



# GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS & NOTES

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## The Light of the World

### New Year's Resolution Time Approaching

There's something about a fresh calendar that stirs hope in us. We buy planners, join gyms, draft lists. But before we make promises to ourselves, hear the promise of God: "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed... his mercies are new every morning" (Lamentations 3:22–23). The newness we need doesn't start with our willpower; it starts with God's mercy.

Paul puts it this way: "Not that I have already obtained all this... but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me" (Philippians 3:12). Notice the order. Christ takes hold of Paul, then Paul presses on. Identity before activity. Grace before goals. You don't resolve your way into God's love; you resolve from God's love.

So, here's our frame for the year: not self-improvement projects, but Spirit-led transformation. Romans 12:2 calls it being "transformed by the renewing of your mind." And Jesus shows us how: "Abide in me... apart from me you can do nothing" (John 15:5). Resolutions are often about speed; abiding is about direction. A speedometer can tell you how fast you're going; only a compass can tell you if you're headed home.

Garry

When Jesus says he is the world's light (John 8:12), it takes us back to creation. Before God spoke light into existence, there was darkness and chaos. The earth was formless and empty. This was the primordial state of the heavens and the earth. Then, God said, "Let there be light." God created the heavens and the earth, and Jesus recreates. He, like God, brings order out of chaos. Since the fall, humanity has lived in disorder and chaos. Jesus will rectify that.

Sadly, the teaching is detoured by Pharisees. At this point, Jesus distances himself from the Law (v. 17). It required multiple witnesses, and Jesus previously said that Scripture, God, the Holy Spirit, the works he performed, and Himself all testified to who he was (John 5:31–47). He mentions that his father testifies on his behalf, so they ask questions about his paternity. Given the nature of Mary's conception and Jesus' birth, the question may have been meant to sting (v. 41).

Jesus used his language similarly to that of God in the Old Testament.

- "I am" (v. 28) — "I am" (Exod. 3:14).
- "I am" (v. 58) — Same as above.

The Greek phrase Jesus uses here is the same as the one in the Greek Old Testament when God gave Moses his name. Jesus was saying that he is the "I am." This is why, at the end of the chapter, they aimed to stone Jesus—this came off as blasphemous to them.

Christ offers them freedom, but they don't believe they are enslaved. Yet, they forget they were once enslaved in Egypt, Assyria, and Babylon. At the time, the Romans were their sovereigns. They may have considered slavery to be idolatry (Jer. 2:10–14), but Jesus explicitly identifies slavery to sin—something Paul also explained in Romans 6:5–20. Abraham was considered the father of the Jews, but Jesus points to their actions as betraying that relationship. He, instead, calls them children of the devil because of their murderous intentions. Jesus presented himself as the light of the world. In contrast, they walk in darkness (v. 12), the flesh (v. 15), in the devil (v. 44), and death (vv. 51–52). Those who confess Christ are associated with light, spirit, life, and God.

By calling Jesus a Samaritan (v. 48), they may have intended it to be an insult. Yet, it may have been an honest mistake because Jesus was in Galilee so much, a region of Judea north of Samaria. Then, somewhat childishly, they accuse Jesus of having a demon—likely a response to his calling them children of the Devil.

—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

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



## YOUNG - N -

### Scripture of the Week:

*"Keep your heart with all diligence. For out of it spring the issues of life."* (Proverbs 4:23)

**NO Young N Hearts Class throughout the Winter.** We will **return** on **Thursday March 5<sup>th</sup>, 2026**. I hope everyone has a great holiday break! Please stay safe and warm! 😊



### DECEMBER 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025 - C20 Class @ 6:30pm.

Topic: **Sin & Division** - What are the most important Truths from the Scriptures... and where do we find them? (Inerrance?)

### DECEMBER 21<sup>st</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... And what they say is wisdom.

## Library

*E. Bailey*

### **Old Brother Hill # 1**

As odd as it might sound, the one man who exerted more lasting influence over the Church of Christ in Murray has been essentially forgotten today. James Riley Hill (1848-1904) preached all over Calloway & Henry Counties during the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.

