

Glenpool Church of Christ

McGarvey on the Qualifications of Elders

One of the brightest minds in the history of the Church of Christ was J.W. McGarvey (1829-1911). At the time of his passing, the London Times wrote, “In all probability, John W. McGarvey is the ripest Bible scholar on earth.” One of the great legacies he left behind for us who follow in his footsteps were his writings on the eldership. He wrote a book on the subject, and frequently addressed it elsewhere in his writings. Much of what we practice today in the Church of Christ in terms of church government is described and explained by McGarvey.

And so, as I plan to begin a series on church leadership this morning, I thought it would be appropriate to include some selections from his writings. To start, I will print his comments on Acts 14 in his commentary on Acts:

A full exhibition of the duties of the elder's office, and of the moral and intellectual qualifications requisite to an appointment thereto, belongs to a commentary on the First Epistle to Timothy, rather than on Acts of Apostles. We will not, therefore, consider them here, further than to observe that the duties were such as can not be safely dispensed with in any congregation; while the qualifications were such as were then, and are now, but seldom combined in a single individual. Indeed, it can not be supposed that Paul found in the young congregations of Lystra, Iconium, Antioch, and every other planted during this tour, men who could fill up the measure of the qualifications which he prescribes for this office (1 Timothy 3:1-7). But he appointed elders in every Church, hence he must have selected those who came nearest the standard. It is not an admissible objection to this argument, that inspiration may have supplied the defects of certain brethren in each congregation, so as to fully qualify them; for moral excellencies, which are the principal of these qualifications, are not supplied by inspiration. ... Common sense and Scripture authority both unite in demanding that we should rather follow Paul's example, and appoint elders in every Church from the best material which the Church affords.

There are a lot of important observations in this paragraph, some of which I hope to return to at a latter time. For now, I just want you to notice the observation that the duties of an elder “were such as can not be safely dispensed in any congregation.” Church leadership is not a luxury. It is the necessary arrangement set in place by God and ought to be held in reverence. Those who subvert or prevent church leadership from their work do so at their own peril and in opposition to the will of God for his people.

by Benjamin J. Williams

April 23, 2017

ELDERS

Bobby Hill

Bill Path

Keith Riggs

David Tenison

PULPIT MINISTER

Benjamin Williams

YOUTH DIRECTOR

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.



VBS

Vacation Bible School meeting, Sunday, April 23 at 4:00. For questions see Debbie Whitchurch or Haden Brill.

GOSPEL MEETING

Cleveland will have a Gospel Meeting April 23-26. Monday thru Wednesday sessions begin at 7:00.

HOPE HARBOR

Hope Harbor will be hosting a Disc Golf Tournament on Saturday, May 13. You can register online at Hopeharborinc.org

TEACHER'S MEETING

Those that will be teaching 1st John during the summer quarter are asked to come to a teacher's meeting on Saturday May 6 at 8:00. See Ben for questions.



HONORING OUR GRADUATES

Each year we try to honor our graduates. This year we will be doing that on Sunday, April 30th. This is also a 5th Sunday, we will have a 2nd contribution (this will go towards a newer van/bus), a noon meal (group Riggs will set/clean up) and will honor our graduates. We will follow up with an early 1:00 service and be dismissed for the day (as we do on 5th Sundays). We have a tradition here to put baskets on the table of our High School graduates so people can put graduation cards in them.

1. Hayden Bullinger—Sapulpa High School
2. Meagan Russell—Preston High School
3. Jake Yeager—Sapulpa High School
4. Meghan Causby—OSU
5. Hannah Edwards—TCC
6. Selene Williams—Community Care College



Sunday, April 23

VBS meeting 4:00
Youth visitation at The Gardens

Saturday, April 29

Youth outing with 10th & Rockford

Sunday, April 30

5th Sunday with 2nd collection and 1:00 afternoon service
Noon meal and Honor our Graduates—group Riggs

