Christian University job boards, word of mouth, personal appeals for recommendations from ministers across the country, and for my own part, I reached out to the wide range of people I have known in 15 years of ministry. Even after our application deadline, we continued to receive and consider applicants. The elders put together a search committee, and they presented nine applicants to that committee. Some of these were dismissed immediately as not viable, while others were much harder to evaluate. With difficulty, the committee arrived at four candidates who — on paper — looked to be the most qualified. The process of scheduling thorough interviews began, as did the process of losing potential candidates. One candidate withdrew his name before the interview and took a ministry position in Texas. Another candidate withdrew his name after the interview to take a position in Claremore. A third candidate, one we seriously considered, decided to go to law school instead. The fourth candidate was disqualified during the interview process itself. At this point in the interview process, we were left with no candidates.

The elders were faced with the dilemma of whether to go on the search yet again for a fresh batch of candidates or to revisit a few of the candidates already on our radar. At that time, a third option was suggested. The church could look through the remaining applicants and hire one of them as an intern, not as a full minister. The idea had the advantage of (1) giving us a short-term fix to our ministry need, (2) giving one of the less experienced candidates some experience to build their résumé, (3) giving us some first hand experience working with a youth leader, and (4) giving the intern the opportunity to prove himself (1 Timothy 3:10) before being considered for the full-time position.

The first name which came to our attention was that of Haden Brill. Several of us knew Haden from working with him at camp, and he had served as a part-time intern for the 29th & Yale congregation. Haden's family was also known to several of our

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members because of their work with Hope Harbor and with the Owasso Church of Christ. In truth, the only reason we had passed over his application in the first round was because of his youth and relative inexperience. It was decided that the internship would be a good fit for Haden. He was offered the internship and told up front that this did not in any way guarantee him a job. Instead, he was to view the internship as an extension of our previous interview process. The elders explained this to the committee and to the congregation at the end of the summer.

After six months of working with Haden, the elders determined that it was time to give Haden the full consideration he had never received in the summer months. Just like the previous candidates, he was interviewed by the elders, using all the same questions. Instead of being interviewed by the parents as well, an open meeting was held for parents to give feedback on the last six months of Haden's work with us here at Glenpool. At the end of the process, the elders have determined that Haden Brill is precisely the man we need to fill this position. For my part as Pulpit Minister, I whole-heartedly concur. The elders have now offered Haden the position of Youth Director, and we are excited to announce that he has accepted it. Our year-long process has at last arrived at its conclusion.

Congratulations to Haden and Lexie Brill. May God continue to bless your work in the Kingdom.

On behalf of myself and the elders, Benjamin Williams



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

CHILI COOK-OFF

There will be a Chili Cook-Off today after evening services. Please bring soups, finger foods and or desserts. Group Path is responsible for setting and cleaning up. **Come and vote for your favorite bowl of Chili!**



SHOWERS

We have two showers coming up:

- Sunday, April 2 Wedding shower for Meghan Causby at 3:30
- Sunday, April 9 Baby shower for Shawna Caddell, they are having a boy, she will need boy clothes, diapers, wipes, etc....



Sunday, Feb 26

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

Fri-Sat, Mar 3 & 4

Spring Family Retreat at Frog Road Camp
Affirming the Faith in OKC

Sunday, Mar 5

Youth Devo all afternoon

Sunday, Mar 12

Leadership meeting 3:00
Daylight savings time — change clocks on Saturday

Wednesday, Mar 15

Teen lead devo

Sunday, Mar 19

Training for the sound booth at 4:00
Young families dinner

Sunday, Mar 26

VBS meeting 4:00

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Jesse Byers had cataract surgery on Thursday.
- Eddie Whitchurch was able to be with us last Sunday. It was good to see him.
- Henry Lack is home, please continue keeping him in your prayers
- Todd & Chelsea Khoury are feeling much better and hope to be here today.
- Bob Howard is requesting prayers as he deals with his respiratory problems.
- Jennifer McCafferty's sister, Billie English, has been undergoing chemo treatments; we hope her good health returns.
- Also, Eric Vaughan, he continues to have problems with his heart.
- Please continue to remember Roy & Fran Cates; Roy came down with pneumonia 5-6 weeks ago and is still too weak to make the trip back home to Yukon.
- **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; 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); Bob Howard;

AFFIRMING THE FAITH SEMINAR

If you are interested, **let Jack Lierly know** that you will be going to the Affirming the Faith Seminar on March 4. We will publish details about the trip once we have more information about how many want to attend. See also www.affirmingthefaihtok.com



YOUTH GOALS:

- **Colby Martinez** can quote Gen 1:1
- **Colton Harris & Brody Harris** knows the names of the 12 Apostles



YOUTH DEVO

There will be a youth devo Sunday, March 5 immediately after morning services. Boys bring pop, girls bring desserts. You will need a change of clothes to play volleyball or other activities. This will last until about 4:30, in time for them to get ready for the 5:00 evening service. For questions see Haden.

SPRING FAMILY RETREAT

Spring Family retreat at Frog Road Camp on **March 3 & 4. If you wish to attend please see Ben or register online.**

THANK YOU

- Thank you to Bill and Deb Path for hosting the youth devotional.
- Thank you to those who helped with the men's breakfast yesterday.

PARKING

We are running short on parking spaces. If you would please use the area behind the garage that would be helpful. It is packed with gravel and not muddy. Many thanks!



UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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
Mary Causby, Mar 8

Billy & Andrea Russell, Mar 11
Bruce & Lilia Rothell, Mar 12
Julia Talley, Mar 13
Carson Hallsted, Mar 15
Shirley Hood, Mar 15

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Edwin Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Bruce Rothell
Table	1. Steven Wetzel 2. Carl Burrus 3. James Hamilton 4. Zac Tenison 5. Topper Causby 6. Darrel Kent
Scripture Reading	Joseph Whittlesey
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

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

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$5,694
Budget	\$4,755
Over Budget	\$4,917

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	169
Sunday AM Worship	227
Sunday PM Worship	112
Wednesday Bible Classes	104

COMMUNION PREPARATION

2/26	Causby Ladies
3/5	Marcia Riggs
3/12	Dana Kent
3/19	Earline Lierly
3/26	Cathy Burcham

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

2/26	Bobby & Shirley
3/5	Tammy C. & Dana
3/12	Jennifer W. & Renee
3/19	Melissa & McKenzie
3/26	Deb & Sandy

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

“Eye Witnesses of His Majesty”

2 Peter 1:16-21

Benjamin Williams

Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 128

Sunday Evening Classes:

Evangelism (Bruce Rothell)

Gospel Stories (Benjamin Williams)