



GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS & NOTES

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Young Jesus and Temple Scholars (Luke 2:39–52)

The Good Plan of God

Joseph was the victim of cruel abuse, from his brothers, from the Midianites, from the Potiphar's wife, from Pharaoh's butler, and from many others. Yet, Joseph didn't think of himself as a victim. He saw God's good work as greater than the bad things done against him.

We see this in the explanation he gave his brothers, once he revealed himself to them. Joseph explained how the hand of God worked despite the wicked things done against him.

This is how Joseph explained his being sold as a slave in Egypt: God sent me before you to preserve a posterity. Joseph did not diminish what the brothers did, yet he saw that God's purpose in it all was greater than the evil of the brothers.

It is fair to ask, "Why was Joseph in Egypt? Was it because of the sin of his brothers or because of the good plan of God?" All Joseph's sorrows had a purpose. God used them to preserve his family and provide the conditions for it to become a nation. Joseph was a victim, harmed by the sins committed against him, but God turned it around for His glory. None of it was for a loss.

In saying, it was not you who sent me here, but God. Joseph realized God ruled his life, not good men, not evil men, not circumstances, and not fate. God was in control, and because God was in control, all things worked together for good.

Have others wronged you? You don't need to pretend it never happened. But can you see the plan of God might be at work.

Garry

Despite scholars claiming this section is fiction, history would attest otherwise as to its probability. Jewish males began their education at a young age and progressed as they aged: "At five years of age for Scripture; at ten, for Mishnah, at thirteen for the commandments; at fifteen for Talmud" (*Pirke Aboth* 5.22; cf. *Nid.* 5.6; *Meg.* 4.6). Jesus, being twelve, would have been naturally curious. Still, the nature of his inquiry shone forth his understanding to the astonishment of the scholars. Moreover, some Bible characters had extra-biblical sources attesting to their prowess as youths: Moses had excellent knowledge as a child (*Antiq.* 2.230; *Philo Moses* 1.21); Samuel prophesied at twelve (*Antiq.* 5.348), and Abraham supposedly distanced himself from his idolatrous father at two weeks old while at fourteen he instructed farmers on livestock and sowing to avoid ravens (*Jub.* 11.18-24). This was also a characteristic of Greco-Roman figures in literature (cf. *Philostratus Vit. Apoll.* 1.7; *Plutarch Alex.* 5; *Cicero* 2.2; et al.).

Since Roman society was so infatuated with Augustus, Luke may have sought to counteract the god-like esteem of the ruler. Augustus was deified by the time of Luke's Gospel and was often called "lord" or "savior," so Luke intended to show that it was Christ who was Lord and Savior rather than Augustus or any other emperor (cf. *Horace Carm.* 4.5). The very name "Augustus" meant something more extraordinary than human, and the month of August in our calendar is a tribute to him. In the first century, temples were dedicated to Augustus and Julius Caesar to depict them as gods. The imperial cult was a thorn in the side of Christians, which brought about widespread persecution since believers would not call Caesar "lord" or burn incense to him (cf. *Mart. Poly.* 8.2). Jesus, however, was to reign on David's throne as *the* God.

The birth of Augustus was prophesied and marked by omens. A politician had a dream and, upon meeting young Augustus, identified him as the savior of Rome. The politician (Quintus Catulus) and Cicero dreamed that he was in the lap of and endowed by Jupiter (Zeus), thus making him the "son of a god." Julius Caesar selected Augustus as his successor (*Seutonius Aug.* 94). One historian writes, "It is ... certain that both Luke and his readers knew of Caesar Augustus, and quite probable that they also knew of at least some of the stories, legends, and traditions that had gathered around him." This is why this story of the twelve-year-old Jesus was relevant in antiquity.

—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

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We are now in Winter Break! As we come to February, I will start to post dates for our 1st Spring Class. Have a great Holiday Season! 😊

Scripture of the Day: 1 Corinthians 15:58 (NCV) "So my dear brothers and sisters, stand strong. Do not let anything move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the LORD, because you know that your work in the LORD is never wasted."



JANUARY 15th, 2025 - C20 Class @ 6:30pm - Why do you think that Christ made such an impact on the earth? Take a moment today and **read 1st Thessalonians 5:6-16**. I look forward to seeing you this Wednesday 😊

JANUARY 19th, 2024 - C20 Class @ 10am - Topic: **The Life of Christ: The Temptation** - We are Studying the Last Temptation.
Study Scriptures: Mt 4:8-11

Library

E. Bailey

Most Popular Hymn?

Our opening hymn this past Sunday morning was the ever-popular "*There Is Beyond The Azure Blue*" written in 1966 by a preacher, educator, scientist, and a true Renaissance man by the name of Aaron Wesley Dicus (1888-1978).

One unusual aspect of this song is the fact that in terms of hymns, this one is of very recent origin. Fifty nine years ago is but a moment in "hymn time." Many of the hundreds of songs and hymns we sing are centuries old and for a song to have found its way into the fabric of our singing in only 59 years is very unusual.

Ellis Crum is responsible for the song's rise to popularity as he included it in his widely circulated *Sacred Selections for the Church* hymnal that many folks remember using. If someone were to attempt to compile a list of the favorite songs among today's Churches of Christ, "*Our God, He Is Alive*" would certainly be on such a list.

