

GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEWS & NOTES

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-January 9, 2024-

Ephesians 6:19-20

19 and for me, that utterance may be given to me, that I may open my mouth boldly to make known the mystery of the gospel, 20 for which I am an ambassador in chains; that in it I may speak boldly, as I ought to speak.

At the end of Paul's great letter to the large Christian community in Ephesus, he asked for prayer. After telling them to take up the whole armor of God and to pray (Ephesians 6:10-18), then Paul specifically asked for prayer. His request was personal, asking they pray that God would give him utterance to preach, and to preach boldly. This means that we can battle in the spirit for others, not only for ourselves. If the Ephesians could do it for Paul, then we can and should do it for others.

Paul asked for prayer that he might proclaim the gospel both clearly and with a fearless power. It is easy to neglect one or the other.

When Paul asked his readers to pray for the grace to be a clear, bold preacher of God's truth, he probably had in mind his upcoming defense before Caesar. When Jesus first called and rescued Paul, God told him he would preach to kings (Acts 9:15). Another opportunity to do that was coming soon, and Paul needed and wanted the prayer support of fellow believers.

It could be that our prayer today would be for boldness to proclaim the word.

Garry

Why Church History is Important to Me (Part 2)

From Luther, inadvertently, came the Lutheran Church. It resembles the Catholic Church in many respects. However, as Luther's influence was waning, another figure rose to prominence by the name of John Calvin. Calvin's influence was so monumental that it led to the formation of several denominations of Protestantism—Presbyterian and Baptist among the most prominent. Meanwhile, the Catholic Church in England became the Church of England (Anglican, but in America, Episcopal), the Puritans and Methodist Church were stemming from them. The Puritans arose because they believed the Church of England's reforms didn't go far enough. Methodism was a revival of Anglicanism.

From each of these came numerous offshoots. By the end of the eighteenth century, several ministers in various places and among various denominations saw how divided their fellowships were and committed to studying the Bible alone. Barton Stone (Presbyterian) was among the earliest, along with Rice Haggard (Republican Methodist), Thomas, and Alexander Campbell (Presbyterian in Scotland and America), and John Mulkey (Baptist) among others. They aimed to restore New Testament Christianity. Out of their efforts, along with many others, came the restoration of apostolic Christianity. Did they invent new denominations?

My argument has been that they were like Ezra and Nehemiah. Those two led a restoration of God's people after decades of exile, and they did so by using Scripture, thus giving us a blueprint. When David instructed Solomon on the temple worship, he did so by God's decree (1 Chron. 28:11-13). Even when David seemed to deviate from God's plan by adding Levites as professional singers and musicians, we find that David did this by God's revelation (2 Chron. 29:25). Therefore, David's inauguration of worship became the standard to which many would return:

- 1. Solomon followed the pattern of David (2 Chron. 8:14).
- 2. 110+ years after David, Jehoiada restored worship (2 Chron. 23:18).
- 3. 280+ years after David, Josiah restored worship (2 Chron. 35:4).
- 4. 550 years after David, Ezra restored worship (Ezra 3:10)
- 5. 600 years after David, Nehemiah went with Ezra's restoration (Neh. 12:24, 35–36).

While some might argue that they invented new denominations, I have found in Scripture and early Christians writings, that we are as close as possible in many respects to what the church looked like in the first and second centuries.

-Steven

WORSHIP—Sunday AM: 9:00 Sunday PM: 6:00 CLASSES—Sunday AM: 10:15 Wednesday PM: 6:30 **RADIO—Sunday AM:** 9:00-10:00 **Sunday PM:** 6:00-7:00—WVHM FM 89.7 DAILY RADIO—Monday-Friday 6:25 & 7:25 am—FM 89.7 **ANNOUNCEMENT LINE** - (270) 759-4444

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"And let us consider one another in order to stir up love and good works, not forsaking the assembling of ourselves together, as is the manner of some, but exhorting one another, and so much the more as you see the Day approaching. I look up to the mountains—does my help come from there? My help comes from the LORD, who made heaven and earth!" (Heb 10:24-25 & Psa 121:1-2)

FEBRUARY 29^{th,} 2024 – 1st Young N Hearts Class of the New Year!



<u>IANUARY 10^{th,} 2024</u> – <u>C20 Class @ 6:30pm</u> – Topic: <u>HANNAH</u> – <u>3 Loves That Made Her A Godly Mother & Wife</u> (1 Samuel 1 – 2:21)

<u>IANUARY 14^{th,} 2024</u> – <u>C20 Class @ 10am</u> – Topic: <u>A Glorious Body & A Heavenly Home</u> – <u>Rich Man and Lazurus</u> (1 Cor 15:12-58; Lk 16:19-31)

Library E. Bailey WEIRD MINDS

It could be just coincidental but both Steven and I were thinking along the same lines this week. His front-page bulletin article is on the topic of why church history is important. Without knowing this, I had already decided to start a series on why our hymnody is important and this dovetails right into his subject.

We, in the acappella Churches of Christ, do, indeed, have a rich history of hymn writing and of those men & women who contributed to this wealth of hymns and gospel songs.

Unfortunately, as seems to be the case with our general movement history, our people, especially younger generations, know very little about this subject.

In the next several weeks, I plan to try to introduce some of the high spots in the development of the hymns & gospel songs that we sing.

So, decide for yourself if Steven & I have weird minds or just plain brilliant minds!

YOUTH

Jacob Vaughan

CYC is coming up in February. We will leave on Thursday, February 22nd and return on the 25th. The bus to depart for CYC will leave from the Church parking lot at 4:00 I would recommend eating dinner before we depart. The cost to attend CYC this year will be \$175. This price includes all meals plus a dinner show as well as your ticket for the event itself and lodging.

