



# GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS & NOTES

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## “Making Sense ...”

We Christians are often accused of being intellectually dishonest or straightforward. What do I mean by this? Folks who may not share our values and faith have, some of them, taken it upon themselves to explore Christianity by reading Scripture. There are stories in Scripture that, for them, are problematic. They read stories such as Lot offering his daughters to the mob that wanted to violate the angels visiting him. They see, within our modern civilization and its moorings. This patriarchy reduced women to sexual objects. Yet, this same Lot is heralded later in Scripture as a righteous man. How, they wonder, could he ever be considered righteous when he was willing to offer his daughters for the lusts of the mob to protect his guests?

They may also read throughout Scripture how God abhors child sacrifice and even prohibits it, but on one occasion commanded such of Abraham as a test. How can this be a God, they ask, that we as Christians would even consider following given all the supposed inconsistencies of His character and will? Then, they read Joshua’s book, and it appears that God practically commands genocide against people occupying the land of Canaan. Yet, we Christians extol the holiness and righteousness of our God in the face of such narratives that seemingly contradict His goodness.

I’ll admit that I don’t answer every concern such persons may have. However, I would like to examine some of these narratives in Scripture and try to reconcile them with what we believe about God. Therefore, beginning in February on Sunday evenings, I’ll start a series. However, I dislike using that term and prefer “study” of troublesome passages. I hope that while we may be challenged and that we may not be able to fully reconcile all things, that we can at least demonstrate to our unbelieving neighbors that we’re willing to give the effort. I hope that we will study the Scriptures, rightly divide the Word of Truth, and, if we can explain, do so. If not, I hope we can at least empathize with unbelievers and skeptics enough that they might esteem our honesty and the faith that we have despite what may even trouble us.

People of faith in God haven’t always had it figured out. I don’t. You don’t. None of us has everything figured out, but what we do know is that in the Person of Jesus, we see God and how He loves and regards His creation: humanity. The challenges of hard to understand passages should never undermine our Savior’s clearly understood reality.

—Steven

### Introduction of Newly Appointed Deacons and Area of Work



**Darrell Beane** has been chosen to help direct efforts in our benevolent area. Darrell will be joining Karl Smith in the clothing distribution area and will also assist John Mahan in food distribution for individuals in need. These men will oversee the collection, sorting, storage, and distribution of clothes to the needy. Also, maintain a food supply for distribution to help those in need and be responsible for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday benevolent collection and distribution of this collection as well as budgeted money for the benefit of the food and clothing efforts. I know I speak for Darrell, John, and Karl in encouraging individuals who are interested in volunteering in these areas of work to contact any of these men for more information.

Garry

WORSHIP—Sunday AM: 9:00 Sunday PM: 6:00

CLASSES—Sunday AM: 10:15 Wednesday PM: 7:00

RADIO—Sunday AM: 9:00-10:00 Sunday PM: 6:00-7:00—WVHM FM 90.5

Sunday AM Rebroadcast: 11-12 – WTRT FM 88.1

DAILY RADIO—Monday-Friday 6:25 & 7:25 am—FM 90.5

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# THE GLENDALE FAMILY-

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



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**NO CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

I want to share an excellent quote I read this week concerning – **BACKSLIDING**.

“Between an airplane and every other form of locomotion and transportation, there is one great contrast. The horse and wagon, the automobile, the locomotive, the great battleship—all can come to a standstill without any danger, and they can all reverse their engines, or their power and go back.

But there is no reverse about the engine of an airplane. It cannot back up. It dare not stand still. If it loses its momentum and forward drive, then it crashes. The only safety for the airplane is in its forward and upward motion. Likewise, the only safe direction for the Christian to take is forward and upward. If he stops, or if he begins to slip and go backward, that moment he is in danger.”  
—Macartney

## ~LIBRARY~

### **BAD THINGS HAPPEN** *E. Bailey*

World events of the past 12 months have seen lots of bad things happen to lots of good people. One of the most widely read and most significant books of the past several decades was Harold Kushner’s 1981 book titled ***When Bad Things Happen To Good People***. As significant today as when it first appeared, Kushner’s chapter titles include the following:

*Why Do The Righteous Suffer?  
The Story of a Man Named Job  
Sometimes There is No Reason  
No Exceptions for Nice People  
God Leaves Us Room To Be Human  
God Helps Those Who Stop Hurting Themselves  
What Good, Then, Is Religion?*

The book # is242.4/Kus/1981

## **YOUTH Jacob Vaughan**

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## **CYC! (High/ Middle Schoolers)**

All spots have been filled. I have sent out the Convention Center itinerary for our group sessions during the trip. We will be having a meeting on **February 7<sup>th</sup> after evening services** to discuss the trip. Listen for announcements and stay tuned to the bulletin.

As we are waiting on dates from some outside sources to be finalized, the summer schedule is being completed. With that being said, **FBS** will take place this year **May 23<sup>rd</sup>- 27<sup>th</sup>**.

