



GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST

NEWS & NOTES

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The Good Samaritan

Redeem the time...

Be wise with your days—less distraction, more devotion (Ephesians 5:15–16). Consider a weekly fast from media to make space for prayer and reflection.

Our aim is not spiritual busyness but spiritual formation. We want to be transformed by the renewing of our minds (Romans 12:1–2), to grow in Christlike character—compassion, kindness, humility, patience, and love (Colossians 3:12–14).

Let's also lean into our life together as a congregation. The early church “devoted themselves to the apostles’ teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers” (Acts 2:42). That same devotion will bless us in the year ahead: opening our Bibles, opening our homes, and opening our hearts. If you’re new among us, we’re thankful you’re here. If you’ve been here for years, thank you for your steady faith. Each member is needed, valued, and gifted by God (1 Corinthians 12).

As we make plans, we do so humbly: “If the Lord wills, we will live and do this or that” (James 4:15). We don’t know what this year will hold, but we know who holds us. Whether in joy or trial, Jesus is enough. His grace is sufficient, His promises are sure, and His church is a family where we bear one another’s burdens and rejoice in one another’s blessings.

Garry

Shifting away from the mission of the seventy, a lawyer tests Jesus. His reply is asking how the fellow reads and understands the commands. The two greatest commands are cited. Then, in a test of the second greatest, we receive the parable of the Good Samaritan. The audience might have thought that the priest or Levite would have come to his aid, but since they had to maintain ritual purity, they passed on the other side. They made a choice not in keeping with the two great commands. They loved God but failed to love their neighbor. The Samaritan is kind to him, which was taboo, given the animosity between Jews and Samaritans and their recent history. When Jesus asks the lawyer which of the three was a neighbor, the lawyer doesn’t bring himself to say Samaritan, but he who showed mercy.

I’ve spoken at length on the tension between the Jews and Samaritans in Jesus’ time. Nevertheless, the tension between Jews and Samaritans has its origin going back as far as the split between the northern and southern kingdoms of Israel. However, in Jesus’ time, the tensions escalated because the Samaritans allied themselves with the Seleucids against the Jews in the Maccabean wars and in 108 BC. Subsequently, the Jews destroyed the Samaritan temple and ravaged the surrounding areas. Near the time of Jesus’ birth, Samaritans desecrated the Temple by scattering bones of dead people in the sanctuary. This all accounts for the animosity between them by the time of the New Testament events.

At one point, Jesus was accused of being a Samaritan as an effort to denigrate him (John 8:28). Christ’s disposition towards them was always one of blessing: “good Samaritan” (Luke 10:30–37); one grateful Samaritan of the ten who returned to give Christ thanks (Luke 17:12–19); Samaritan woman at the well (John 4:7–26). On one occasion, a Samaritan village rejected Jesus, and James and John wanted to use power to punish them. Still, Jesus would not resort to violence, coercion, or revenge to accomplish God’s purposes (Luke 9:51–56). Behind the Good Samaritan is Jesus trying to heal the rift between the two races who shared similar blood. In Acts, the gospel reaches them as the result of persecution. The division that was created is torn asunder by the blood of Jesus. Such divisions that occur today ought to be brought down by the same.

—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

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THE GLENDALE FAMILY

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COLLEGE & YOUNG-N-HEARTS



YOUNG - N -

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: **2nd Cor 12:9** *"My grace is sufficient for you, for My strength is made perfect in weakness. Therefore, most gladly I will rather boast in my infirmities, that the power of Christ may rest upon me."*



JANUARY 7th, 2025 - SINGING NIGHT @ 6:30pm. Please meet in the Semper Fi Classroom after our brief devotional in the auditorium. I look forward to seeing you then 😊

JANUARY 11th, 2025 - C20 Class @ 10am.

Topic: **Job - A study of Wisdom.** (For Study) We will look past Job's so-called friends this week and look at Job's rationalizations for why he should not be suffering. Please Read: Job chapters 28, 29, 31; 40:1-8; 42:1-6

Library

E. Bailey

After Brother Hill

Brother James R. Hill's relatively short but highly significant life ended in 1904, the little band which he had largely organized disbanded with members scattering to various county congregations.

After a few years, a second attempt was made to establish a congregation in Murray. This effort was successful and ultimately led to the University & Glendale Road churches of which we are a part today.

