

# GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

## NEWS & NOTES

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## The Good Shepherd (John 10)

### New Year's Resolution Time Approaching (Continued)

Rely on the Spirit's power to change your life. "Not by might, nor by power, but by my Spirit, says the Lord" (Zechariah 4:6). The fruit we long for—love, joy, peace, patience—doesn't grow by sheer effort (Galatians 5:22–23). It grows as we keep in step with the Spirit. How? Fix your eyes on Jesus (Hebrews 12:2), walk with His people (Hebrews 10:24–25), and keep getting up when you fall (Micah 7:8).

Practical helps for the journey:

- **Pray first:** "Lord, what do you want to form in me this year? What do I need to release, receive, rearrange, and resist?"

- **Make it specific:** Trade vague for concrete. Instead of "pray more," try "five minutes of prayer after coffee." Instead of "be healthier," try "walk 20 minutes after dinner Monday–Friday."

- **Start tiny:** Aim embarrassingly small. Two verses, not two books. One act of generosity, not a grand gesture. Small acts done consistently become big transformations.

- **Review weekly:** Practice a simple examen. Ask, "Where did I notice God? Where did I resist Him? What will I do differently this week?"

- **Share it:** Tell a friend or small group. Invite encouragement and accountability. Transformation thrives in community.

*Garry*

Having recently concluded the celebration of the Feast of Tabernacles, which included daily water rituals from the Pool of Siloam, Jesus sent the blind man there. It was a place of purification. The miracle wasn't just for the one afflicted but also for those who saw the man healed. Many marveled, but once the Pharisees heard of it, they found fault (vv. 13–22). First, they interrogate the once blind man, then his parents, and then him again. A part of early Christianity was the confession of Jesus as Christ, God's only son. Here, it was going to be a mark of excommunication. Such exclusion would have been a severe form of social and religious ostracism.

The man spoke about a commonly held belief in verse 31. Scripture establishes a connection between a person's righteousness and God's responsiveness (Is. 1:15; Jer. 11:11; Zech. 7:13; James 5:13–16). As a foreshadowing of things to come, they throw him out (v. 34) contrary to the law, which commanded that witnesses be present to establish all facts. The rash decision becomes commonplace among the Pharisees concerning Jesus, culminating in his crucifixion.

Continuing speaking with the Pharisees, Jesus contrasts his leadership with theirs (10:1–18). Jesus is compassionate and caring; they are like leeches—getting what they can from people. He wants to care for them and provide for them. After contrasting their leadership, they return once more to accusing him of having a demon or being mad. Yet, the people are beginning to discern (vv. 19–21).

The Feast of Dedication (v. 22) is what we know as Hanukkah or the Feast of Lights. This celebration focused on the temple's rededication in December 164 BC after it had been desecrated in 167 BC by Antiochus, the Seleucid ruler. When considering that this occurred between the Old and New Testaments, we must ask whether this was an inspired holiday as God had commanded others. The short answer is "no," but it was a religious-nationalistic holiday in which they devoted themselves to some sort of celebration. We don't know how it was celebrated in the first century. Since Jesus observed this, we can conclude that Christianity can worship God when it isn't necessarily prescribed (cf. Rom. 14:5–6). Yet, the issue turns bad once more as the Jews surround Jesus and begin interrogating him. The constant theme of them wanting to kill him becomes more frequent in his exchanges.

—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**

# THE GLENDALE FAMILY- "T

**TYLER BOHANNON**  
**COLLEGE & YOUNG-N-HEARTS**



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Thank you for a wonderful year! Young N Hearts will be off during the winter season. I look forward to seeing you early in the spring! God bless and have a wonderful holiday season!

Scripture of the Day: **Psalm 51:10 "Create in me a clean heart, O God. And renew a right spirit within me."**



**DECEMBER 24<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - NO SERVICES @ GLENDALE ON CHRISTMAS EVE.**

**DECEMBER 28<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - C20 Class @ 10am.**

Topic: **Job - A study of Wisdom.** (For Study)

Job 3:11-26

Job 4:7-8; 5:3, 27

Job 8:2-9; Job 11:3-6

\*Focus on Job's friends... As they try to explain wisdom from a human perspective... Notice how pride and arrogance gets in the way.

## Library

*E. Bailey*

### Old Brother Hill # 2

James R. Hill (1848-1904) and his wife, Mary Angeline Ray (1851-1919) were parents of four children: Sarah Allie Hill Allbritten (1868-1956), Lula Hill Risenhoover (1880-1957), William Morgan Hill (1877-1905) and Charles L. Hill (1871-1908). The two sons died without leaving any children. Brother Hill, his wife, & both sons are buried in Murray City Cemetery.

Lula Hill Risenhoover was the mother of Edna Risenhoover Robinson (1901-1984) and both are buried at Murray City. On the other hand, most of the Hill's grandchildren were Allbritten's - children of Allie Hill and husband, John Jefferson Allbritten (1864-1952). Both are buried at New Providence and their five children, who are still remembered by many locals, were William Dumas Allbritten, Sr, (1886-1963), Isaac Ettett "Billy" Allbritten (1889-1965), George A. Allbritten (1891-1929), James Rudy Allbritten (1895-1952) and Jefferson R. Allbritten (1908-1954).

Many of the next generation of Allbritten's still populate Calloway County and are a credit to our churches!!

