



GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS & NOTES

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Jesus' Baptism and Temptation

God Meant It for Good

But as for you, you meant evil against me; but God meant it for good, in order to bring it about as it is the day, to save many people alive. (Genesis 50:20)

After their father Jacob died, Joseph's brothers were afraid he would use his power and prestige in Egypt to get revenge against the brothers who had sold him as a slave, essentially leaving him for dead. From a human perspective, Joseph had the right and the ability to get revenge against his brothers, but he knew God was God and he was not. Such retribution belonged to God, not Joseph's.

Joseph plainly said, You meant evil against me. Although this was true, it was not the greatest truth. The greatest truth was God meant it for good.

Every Christian should be able to see the overarching and overruling hand of God in their life; to know that no matter what evil man brings against us, God can use it for good. Joseph did not have the text of Romans 8:28, but he had the truth of it: And we know that all things work together for good to those who love God, to those who are the called according to His purpose.

Thankfully, the sin others do against us never is the last word. God has the last word, and believers can therefore forgive those who sin against them. Can you say it? "God meant it for good."

-Garry

Jesus' baptism has been understood as the two births of every believer—one of nature and the other of the Spirit (John 3:3–5). Some have suggested it as a manifestation of the Trinity (Ambrose *Luke* 2.92) or an example of living to please God (Cyril of Alexandria *Luke* 11; Cyprian *The Good of Patience* 6). To argue that Jesus *needed* cleansing from sin may neglect other passages that speak to Christ's sinlessness (2 Cor. 5:21; Heb. 4:15; 1 Peter 2:22; 1 John 3:5). "In receiving baptism Jesus identified with the people of Israel to whom John addressed his message and started on a path that led to the cross," one commentator suggests.

Perhaps to build upon the conclusion of his genealogy, Luke transitioned from Christ's descent from Adam to Jesus being tempted. Whereas Adam was in the Garden of Eden and tempted to sin, Christ entered the wilderness to be tempted and thus overcame the wiles of the same adversary (cf. Rom. 5:12–21; Ambrose *Luke* 4.7, 14). The three greatest temptations in the Bible were that of Adam and Eve when they ushered in the fall of humanity, that of Job to distrust and curse God, and that of Christ. The frailty of human nature is seen in two, and the triumph of humanity is witnessed in Christ withstanding the powers of darkness.

Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness, coinciding with the Spirit's appearance and descent as a dove (Luke 3:22). The descent as a dove would have been understood as the presence of God because the Greco-Roman gods often appeared as winged animals. The dove was the symbol of peace and signified the reconciling ministry of the Spirit. Whether the forty days were literal or typological is a matter of debate. Still, on the surface, it would seem literal. Forty was undoubtedly a period of testing and trial: God poured rain for forty days (Gen. 7:4, 12); Israel wandered forty years (Num. 14:33; Deut. 8:2); a woman was to purify herself for forty days postpartum (Lev. 12:1–4); Moses (Exod. 34:28; Deut. 9:9) and Elijah (1 Kings 19:8) fasted for the same period as Christ too.

Jesus fasted so that he could know what it was to have a depraved desire, so some believe. Once hungry, Christ was then open to Satan's work: Jesus knew and learned (cf. Heb. 5:8) through hunger what it was to be tempted, but through temptation, Jesus shows us what it is like to overcome. He did what we cannot or are unwilling to do. In the temptations, Satan tried to persuade Jesus to become something he was not because God cannot be tempted (James 1:13) to deny himself (2 Tim. 2:13).

—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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YOUNG - N -

MARCH 6th, 2025 - This date will be our 1st Young N Hearts Class of the New Year! I very excited to be back with you this Spring! 😊

Scripture of the Day: Lk 9:23-24 "Then He said to them all, "If anyone desires to come after Me, let him deny himself, and take up his cross daily, and follow Me. For whoever desires to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake will save it."



FEBRUARY 19th, 2025 - C20 Class @ 6:30pm.
Please invite a friend to join us! 😊

MONDAY MEALS - Don't forget your date! We have meals planned each Monday and we look forward to sharing a meal with you! 😊

FEBRUARY 20th, 2025 - C20 Devo @ 6:30pm
@ my house. We look forward to food, fellowship, & Study!

FEBRUARY 23rd, 2025 - C20 Class @ 10am.