This Wednesday at 6:00 PM we will have a family devotional geared to our children in 5<sup>th</sup> grade and bellow. All are invited to attend the devo. It will last around 30 minutes and Jacob Falwell will be the lead speaker for this week’s lesson. I hope to see you all on Wednesday.

The **6<sup>th</sup> discussion session** will be this **Wednesday at 7:00 PM**. The title of the episode we are going over is ***“Indescribable Compassion.”*** We will be using Zoom to communicate with each other, and I will send out an invite to the meeting on Tuesday through both the GroupMe app and our group messages. I hope to see you all there.

Jacob Vaughan

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# "Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

## THANK YOU

Thank you for the text, calls and the beautiful gift during the passing of our beloved Nana, Kay Wyatt.

The Nelsons and The Wyatts  
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Just wanted to thank all who sent a birthday card or came for the "Drive By" for my birthday. What a great day! Thank you all.

Ima Wilson

## FAMILY DEVO

Beginning this Wednesday, February 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00 PM there will be weekly "Covid Friendly Family Devotionals" in the auditorium. These devotionals are designed for families with children 5th grade and under, but all ages are welcome. The theme is "That's My Story," taken from I John 2:24-25. Families are asked to sit with their households and practice the same distance and procedures we follow on Sundays. It is our hope that this will serve as a peak in the week of families until regular Wednesday night services resume. Join us for a 30-minute devotional each Wednesday in the auditorium!

## DIRECTORY

We continue to try to get our members pictures for our online directory who have not submitted one yet. Also, several people have had family changes and may need to submit a new picture. Please email that to Jeremy Bell at: [jbell810@gmail.com](mailto:jbell810@gmail.com). You also need to include your name, address, phone numbers, emails, birthdates and anniversary, if married.

We have many people who use this tool to get to know who our members are and we would love to have ALL of our members info. This is a private, password protected online church directory and your information will be secure and can only be viewed by members who have submitted their picture and information.

## REQUESTING PRAYERS

Jessica Wallace (1/31)  
1807 Westwood Dr., Murray

## SYMPATHY

We express the sympathy of the congregation to all the family of Kristy Elkins - Marion Elkins' daughter, Edwina Rogers' sister, and Elizabeth and Jake Maness' mother. Visitation will be from 12-2 on Saturday with the service at 2:00 at the J.H. Churchill Funeral Home.

And remember Jane Easley and family on the death of her brother, Edrick Owen of Michigan; and Kim Holder and family on the death of her mother, Helen Arthur. Kim went on several mission trips with Glendale.

## BABY SHOWER

On Sunday, February 14<sup>th</sup> you may leave gifts and cards on the table near the multipurpose room in the commons, for Logan and Karli Tabers Swor and their new baby boy, Jackson. There will be a basket if you wish to leave money for a money gift.

### ~ELDERS~

|                 |                 |              |
|-----------------|-----------------|--------------|
| Jeremy Bell     | Johnny Bohannon | Brent Canter |
| Kenneth Cleaver | Raymond Grady   | Allen McKeel |
| David Ryan      |                 |              |

### ~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  | Karl Smith       |
| Jay Stark      | Tim Stark      | Kelly Starks     |
| Rob Thompson   | Arvis Thorn    | Stacey Underhill |
| Nicholas Weber | Daron Wilson   |                  |

### ~CARE TEAM LEADERS~

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|--------------------|----------------------|
| 1. Garry Evans     | 12. Garry Evans      |
| 2. Garry Evans     | 13. Billy Joe Hendon |
| 3. Jody DeWitt     | 14. Rick Spann       |
| 4. Garry Evans     | 15. Garry Evans      |
| 5. Raymond Grady   | 16. Jimmy Wilder     |
| 6. Jay Stark       | 17. Joe Phillips     |
| 7. Allen McKeel    | 18. Derek Jones      |
| 8. Gerald Coles    | 19. Tim Stark        |
| 10. Karl Smith     | 20. Garry Evans      |
| 11. Marty Sheridan |                      |

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THANK YOU  
**Volunteers!**  
We couldn't do it without you

~SUNDAY SERVANTS~

**2/7/2021**

**9:00 Morning Worship**

Welcome..... Garry Evans  
Song Service..... Derek Jones  
Opening Prayer ..... Jackson Bell  
Preside ..... Bob Hargrove  
Scripture Reading ..... Rodney Lowe  
Scripture ..... Colossians 1:24–2:5  
Speaker ..... Steven Hunter  
Sermon ..... A New Way to Look At Suffering  
Closing Prayer ..... Rick Spann

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**2/7/2021**

**6:00 Evening Worship**

Welcome..... Garry Evans  
Song Service..... Derek Jones  
Opening Prayer ..... Dan Davis  
Scripture Reading ..... Keith York  
Scripture ..... Genesis 19:1–11  
Speaker ..... Steven Hunter  
Sermon ..... Making Sense of Lot Offering His Daughters  
Closing Prayer ..... Darrell Beane  
Preside/PM Communion ..... Andrew Falwell

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