## YOUTH

**Jacob Vaughan**

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The sign up for CYC is posted on the youth board in the commons. If possible, please sign up before December 20<sup>th</sup>. The trip will take place February 19<sup>th</sup> - 22<sup>nd</sup> and we will depart from the Glendale parking lot at 1:00 that Thursday the 19<sup>th</sup>. Please try and eat lunch before your arrival. The cost to attend the trip this year is currently sitting at \$120. I will let you all know if that changes asap.

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# MERRY CHRIST - MAS!

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# ***‘Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray’***

## **THANK YOU**

I would like to thank everyone for all the cards, visits and prayers during my recent surgery and hospital stay. I'm sure these prayers are what gave me the strength to recover. God bless you all.

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Eddie Young

Thanks so much for the birthday cards, gifts and texts. Love you all. It's been a good year, just another year older.

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Louise Haley

Thank you for all of my birthday wishes, cards and gifts. They all made my day special!

Judy Turner

## **UPCOMING SCHEDULE**

We will not have services on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>.

The office will be closed on Wednesday, December 24<sup>th</sup>-Friday, December 26<sup>th</sup>.

We will have our regular service on Wednesday, December 31<sup>st</sup>.

## **CARING & SHARING**

The Caring and Sharing Center will be closed December 30<sup>th</sup>. They will reopen January 6<sup>th</sup>. Please delay any clothing drop offs until after they reopen in January. At that time, they will need Men's Winter Coats. 30 food boxes were given and 70 families received clothes this past week.

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Glendale Library: Wednesdays 6-6:30 & Sundays 11-11:30. Visit the website at:  
<https://glendaleroadchurch.booksys.net/opac/grcc/>

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Jeff Humphreys will be in the hospital for a month with his bone marrow transplant. The address is: Sarah Cannon Hospital  
2410 Patterson St., Room 3314  
Nashville, TN 37203

## **SYMPATHY**

We express the sympathy of the congregation to Julie Stubblefield and family on the death of her brother, Louie Williams; and to Betty Brandon and family on the death of her sister, Jeanne Martin of Arizona.

## **BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT**

Barret James Canter, son of Logan and Carly Canter, was born December 18<sup>th</sup>. He weighed 8 lbs., 9 oz. and was 22 ½ inches long. Brent and Molly Canter are the grandparents.

## **OFFICER'S MEETING**

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>, 8:00 AM**

## **SAVE THE DATE**

**Men's Retreat 2026**

**March 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**

**Larry Nunley will be speaking,  
make plans to join us!**

### **~ELDERS~**

Darrell Beane  
Brent Canter  
Derek Jones

Jeremy Bell  
Andrew Falwell  
Allen McKeel

Johnny Bohannon  
Raymond Grady

### **~DEACONS~**

Terry Bourland  
Tim Coles  
Jody DeWitt  
Joel Fisher  
Seth Grogan  
Ryan Houston  
Terry McCallon  
Shawn Simmons  
Kelly Starks  
Nicholas Weber

Josh Bybee  
Mike Cooper  
Garry Evans  
James Gibson  
Chris Jones  
Chad Lawson  
Josh McKeel  
Jay Stark  
Rob Thompson  
Daron Wilson

Landon Clark  
Dan Davis  
Jacob Falwell  
Matt Gingles  
Justin Hendrick  
John Mahan  
Mike Orr  
Tim Stark  
Stacey Underhill

### **~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  
Garry Evans – Care Team 6  
Terry Bourland – Care Team 7



## ~SUNDAY SERVANTS~

12/28/2025

### 9:00 Morning Worship

**Welcome/Announcements** ..... Garry Evans  
**Song Service** ..... Derek Jones  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Ernie Bailey  
**Preside** ..... Darrell Beane  
**Scripture Reading** ..... Rob Thompson  
**Scripture** ..... Isaiah 53:1-12  
**Speaker** ..... Steven Hunter  
**Sermon** ..... The Reason Jesus Was Born  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Kent Barlow  
**Nursery** ..... Sharon Kelso, Shanna Kelso  
**Greeters** ..... Ethan Back, Jana Beth Forgey,  
 Candice Brittain, Josh Burchett, Haley Burchett

### Serve the Lord's Supper

<b>South</b>	<b>North</b>
Tim Hayman.....	Rodney Lowe
Dennis Jones.....	Chad Milam
Jody Kelso .....	Matthew Morris
Sawyer Lawson .....	Gerald Murdock
Allen McKeel .....	Kyle Murdock
Josh McKeel.....	Luke Murdock

**Alternates:** Matthew McNutt, John Miller, Ray Murdock, Trent Murdock, Nathan Musser, Mike Orr

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### 6:00 Evening Worship

**Welcome/Announcements** ..... Garry Evans  
**Song Service** ..... Derek Jones  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Andrew Falwell  
**Scripture Reading** ..... Buddy Bybee  
**Scripture** ..... 1 Timothy 4:6-11  
**Speaker** ..... Steven Hunter  
**Sermon** ..... The Good Servant  
**Preside** ..... Steve Dublin  
**Closing Prayer** ..... John Gallagher  
**Nursery** ..... Leisha Barlow, Sheila Bourland  
**Greeters** ..... Joe Thornton, Marilyn Thornton,  
 Terri Walston, Cindy Weatherford, Randy Young, Zetta Young

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### Van Drivers:

Sunday AM – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720)  
 Sunday PM – Josh McKeel (270-293-5173)  
 Wednesday – Jeremy McKeel (270-293-5818)