Library

E. Bailey

Confusing the Singers # 2

Of all the confusing, nonsensical and mind-boggling items that I have ever personally encountered in my 62 years of leading singing, the one that takes the cake is found in the hymn "*I'm Pressing on the Upward Way*" (# 539 in our current hymnal.)

The tune, HIGHER GROUND, was composed by Charles Gabriel in 1898 and has been sung by generations of Christians to 3/4 time all the way through. For some reason, the compilers of our book chose to change the time from 3/4 to 4/4 in the refrain and, understandably, congregations are startled at this time change as millions have memorized the original time!

This kind of tinkering with old well-known hymns is a personal grievance of mine! Dear hymnbook people, please leave the old established words & tunes alone!!

YOUTH

Jacob Vaughan

All spots have been filled for our CYC trip. 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. The cost to attend the trip this year will be \$120. You will need to bring money with you for two meals on your own while in downtown Gatlinburg and for anything you desire to buy while on the road or while in Gatlinburg itself. It will be a great trip. We have our largest number attending this year, sixty-six, so we are sure to make some awesome memories and some crazy experiences.

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. This week we will be studying chapter 7 with the middle and high schoolers.

"Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

On behalf of my entire family, I would like to thank you all for the prayers, condolences, words of encouragement and kindness during the passing of my mother. She so enjoyed coming to church when she was in town visiting or being able to stream services. We are blessed by Glendale and all who make it such a wonderful church.

Hannah McCuiston & Family

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Thank you very much for the kind thoughts, prayers and words during this difficult time. Greg, Amos and I appreciate the cards and food, the many people who attended Daddy's visitation and his funeral. Thank you for those who helped with our Kindergarten class and thank you for the lovely plaque. We love you and appreciate you all.

Greg, Amos & Sherry Darnall

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To all my friends at Glendale Road: thank you for making me feel so blessed with love on my birthday with your cards, calls and messages.

Ann Looney

LADIES' BIBLE CLASS

Ladies' Bible Class will meet Tuesday morning, February 25th at 10:30, weather permitting. They will be studying pages 91-96.

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 needs 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!!

BABY SHOWER

There will be a baby shower for Kade and Mary Gibson and expected baby boy this Sunday, February 23rd from 1-2:30 in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Amazon. See Marsha Dale if you would like to give a money gift before that Sunday.

WEDDING SHOWER

There will be a wedding shower for Emily Wilson and Victor Rojas on Sunday, March 2nd from 1-2:30 in the multipurpose room. They are registered at Amazon, Whitney's, Williams-Sonoma and Target. See Jeanne Underhill if you would like to give a money gift before that Sunday.

WEDDING MONEY GIFT

There will be a wedding money gift collected for Aaron Dawson (son of Randy & Anita Dawson) and Katlyn Foster on Sunday, March 9th during morning classes. See Kathy Coles if you would like to give before then.

~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~

2/23/2025

9:00 Morning Worship

Welcome/Announcements Garry Evans
Song Service Derek Jones
Opening Prayer Rusty Back
Preside Jacob Falwell
Scripture Reading Chuck Adams
Scripture Hebrews 8:3-6
Speaker Steven Hunter
Sermon The Divine Blueprint
Closing Prayer Ernie Bailey
Nursery..... Sydney Ward, Avery Wilson
Greeters..... Jan McKeel, Delura Mitchell,
Tonya Morris, Matthew Morris, Jessica Morris

Serve the Lord's Supper

South

North

Daniel Harper Dennis Jones
Billy Joe Hendon Sawyer Lawson
Justin Hendrick Rodney Lowe
Ryan Houston Allen McKeel
Trent Jones Josh McKeel
Trice Jones Matthew McNutt

Alternates: Chad Milam, John Miller, Matthew Morris, Gerald Murdock, Kyle Murdock, Luke Murdock

6:00 Evening Worship

Welcome/Announcements Garry Evans
Song Service Derek Jones
Opening Prayer Brent Canter
Scripture Reading Josh Bybee
Scripture 2 Corinthians 6:17-18
Speaker Steven Hunter
Sermon How Was Christianity Unique?
Preside Kenneth Cleaver
Closing Prayer Ron Cook
Nursery..... Janet Futrell, Whitney Futrell
Greeters..... Stacey Butterworth, Buddy Bybee,
Sharon Bybee, Molly Canter, Jimmie Carr,
Shirley Carr

February Van Drivers:

Sunday AM – Mike Orr (270-293-1340)
Sunday PM – Stacey Underhill (270-978-9849)
Wednesday – Rusty Back (270-293-8924)