After the Murray church split about 1900, he led a small group of individuals who wanted to re-establish an *a cappella* church in Murray. Maurice Bucy & Cecil Thurmond later recorded much of the information about this effort.

Having no building and little money, this group met in homes, the Courthouse, the Opera House, banks and other rented locations and the leadership was composed of a group of seven individuals who were James Riley Hill, Nathan T. Hale, Samuel F. Holcomb, Lucius D. Curd, Abraham D. Thompson, Maurice Bucy and Mrs. W.P. Morrison.

Due to several deaths and other circumstances, this little group disbanded in 1904 and is sometimes referred to as the 1901 Church of Christ. Several of these individuals still have descendants in the churches of Murray.

For those who are really interested in this history, there are several articles in the 2022 *Bicentennial History of Calloway County* as well as in the 2024 *Bygone Churches of Calloway County*. Lochie B. Hart's 1978 history on the First Christian Church also has some information.

## YOUTH

**Jacob Vaughan**

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The youth Christmas party will be held here at the church building on Saturday December 20<sup>th</sup>. We will have food and games for all to enjoy. We will also be playing "dirty Santa/ white elephant" so if you would like to participate, please bring a \$15 gift with you. A sign up is posted on the youth board. The event will run from 5:30 – 7:30 that evening. Food will be provided in the form of a baked potato bar. Please bring a small desert with you to share.

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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New Address:

Janis Miller

Passion & Purpose

650 Robertson Rd. South, Murray

# ***'Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray'***

## **THANK YOU**

Thank you so much for the money gift at our wedding shower. We so appreciate the wedding shower and all the kindness this church has shown us over the past few years. Thank you so much!

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Lucas & Josie Medley

## **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>.

## **RETIREMENT RECEPTION**

Everyone is invited to a reception honoring Charley and Dana Bazzell at the University Church of Christ on Sunday, December 21<sup>st</sup> from 2-4.

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Jeff Humphreys will be undergoing a bone marrow transplant on December 19<sup>th</sup>. He will be in the hospital for a month. The address is...

Sarah Cannon Hospital  
2410 Patterson St., Room 3314  
Nashville, TN 37203

## **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!

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

## **BAPTIZED**

Cade Musser (12/10)  
2186 Rayburn Rd., Murray

## **SYMPATHY**

We express the sympathy of the congregation to Alisha Bohannon and family on the death of her grandmother, Wanda McPherson.

## **CARING & SHARING**

The Caring and Sharing Center will be closed December 23<sup>rd</sup> and 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. They served 62 families with food and 47 families with clothing this past week.

## **OFFICERS MEETING**

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

### **~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

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## ~SUNDAY SERVANTS~

12/21/2025

### 9:00 Morning Worship

**Welcome/Announcements** .....Raymond Grady  
**Song Service** .....Derek Jones  
**Opening Prayer** .....Benson Weber  
**Preside** .....Rusty Back  
**Scripture Reading** .....David Ryan  
**Scripture** .....Isaiah 9:6-7  
**Speaker** ..... Steven Hunter  
**Sermon**..... God Gave Us a Son  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Keith York  
**Nursery**.....Melody Higgins, Brittney Houston  
**Greeters**.....Johnny Bohannon, Toni Bohannon, Karen Bolls, Terry Bourland, Sheila Bourland, Sherri Boyd

### Serve the Lord's Supper

#### South

#### North

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** .....Raymond Grady  
**Song Service** .....Derek Jones  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Dan Davis  
**Scripture Reading** ..... Josh Bybee  
**Scripture** ..... 1 Timothy 4:1-5  
**Speaker** ..... Steven Hunter  
**Sermon** .....The Great Apostasy  
**Preside** ..... Tim Coles  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Ryan DeWitt  
**Nursery**.....Cindy Weatherford, Raquel Armstrong  
**Greeters**.....Kelly Starks, Kim Starks, Faye Ward, Patricia Ward

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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)