In 1909, several county churches, especially Green Plain, Hazel and Union Grove, funded an effort to invite the celebrated evangelist, James A. Harding, of Bowling Green to conduct a tent meeting on the courthouse lawn.

This effort resulted in 13 members banding together to form the nucleus of a permanent group that would eventually be known as the Water Street Church of Christ. Having no building and very little money, this group met for a time in various public buildings such as the courthouse, Woodruff Theater and other locations. [The Woodruff Theater was a large building that sat immediately south of the Christian Church and which served for many years later as the Shroat Meat Market]

YOUTH Jacob Vaughan

CYC is will soon be upon us. The sign up has been taken down so if you plan on attending and have not signed up you need to talk to me asap. Otherwise you will not have a spot on the trip. The trip will take place February 19th – 22nd and we will depart from the Glendale parking lot at 1:00 that Thursday the 19th. Please try and eat lunch before your arrival. The cost to attend the trip this year is \$110. You will need to bring money with you for dinner on the way down there at Buc-ees and for any souvenirs/ snacks you purchase while we are on the road.

Bible Bowl is here. Middle and High School will be covering Judges chapters 3-16. This week we will be covering Judges chapters 4 – 5. K – 1st will cover Judges chapters 4, 6, 7, and 13. 2nd – 5th will cover Judges chapters 4, 6, 7, 8, 13, 14, 15. This will be a wonderful time to study with your families so we can all grow closer to God together.

'Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

Thank you to David Ryan and his team for the Widow and Widowers' luncheon. They excel in it every year. The food was wonderful and the fellowship was special. It is an event I look forward to each year.

Peggy Smith

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I'm sending you this little note to thank you and say how nice it was to be thought of in a very special way. Love to all!

Jean Miller

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BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for Robert and Cassie Hendon Miller and expected baby boy on Sunday, January 18th from 1-2:30 in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon. If you would like to give a money gift before that Sunday please see Marsha Dale.

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Ladies' Bible Class will resume meeting on Tuesday morning, January 13th at 10:30, weather permitting.

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

## **SYMPATHY**

We express the sympathy of the congregation to Gwen Gingles and family on the death of her son, Jimmy Gingles; to Debbie Murdock and family on the death of her sister, Wyvonne Rudolph; and to Bobby Galloway and family on the death of his mother, Virginia Galloway.

## **REQUESTING PRAYERS**

April Wyatt Edmonson (1/4)

## **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~

1/11/2026

### 9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements ..... Garry Evans  
Song Service ..... Derek Jones  
Opening Prayer ..... Doug Clark  
Preside ..... Terry Bourland  
Scripture Reading ..... Daron Wilson  
Scripture ..... 2 Corinthians 5:9-11  
Speaker ..... Steven Hunter  
Sermon ..... Make This Your Aim  
Closing Prayer ..... Brent Canter  
Nursery ..... Mandy Lawson, Tonya Morris  
Greeters ..... Doug Clark, Daundra Clark, Ron Cook, Charlotte Cook, Austin Copeland, Opal Copeland

### Serve the Lord's Supper

| South                | North          |
|----------------------|----------------|
| Eric Penniston ..... | Jay Stark      |
| Grant Riley .....    | Tim Stark      |
| Dwaine Rogers .....  | Zak Stark      |
| David Ryan .....     | Jerry Stark    |
| Marty Sheridan ..... | Kelly Starks   |
| Rick Spann .....     | Kameron Starks |

**Alternates:** Rob Thompson, Corey Underhill, Stacey Underhill, Tyler Underhill, Zach Underhill, Jacob Vaughan

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### 6:00 Evening Worship

Welcome/Announcements ..... Garry Evans  
Song Service ..... Derek Jones  
Opening Prayer ..... Raymond Grady  
Scripture Reading ..... Kenneth Cleaver  
Scripture ..... Psalm 68:19  
Speaker ..... Steven Hunter  
Sermon ..... SINGING NIGHT  
Preside ..... Jacob Falwell  
Closing Prayer ..... Bob Hargrove  
Nursery ..... Sheila Bourland, Sherri Boyd  
Greeters ..... Darrell Beane, Dana Beane, Jeremy Bell, Stacy Bell, Mary-Peyton Bell, Jackson Bell

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### Van Drivers:

Sunday AM – Eric Gibson (270- 293-1714)  
Sunday PM – Mike Cooper (270- 227-5694)  
Wednesday – Terry McCallon (270-293-2720)

