

March 22, 2020

### IN NEED OF OUR PRAYERS

- Barbara Girod's son Russell was diagnosed with Non-Hodgkin's Lymphoma. They think he is in stage 2 but will know more after the bone marrow test. The good news is that they said it is highly curable with chemo.
- Randy Noonkester from Owasso church of Christ has been diagnosed with cancer.
- Dianna Hickman's surgery was successful.
- Mel Staley is asking for prayers as she will begin receiving 2 forms of cancer treatment this Friday for 6 weeks. Cards would be most welcome: 17702 S. Tacoma Mounds OK 74047

**Long Term Prayers Needed:** Sue Carty (kidney transplant), Mel Staley (cancer treatment), Jeanenne Thomas (cancer), Eddie Whitchurch (fractured pelvis), Cheryl Williamson (cancer), Eric Vaughn (heart), Kathy Henry (breast cancer), Ruth Henry, Bob Howard (lungs), Stephanie White (RSD), Barbara Vaughan, Billie English (cancer), Jackson Horvath (deformed heart), Debbie Boyer (multiple myeloma), Bailey Dodson (inoperable brain tumor), Ralph Causby (Alzheimer), Christy Henry (Hodgkin's lymphoma), Bob Burrus (cancer treatment), Joshlyn Krosse (migraine & diabetes), Charlie Kymes (vocal cord cancer), Melvin Spencer (multiple myeloma), Jack Myrick, Barry Haynie (liver cancer)

**Service Men and Women:** Meagan Russell; Tyler Whitchurch

### BY THE NUMBERS

#### Last Week's Contribution

\$4,593

**Weekly 2020 Budget** \$5,419

**Contribution thru February**

\$44,843

**Budget thru February (8 weeks)**

\$43,352

#### ONLINE GIVING

Members can setup donations online.  
glenpoolchurchofchrist.com/donate

### WEEK AT A GLANCE

- ALL EVENTS & GATHERINGS HAVE BEEN CANCELED**

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

Dear Members,

Out of an abundance of caution the elders have decided to make temporary changes to our worship practices in light of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. In order to comply with the newly released CDC guidelines regarding gatherings over 50 persons we have decided to make the following changes:

**The elders have decided to cancel all meetings at the church building until further notice.**

Our Sunday morning worship service will be available online and it is our hope that members will be able to participate remotely from the safety of their homes. Sunday & Wednesday PM services are canceled for the duration of this crisis.

We are taking this step because infected persons can transmit the virus for up to 14 days without presenting symptoms. In light of this, apparently healthy people could be infecting others in church services without knowing.

Here is the link to our church's YouTube homepage: <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCb2Qi-MtEo5-wYRQG2sFX8A>

Please verify that you can access sermons from this link and contact the office if you have trouble. It is our intention to have our services published simultaneously with their delivery. We will have a skeleton crew in the building on Sunday mornings to facilitate service production and greet any visitors that come by.

We have mobile communion supplies available, please call the office for

Thank you for your understanding and let us hold each other up in prayer in the trying days ahead.

### BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

Cindy Khoury 3/22	Janice O'Shields 3/24	Matthew Hamilton 3/30
Colby Martinez 3/22	Sharon Canan 3/26	Betty Simmons 4/4
Johnny & Marcia Riggs 3/23	Alex Riggs 3/29	Sarah Hallsted 4/5
Vickie Crawford 3/24	Elizabeth Hamilton 3/30	Beverly Killebrew 4/6

**BELONG****LEARN****SERVE****Classes for All Ages**

Sunday / 9:30 AM

Sunday / 5:20 PM

Wednesday / 7:00 PM

**BELONG****LEARN****SERVE****Get Involved**

Find a program or area of service below and ask how you can help.

**LETTER FROM AN ELDER****Trying Times**—Devon Prescott

Love and peace be with you in the name of Jesus Christ.

My grandparents got married in 1928 in the middle of the sand hills of central Nebraska. This was a stark place at a stark time. The great depression and a massive drought combined to starve out many of their neighbors. But my people survived to multiply as did yours, or you would not be reading this today.

The earth is facing a calamity with this COVID-19 virus that will change our lives in the days ahead. However, I want to remind you all that we are here by virtue of our ancestors surviving pandemics, natural disasters, droughts, wars, genocides, and many other difficulties.

In the same way, our spiritual ancestors in the church have endured persecution, denial, threats, attempted eradication by governments and false religions. We all hail from hearty stock both physically and spiritually.

The Center for Disease Control is requesting that we stop gathering in groups to limit the exponential growth of the COVID-19 virus. The idea is that the virus will adapt over time so that it does not kill its host (killing the host is bad form for a successful virus). Further if we can get to the warm part of the Summer when virus cells are killed faster by the warm temperatures and direct UV sunlight the spread will naturally calm down. So the combination of warm weather and maturation of the virus points to brighter future ahead.

**Psalm 130: 5-8**

**5 I wait for the Lord, my soul waits,  
and in his word I hope;**

**6 my soul waits for the Lord  
more than watchmen for the morning,**

**more than watchmen for the morning.**

**7 O Israel, hope in the Lord!**

**For with the Lord there is steadfast  
love,  
and with him is plenteous redemption.**

**8 And he will redeem Israel**

At Glenpool, we have changed the nature and format of our worship service to focus on an online presentation. We will be having a production team at the building in Glenpool and members are encouraged to participate via the internet in their homes or by gathering with nearby families as needed. We will likely make mistakes as we embark in this new format so please reserve some patience for us. It is our hope to save lives by not passing this pestilence to one another.

The elders will each be writing to you in the weeks ahead, offering messages of encouragement and love, wisdom and peace. It is my prayer that you receive these writings as they are intended, offerings for the benefit of God's work on earth.

Our neighbors will be looking toward us in the days ahead. They will need help and guidance, support and spiritual wisdom. As Christians, we are uniquely qualified to help in trying times. We alone can bring the love of God to a troubled world. We have a special responsibility to our spiritual and earthly ancestors not to panic. We have a special responsibility to our Lord to look upon our fellow citizens and sojourners as God's own children. I pray that God will allow us to rally to the occasion and that our hands will find ready work helping one another and those we find in our midst in the days ahead. Further, I pray that though our bodies may be distant our hearts will be united.

**ELDERS**

Todd Khoury

Bill Path

Devon Prescott

Keith Riggs

David Tenison

**MINISTERS**

Thomas Hallsted, Youth Director

**DEACONS**

James Hamilton, Worship

Jeff Harris, Technology Utilization

Larry Killebrew, Senior Saints

Johnny Riggs, Member Services

Dennis Robinson, Inventory

Bruce Rothell, Missions &amp; Evangelism

Richard Senn, Grounds

Zac Tenison, Young Families

Steven Wetzel, Fellowship

Edwin Whittlesey, Education

**CHILDREN'S COORDINATOR**

Debbie Whitchurch

**OFFICE ADMINISTRATOR**

Jessica Khoury