

Glenpool Church of Christ

Lipscomb on Elder Qualifications

The Holy Spirit has described the qualifications of elders in the first letter to Timothy and in that to Titus. None are perfect in their character. So none will have in perfection these qualifications laid down - that is, all will possess them in a human way. In describing such as elders the Spirit appointed all who possess these qualities to do the work of elders. The will be found doing the work of elders to some extent of themselves, else the qualities would not all be manifest. The congregation will see these qualities thus manifested. ...

But [someone] says they have none fitted for the work. If so, there are not Christians there. A number cannot live the Christian life and not develop the characters needed to do Christian work. It is frequently said nobody fills this bill, when it is not true. You occasionally find a wicked man who says there is no Christian; and it is just about as hard to find a Christian, according to the faultfinder's standard, as it is to find one fitted for an elder. When the Holy Spirit requires qualifications, he specifies them as they develop themselves and exist among men, not as they exist among angels. The man who expects perfection among men is an impractical visionary. God does not expect it. When he says they must be blameless, he means they are blameless as weak human beings. Abraham was a model of God's men. We form visionary ideas of Abraham's excellence; but when we come to solid facts, he was a weak, erring human. ... Peter was not faultless. ... I have no doubt our very exacting brethren, had they been in the days of Peter, would have said: "He is not fit to open the doors of the kingdom; he denied the Savior; he is not fit to teach or be a leading apostle." ... This faultfinding and depreciation of everybody else usually arises from undue exaltation of self. It is not a healthy state. The old hypocritical sinner who stands off and carps at everybody in the church as wicked means to say he is very righteous and very perfect. He is usually a self-deceived hypocrite. The same spirit in the church belongs to the self-righteous. It is not health to be overmuch righteous nor to demand it of others.

Acknowledge your own and your fellow men's humanity, your liability to err; get clear of the foolish idea that men with faults and human weaknesses are unfitted for the service of God. He adapted his service to and for weak men liable to err. Be willing to confess your faults when you do err. ... You cannot crush the humanity out of men. Do not look for perfection in human beings nor dispense with the work of God while pretending to be Christians.

by David Lipscomb in Queries and Answers (1921)

May 7, 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,

EDUCATION

SECRETARY

Karen Brown

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LADIES MEETING

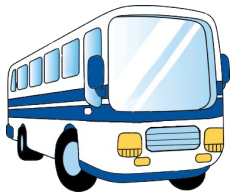
There will be an 'informational meeting' for all ladies this afternoon at 4:15. For questions see Sandra Tenison.



GRATITUDE

Jerry Morgan sent a thank you card, thanking everyone for the prayers and kind words and calls.

Selene Williams sent a thank you card, thanking everyone for the cards upon her graduation.



SUNDAY'S SECOND CONTRIBUTION

Last Sunday's second contribution has been earmarked to begin a fund for the purchase of a church bus. \$2,334.40 was contributed to that fund.

ADDRESS UPDATES:

- ◆ Bob & Virginia Burrus
2207 B-1 S. Hickory / Sapulpa, OK 74066
- ◆ Robert & Andrea Hallsted
3617 S. 74th W. Ct / Tulsa, OK 74107

