GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST
NEWS & NOTES
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-November 24, 2026-

In I Samuel 3 we read the familiar story of God speaking to a young Samuel. Because Samuel is young, and because God has never spoken to him before, Samuel mistakes the voice of God for the voice of Eli. Samuel is not the last one to be confused when God speaks. In John 12:29, shortly after the triumphal entry, God speaks from heaven and says, "I have already brought glory to My name, and I will do so again." Some people mistook the voice of God for thunder, while others mistook it for an angel. Many times, throughout His ministry, Jesus predicts His own crucifixion, and the disciples apparently confuse the meaning of His words with their own expectations of what the Messiah should do and be. The Christians at Thessalonica misunderstood, thinking that the return of Jesus was eminent and quit working. Many of Jesus' disciples turn away from Him in John 6 because they are confused when Jesus tells them that they must eat His flesh and drink His blood. Misunderstanding is not uncommon nor a sin. There are more than one or two passages in the scriptures that I don't understand what God is saying. Our faith, however, should confirm a couple of things for us when we don't fully understand the word of God. First, God is not the God of confusion (I Co 14:33). I sometimes, especially when reading the gospel of John, fall into the same thinking as the disciples, wishing that Jesus would just speak plainly. I need to be careful with that attitude. God doesn't do anything accidentally and He isn't trying to confuse me, but to force me to think spiritually. If I misunderstand, it is my fault, not God's. Second, I think of the words that God spoke from heaven on the Mount of Transfiguration, "This is my beloved Son, in whom I am well pleased. Hear Him!" I don't fully understand, neither do you, but one thing is clear; God has sent Jesus, His Son, and given Him authority in word, in power, and over death! Shouldn't we listen? *Seth*

An Overview of Ruth

People leave their homeland for many reasons. Many who came to America did so for new prospects and opportunities. Some were fleeing religious persecution, while others wanted to distance themselves from the constraints of old-world civilization. In the Reconstruction Era, many Americans moved westward for adventure and to conquer the frontier. Some were forced out due to circumstances beyond their control. From the fifties through the seventies, some folks from this area went to Michigan to work in car manufacturing because jobs may not have been as plentiful or as good. When we're first introduced to Ruth's story, the emphasis is less on her than on her mother-in-law, Naomi.

The book opens by giving us an idea of the period in which the events occurred. "In the days of the judges" (v. 1). If you've read Judges and the early chapters of 1 Samuel, you'll know these were folks God chose during specific crises to act as tribal chieftains, resolve conflict, and keep the people faithful. A famine has overtaken the land. This clues us into Israel's state at the time, because famine was associated with God's judgment on His people (Deut. 28:23–24). We're not told what sin they committed, but the book of Judges gives us a clue. Israel sins, God judges them, they cry out for deliverance, God sends a judge, Israel is delivered only to return to sin years later.

There's some irony in the story because Bethlehem (house of bread) is the location. This man and his family are leaving the house of bread because of a famine, and of all places, he chooses Moab. The Moabites were descendants of Moab, the son of Lot and his daughter—his name meaning "from the father." Moabites were prohibited from entering the assembly of Israel (Deut. 23:3). Yet, here we have Israelites going in to Moabites. It was believed that character traits were passed down from generation to generation, and incest was clearly forbidden in the Torah. This kind of strikes like the parable of the Good Samaritan, doesn't it?

Let's unpack the names: Elimelech means "my God is king," Naomi means "pleasant," but their sons' names, Mahlon and Chilion, mean "sickness" and "destruction." They may not have been named that by their parents, but the names may have indicated what would befall the sons. Orpah means "nape," as in the nape of the neck—since she'd turn back to leave, as we'll see. Ruth has two possible Hebrew meanings: "friendship" or "fertile." Initially, they sojourned there because of the famine but wound up living there for ten years until all the men had died. What happens after this is providential, to say the least. ***–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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NO CLASS on November 26th. Happy Thanksgiving!!

DECEMBER 3rd, 2026 – Regular **Class @ 10:30am. Please invite a friend to join us** 😊

DECEMBER 10th, 2026 – We will have our **Christmas DEVO @ 10:30am**... Followed by our **Christmas MEAL @ 11am**. Please invite a friend to join us! 😊

NOVEMBER 25th, 2026 – Thanksgiving Singing in the Auditorium @ 6:30pm.

NO DEVO this week due to Thanksgiving.

NOVEMBER 29th, 2026 – C20 Class @ 10am. We will continue our discussion of**... Spiritual Warfare: The Lies We Are Told.**

Library *E. Bailey*

Count Them One By One

Thanksgiving is one of those holidays that has inspired several wonderful hymns & gospel songs and one of those that will be sung in countless churches this coming week is "***Count Your Many Blessings"*** by Johnson Oatman, Jr.

Oatman (1856-1922) had several careers, only one of which was in writing over 5000 hymns & gospel songs. As was the case with most of the prolific writers of yesteryear, only a few of his songs have survived into widespread modern usage but this is certainly one of them.

Two others that are still found in hundreds of hymnals are "***I'm Pressing On The Upward Way"*** and ***"No, Not One."*** What accounts for the longevity of "***Count Your Many Blessings"?***

Certainly, Edwin O. Excell's very singable tune with which the song has been paired all these years.