YOUTH

Jacob Vaughan

We will be making a trip to Memphis on January 20th to catch a Grizzlies game. That is Martin Luther King Jr. Day. The cost per ticket is looking like it will be \$50. We will also be eating both lunch and dinner while in Memphis so you will need to plan accordingly for that as well. We will be visiting the Great Pyramid of Memphis while in the area. The FedEx Forum does not take cash.

Challenge Youth Conference will be held February 21st - 23rd. We will depart on Thursday, February 20th at 5:00 PM. You will need to eat dinner before arriving at the church. This is a wonderful trip for our middle and highschoolers. Please speak with me if you desire to chaperone as we only have a limited number of spots for chaperones and the number needed between male and female chaperones may change depending on how many of each gender sign up to go. It will be a great trip.

We will be taking our highschoolers on a mission trip this summer to **Honduras** from June 25th - July 2nd. You will need to be obtaining a passport asap for those that are participating with this mission. Sign ups have been taken down and we officially have 22 making the trip. More information will be shared with those going at a later time. Thank you all.

Bible Bowl is here. We are studying the first 12 chapters of John. Please join our youth in our studies as we try to get to know our Lord a little better each day.

"Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

Thank you for the many acts of kindness extended to our family during the loss of my brother, Danny Brame. The beautiful picture, the food, the many visits at visitation, cards, calls and Facebook messages were appreciated so much. Blessings to you all!

Marilyn & Joe Thornton

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### Western Kentucky Ladies' Digging Deep Bible Study

6:00 PM Each 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at  
Briensburg Church of Christ  
Studying the book "Conversations - When God Talked to Women"  
by Cindy Colley  
Will meet through July 15<sup>th</sup>



May you find the blessings in each day of this new year and be a light to someone else!

## LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Ladies' Bible Class will meet Tuesday morning, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 10:30, weather permitting.

## CARING & SHARING

The clothing needs are boys and girls winter clothes size 2T, men's sweatshirts/long sleeve shirts and jeans and winter shoes/boots/tennis shoes for men, women and kids (no summer shoes please).

The Food Pantry is in need of Peanut Butter. You may leave it in the shopping cart in the commons along with any other items you would like to donate. Thank You!!

### ~ELDERS~

|               |                 |              |
|---------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Jeremy Bell   | Johnny Bohannon | Brent Canter |
| Raymond Grady | Allen McKeel    |              |

### ~DEACONS~

|                  |                 |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|-----------------|
| Darrell Beane    | Terry Bourland  | Josh Bybee      |
| Landon Clark     | Gerald Coles    | Tim Coles       |
| Mike Cooper      | Dan Davis       | Jody DeWitt     |
| Garry Evans      | Andrew Falwell  | Jacob Falwell   |
| Joel Fisher      | James Gibson    | Matt Gingles    |
| Seth Grogan      | Chris Jones     | Justin Hendrick |
| Ryan Houston     | Derek Jones     | Chad Lawson     |
| John Mahan       | Terry McCallon  | Josh McKeel     |
| Mike Orr         | Shawn Simmons   | Jay Stark       |
| Tim Stark        | Kelly Starks    | Rob Thompson    |
| Stacey Underhill | Nicholas Webber | 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  
Chuck Adams – Care Team 5  
Garry Evans – Care Team 6  
Terry Bourland – Care Team 7

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**~SUNDAY SERVANTS~**

**1/19/2025**

**9:00 Morning Worship**

**Welcome/Announcements** .....Brent Canter  
**Song Service** .....Derek Jones  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Allen McKeel  
**Preside** ..... Ray Murdock  
**Scripture Reading** .....John Miller  
**Scripture** .....Acts 2:40–45  
**Speaker** ..... Steven Hunter  
**Sermon** ..... The First Converts  
**Closing Prayer** .....Jeremy McKeel  
**Nursery** .....Krysta Smith, London Smith  
**Greeters**.....Ellie Falwell, Debbie Grogan,  
Diana Hale, Daniel Harper, Abby Harper, Sue  
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**Serve the Lord's Supper**

| <b>South</b>         | <b>North</b> |
|----------------------|--------------|
| Christian Dinh ..... | Bobby Fike   |
| Billy Elmore .....   | Mike Forgey  |
| Andrew Falwell ..... | Vernon Gantt |
| Evan Falwell .....   | Kade Gibson  |
| Jacob Falwell .....  | John Gore    |
| Mason Falwell .....  | Mason Gore   |

**Alternates:** Grundy Falwell, Raymond Grady,  
Seth Grogan, Jake Hance, Bob Hargrove, Lance  
Harper

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**6:00 Evening Worship**

**Welcome/Announcements** .....Brent Canter  
**Song Service** .....Derek Jones  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Grant Riley  
**Scripture Reading** .....Kent Barlow  
**Scripture** ..... Psalm 36:5–10  
**Speaker** ..... Steven Hunter  
**Sermon** ..... The Fountain of Life  
**Preside** ..... Joe Thornton  
**Closing Prayer** ..... James Miller  
**Nursery** .....Leisha Barlow, Sherri Boyd  
**Greeters**..... Curtis Smith, Pam Smith, Jay  
Stark, Hannah Stark, Jady Stark

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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)