Sunday, May 7

Leadership meeting 3:00

Ladies Meeting at 4:15

Saturday, May 13

Mow and clean up at camp

Youth are going to 10th & Rockford

Sunday, May 14

Mother's Day

Sunday, May 21

Young Families dinner

Saturday, May 27

Mow and clean up at camp

Sunday, May 28

NO Fellowship meal; Memorial Day Weekend

Wednesday, May 31

5th Wednesday Singing

Sunday, June 4

Wetzel Baby Shower at 3pm



IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Nola Buller fell last Sunday and broke her arm. They are waiting to see if it will heal on its own before having surgery.
- Brett and Gina Stewart, the Neal's family, lost their home due to a house fire.
- **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); Barbara Vaughn (physical therapy); Henry Lack; Stephanie White (pain); Dolores Scherman; Alan Trimble (ALS); Wayne Morgan; Rosalie O'Neal; Ruth Henry; Kathy Henry; Shelby family; Billie English (cancer); Bob Howard (respiratory); Linda Arroyo (brain cancer); Bynum family; Jackson Horvath (deformed heart); Jackson Lilly (lymphoma); Bill Path, Sr.; Hunter Hargrove (cancer); Haden Brill's grandmother (hip surgery); Lexie Brill's grandfather (broken back); Cindy Johnson's husband (back pain) and mother (poor health); George Payne (brain tumor)



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:

- **HARPER SENN** can name the **10 Plagues**
- **RYDER KILLEBREW** can name the **Four Gospels**

YOUTH

A youth outing is being planned for Saturday, May 13 with the 10th & Rockford congregation. Meet at our building at 9:00, parents you can pick up your children at 3:30 -4:00. See Haden Brill for more information.

ITEMS NEEDED

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

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

MARK10 UPDATE

Our Mark10 Program was begun to help provide small bags of food on the weekends for low income children. The members of this church made an initial contribution of \$3000 at the beginning of the school year to kick off the program. Several donors made smaller donations throughout the year. We originally set out to feed 25 children from Glenpool Schools and 39 from Kiefer Schools. By Christmas we were feeding 67 children total. Each sack of food averaged less than \$2.00 per child per week, thanks in large part to thrifty shopping throughout the year. The program ends for this school year at the end of May, but Glenpool Schools have already asked for meetings to discuss the growing needs for next year. Thank you so much to all who contributed, as well as all the workers who helped purchase, organize, and deliver the food. "Let the children come to me; do not hinder them, for to such belongs the Kingdom of God" (Mark 10:14).

UPCOMING BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Rebecca Harris, May 8
Jeff Harris, May 10
Edwin Whittlesey, May 10
Valerie Whittlesey, May 12
Tonya Davidson, May 13

Bill Path, May 13
Toni O'Neal, May 17
Makenzie Causby, May 17
Alyssa Whittlesey, May 17
Haden Brill, May 18

Lydia Jones, May 22
David Talley, May 22
Morgan Talley, May 26
Zack Treat, June 3
Saundra Tenison, June 4

SUNDAY AM WORSHIP

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Haden Brill
Table	1. Wes Wadkins 2. Topper Causby 3. Bobby Hill 4. Johnny Riggs 5. Richard Senn 6. Hayden Bullinger
Scripture Reading	Zac Caldwell
Closing Prayer	Larry Potter

SUNDAY PM DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Matt Caldwell
Opening Prayer	Carl Burrus
Table	1. Bobby Hill 2. Topper Causby
Closing Prayer	Jack Lierly

WEDNESDAY DEVOTIONAL

Song Leader	Joseph Whittlesey
Opening Prayer	Bill Hamrick
Devotional	Haden Brill
Closing Prayer	Ben Williams

FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Sunday Contribution	\$4701.61
Budget	\$4,755
Over Budget	\$9,090

LAST WEEK'S ATTENDANCE

Sunday Bible Classes	156
Sunday AM Worship	202
Sunday PM Worship	100
Wednesday Bible Classes	87

COMMUNION PREPARATION

5/7	Lilia Rothell
5/14	Renee Whitchurch
5/21	Barbara Girod
5/28	Mickey Hecht
6/4	Valerie Whittlesey

NURSERY ATTENDANTS

5/7	Debbie & Autumn
5/14	Bobby & Shirley
5/21	Tammy C. & Dana
5/28	Jennifer W. & Renee
6/4	Melissa & McKenzie

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 3: "How to Read a Description"

Proverbs 31:10-14

Benjamin Williams

Sunday Evening Devotional: Psalm 138

Sunday Evening Classes:

A Study of First Peter (Benjamin Williams)

Evangelism (Bruce Rothell)