It is technically passed the deadline to sign up for CYC but if you would still like to go and haven't signed up, speak to me and we can make it happen. We have a large group going and it would only make it that much better if more youth decided to join us.

Most of our youth are actively involved in many extracurriculars. It would mean the world to them if you were able to find some time and support them at one of their functions. Show them the love you have for them and the support we should have for one another as we live our lives as pilgrims/ sojourners in a world we don't belong to.

The youth calendar has been made for 2024. You can find a copy of this calendar on our website at

https://www.glendaleroadchurch.org/youth-ministry.

Take a look and see what all the youth has planned for this upcoming year. Hard copies will also be made available on the youth bulletin board in the commons area for those that would like one. Some of the dates are li able to change due to need or rescheduling issues. I will inform everyone with updates as they take place.

"Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

To those who remembered me by way of calls, texts, cards, food and most of all prayers, I thank you from the bottom of my heart. Everything that was done put a smile on my face and gave me renewed strength each day.

Dee Gantt

Thank you to all my friends at Glendale who remembered me on my 89th birthday. Your kindness is so appreciated!

Bobby Hughes

Thank you so much for your assistance with the backpack snack program! We appreciate your willingness to pack the snack bags for our students for the month of November.

Michelle & Tabitha Laker Lighthouse Family Resource Center East & North Elementary

OFFICERS MEETING

There will be an officers meeting on Sunday, January 14th at 8 AM in the west end of the multipurpose room.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Ladies' Tuesday Bible Class will meet at 10:30 AM on January 16th (weather permitting). The lesson will be from pages 75-80 in It's a Red Letter Day. All ladies are invited.

CARING & SHARING

We are in need of men's hoodies, sweatshirts or heavier shirts and girls winter clothing sizes 7-16. We are always appreciative of any clothing you may have to donate!

FRIENDS & FAMILY DAY Make Heaven Crowded

Sunday, March 3rd
9 AM – John Dale,
Class – Steven Hunter,
Potluck, Devotional – Jacob Vaughan

Sympathy

We express the sympathy of the congregation to Davis Kimbro and family on the death of his niece, Melissa Lovett. Arrangements are incomplete at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home. Also, remember Terri Walston and family on the death of her mother-in-law, Shirley Walston; Artie D'Elia and family on the death of his brother, Conrad D'Elia; Zona Durst and family on the death of her sister, Glendora Thompson; and Keith Houston and family on the death of his stepfather, Larry Hurt.

BABY SHOWER

Everyone is invited to a drop in Friends and Family Baby Shower for Kelsey Dublin Johnson and expected baby boy on January 13th from 10-12 here at church. She is registered at Amazon, Whitneys and Intuition. Instead of a card, a favorite book is requested if you would like.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to David and Sarah Provine who will celebrate their 63rd wedding anniversary on January 14th.

~ELDERS~

Jeremy Bell Raymond Grady Johnny Bohannon Allen McKeel **Brent Canter**

~DEACONS~

Darrell Beane
Landon Clark
Mike Cooper
Garry Evans
Joel Fisher
Seth Grogan
Ryan Houston
John Mahan
Mike Orr
Tim Stark
Stacey Underhill

Terry Bourland Gerald Coles Dan Davis Andrew Falwell James Gibson Chris Jones Derek Jones Terry McCallon Shawn Simmons Kelly Starks Nicholas Webber Josh Bybee
Tim Coles
Jody DeWitt
Jacob Falwell
Matt Gingles
Justin Hendrick
Chad Lawson
Josh McKeel
Jay Stark
Rob Thompson
Daron Wilson

~CARE TEAM LEADERS~

Jody Dewitt – Care Team 1 Dan Davis – Care Team 2

Jerry Stark – Care Team 3

Mike Orr – Care Team 4

- Care Team 5

Garry Evans – Care Team 6 Terry Bourland – Care Team 7

~SUNDAY SERVANTS~ 1/14/2024

9:00 Morning Worship

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Welcome/Announcements	Garry Evans
Song Service	
Opening Prayer	Brent Canter
Preside	Derrick Delaney
Scripture Reading	Jackson Bell
Scripture	1 Corinthians 11:17
Speaker	Steven Hunter
Sermon	For the Better
Closing Prayer	Sawyer Lawson
Nursery Patricia	Ward, Terra Weber
GreetersJustin Hendrick	, Chelsea Hendrick,
Kerry Higgins, Melody Hi	ggins, Guinn Jones,
Shanna Kelso	,

Serve the Lord's Supper

South	North
Dwaine Rogers	Rick Spann
David Ryan	Jay Ŝtark
Marty Sheridan	Jerry Stark
Karsen Starks	Tim Stark
Kameron Starks	Zak Stark
Kelly Starks	Rob Thompson

Alternates: Stacey Underhill, Corey Underhill, Zach Underhill, Tyler Underhill, Jacob Vaughan, Daniel Walker

1/14/2024 **6:00 Evening Worship**

Welcome/Announceme	nts Garry Evans	
Song Service		
Opening Prayer		
Scripture Reading	Evan Falwell	
Scripture	Psalm 139:14	
Speaker	Steven Hunter	
Sermon	SINGING NIGHT	
Preside	Rodney Lowe	
Closing Prayer	Terry McCalllon	
NurseryJar	McKeel, Tonya Morris	
GreetersHelen King, Sharla McCage,		
Linda McCallon, Ryle	ee McCallon, Barbara	
McCuiston, Jeremy McKeel		

***** Van Drivers:

 $Sunday\ AM-Eric\ Gibson\ (270\text{-}293\text{-}1714)$

Sunday PM – Mike Cooper (270-227-5694)

Wednesday – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720)