Saturday, May 6

Teacher's meeting over 1st John

Sunday, May 7

Leadership meeting 3:00

Saturday, May 13

Mow and clean up at camp

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Darrel Kent had open heart surgery last Tuesday. He is in Hillcrest South room 607. Friday he was having a rough day, hopefully by now he is doing much better.
- Lexie Brill's grandfather, Frank Presfield, was crushed between a semi and a forklift; it broke his back and ribs and lacerated his kidney.
- Jerry Morgan had surgery to remove part of his colon. He is home now and doing okay.
- Cindy Johnson is asking for prayers on behalf of her husband Thomas Johnson who is having back pain and on behalf of her mother, Dorothy Wynn, who is very weak and not doing well.
- Fredde Path is home from the hospital and doing better.
- Barbara Vaughan is at Montereau / 6800 S. Granite Ave. / Tulsa, OK 74136. (near the intersection of 71st & Sheridan) having physical therapy.
- Rosalie O'Neal and Bill Path, Sr. are both in The Gardens in Sapulpa doing physical rehab. Cards and visits would be nice.
- Jackson Lilly, a Jenks football player, has been diagnosed with stage 4 cancer (lymphoma). He is a student of Keith Riggs.
- **Service men and women:** Jenna Sullivan; Jacob Littlebear; David Stills; Ken Whittington (Ben & Selene's brother-in-law)

ITEMS NEEDED

- Egg cartons (for camp)
- Walmart sacks (for Mark 10)

These items can be left in the tub in the foyer.



FROG ROAD CAMP

The date for Faith week at Frog Road Camp is June 11-16. Applications are available on the web site and are due by May 15th!

YOUTH GOALS:

- **Luke Walters** knows how many books are in the Bible
- **Alyssa Whittlesey** can name the 4 Gospels
- **Lucas Williams** can name the New Testament Divisions

YOUTH

A youth outing is being planned for Saturday, April 29 with the 10th & Rockford congregation. See Haden Brill for more information.

YOUTH VISITATION

Parents, your youth will be going to The Gardens this evening to hold a service at The Gardens for those who wish to attend (especially Rosalie and Bill Path). Please be sure and have your children here a few minutes before 5:00. For questions see Haden Brill.

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 (respiratory); Linda Arroyo (brain cancer); Bynum family; Jackson Horvath (deformed heart); Jackson Lilly (lymphoma); Bill Path, Sr.;

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Nyla Nunley, Apr 23
(she will be 85!)

Stephanie Bullinger, Apr 25
Stetson Harris, Apr 25
Ryder Killebrew, Apr 25

Becky Senn, Apr 26
Scott Neal, Apr 27

Jake Yeager, Apr 30
Paula Hamilton, Apr 30
Jim & Susan Yeager, May 1

Marcia Hill, May 1
Larry Potter, May 4
Caleb Hallsted, May 5
Rebecca Harris, May 8

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Bobby Hill
Opening Prayer	Edwin Whittlesey
Table	1. Steve Wetzel 2. Zac Tenison 3. James Hamilton 4. Ethan Prescott 5. Devon Prescott 6. Jared Collett
Scripture Reading	Joseph Whittlesey
Closing Prayer	Larry Neal

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Jerry Buller
Opening Prayer	Todd Khoury
Table	1. James Hamilton 2. Zac Tenison
Closing Prayer	Larry Killebrew

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

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

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$5,364
Budget	\$4,755
Over Budget	\$9,062

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	179
Sunday AM Worship	228
Sunday PM Worship	78
Wednesday Bible Classes	95

COMMUNION PREPARATION

4/23	Shirley Hill
4/30	Debbie Whitchurch
5/7	Lilia Rothell
5/14	Renee Whitchurch
5/21	Barbara Girod

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

4/23	Stephanie & Mackayla
4/30	Tonya & Toni
5/7	Debbie & Autumn
5/14	Bobby & Shirley
5/21	Tammy C. & Dana

SUNDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY EVENING

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

Series: Shepherds After My Own Heart
 Lesson 1: "God's Chosen Leaders"
 Numbers 27:15-20
 Benjamin Williams

Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 137
Sunday Evening Classes:
Evangelism (Bruce Rothell)
Study of First Peter (Benjamin Williams)