And it will surprise you what the Lord hath done

YOUTH

Jacob Vaughan

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There will be a **meeting** for everyone that has signed up to go on the **Youth Honduras Mission Trip** the Sunday following Thanksgiving on November 29th. This meeting will be held right before evening services at 5:40 in the west end multipurpose room. Please plan on attending if you have signed up to go.

The youth Christmas party will be held here at the church on December 19th from 6:00 – 8:00 Dinner will be provided and games will be held by all that attend. We will also be playing white elephant, if you would like to participate please bring a $15 gift. A sign up will be posted on the youth board closer to time.

K-5 with Zak Stark

- November 29th – Vertical Jump
- December 5th – Breakfast with Santa
- December 12th – Christmas Party + Movie

Sign up on the K-5 Board

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Food Pantry: Instant Potatoes & Hamburger Helper Type Meals

Clothing Needs: Winter Shoes, Boots & Tennis Shoes – All sizes
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"Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

I had a wonderful 94th birthday with many cards, phone calls, sweet treats and well wishes! Thank you to all!

Evanee Hosford

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Thank you for the kindness and love shown to us after Mom's death. The funeral meal was such a blessing. Thank you!

Glen and Debbie Gibbs

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Thank you so much for the memorial gift in honor of Harvey. Your love and support of the work is appreciated and much needed.

Machelle and Ed Bull

SANTA PROJECT

If you would like to give to the Santa Project to assist families from Calloway and Murray schools in need at Christmas, you may do so at the table at the back of the Commons until Wednesday, December 9th.

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Union Hill Church of Christ
Thanksgiving Singing, Nov. 27th
@ 7:00 PM

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December Schedule

Dec. 2nd – Blood Drive, 2-7 PM
See James Gibson in the Commons to sign up!

Dec. 6th – Churchwide Potluck following Worship @ 5

Dec. 12th – Widow's & Widower's Luncheon – 11:00

PLACING MEMBERSHIP

Josh & Haley Clark (11/22)
891 Hale Rd., Murray

Wesley & Whitney Tucker (11/22)
3911 Brinn Rd., Murray

SYMPATHY

We express the sympathy of the congregation to Cass McAlpin and family on the death of his father, Scotty McAlpin.

DIRECTORY PICTURES

We still have several people who do not have a picture in the directory. You may email one to jeanneu@glendaleroadchurch.org, see Seth or Jeanne anytime to take a quick picture or come by the office.

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We will all be meeting in the auditorium this Wednesday night, November 25th for singing. (No classes)

~ELDERS~

Darrell Beane
Brent Canter
Derek Jones
Jeremy Bell
Andrew Falwell
Allen McKeel
Johnny Bohannon
Raymond Grady

~DEACONS~

Terry Bourland
Tim Coles
Jody DeWitt
James Gibson
Chris Jones
Chad Lawson
Josh McKeel
Jay Stark
Rob Thompson
Daron Wilson
Josh Bybee
Mike Cooper
Jacob Falwell
Matt Gingles
Justin Hendrick
John Mahan
Mike Orr
Tim Stark
Stacey Underhill
Landon Clark
Dan Davis
Joel Fisher
Seth Grogan
Ryan Houston
Terry McCallon
Shawn Simmons
Kelly Starks
Nicholas Weber

~CARE TEAM LEADERS~

Jody Dewitt – Care Team 1
Dan Davis – Care Team 2
Jerry Stark – Care Team 3
Mike Orr – Care Team 4
Chuck Adams – Care Team 5
Buddy Bybee – Care Team 6
Terry Bourland – Care Team 7
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~SUNDAY SERVANTS~

11/29/2026

9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements ..... Seth Grogan
Song Service ..... Derek Jones
Opening Prayer ..... Johnny Bohannon
Preside ..... Dan Davis
Scripture Reading ..... Bobby Fike
Scripture ..... 1 Thessalonians 5:18
Speaker ..... Steven Hunter
Sermon ..... A Thanksgiving People
Closing Prayer ..... Daniel Walker
Nursery……Sydney Ward, Terra Weber
Greeters……Josh Burchett, Haley Burchett, Karen Cain, Jimmie Carr, Shirley Carr, Cindy Cleaver

Serve the Lord's Supper

South	North
Trent Murdock	Lofton Pigg
Cade Musser	Grant Riley
Nathan Musser	David Ryan
Mike Orr	Marty Sheridan
Eric Penniston	Rick Spann
Paul Peters	Jay Stark

Alternates: Tim Stark, Zak Stark, Kelly Starks, Rob Thomspon

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6:00 Evening Worship

Welcome/Announcements ..... Seth Grogan
Song Service ..... Derek Jones
Opening Prayer ..... Landon Clark
Scripture Reading ..... Rodney Lowe
Scripture ..... Psalms 100:4–5
Speaker ..... Steven Hunter
Sermon ..... Living Gratefully
Preside ..... Zak Stark
Closing Prayer ..... Rusty Back
Nursery……Sheila Bourland, Sherri Boyd
Greeters……Austin Copeland, Patti Copeland, Opal Copeland, Joe Crawford, Missy Crawford, Addison Crawford

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Van Drivers:

Sunday AM – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720)
Sunday PM – Stacey Underhill (270-978-9849)
Wednesday – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720)