



GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS & NOTES

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An Unscriptural Celebration?

Having been reared in a Protestant church and my wife in the Catholic Church, we both carried with us preconceptions about the celebration of Christmas that until we were members of the Lord's Church didn't know were based in tradition, not in Scripture. Somewhere along our faith's walk with the Lord, we were much disappointed to learn that Churches of Christ gave barely any recognition to Christmas. Whenever I'd ask why that was, the answer was simply, "Because it's not in the Bible." This is a good enough premise to work from, I admit, but as I've studied the Scriptures, my tone has softened on this particular premise because there are a few things we do that aren't in Scripture. Now, you're wondering what I mean. Well, the song of invitation isn't in Scripture, nor do we see an example or command to preach messages that align with secular holidays (e.g., Mother's Day, Veteran's Day, etc.). One easy explanation for some of the non-scriptural things is that they are "expedients"—ways to fulfill commandments that *are* given. For example, when Jesus told His disciples to "go into all the world and preach the gospel," He didn't specify *how* to go. Therefore, we can go by car, airplane, internet, radio, and other such manners. The way we go is expedient to the command to go. Make sense?

Here's why I bring this up: in John 10:22, Jesus is observed going to Jerusalem to celebrate "the Feast of Dedication." To the unaware reader, this is a feast and celebration not commanded to be kept in Scripture. We might even go so far as to say that it's an "unscriptural" holiday. We better know it as Hanukkah. This holiday is an eight-day celebration that commemorates the Temple's rededication during the second century B.C. when the Jews rose up against their Greek oppressors in what's known as the Maccabean Revolt. During the Intertestamental Period, these events are recorded in Jewish literature, none of which is Scripture. During this observation, Jesus depicts Himself as dedicated to God the way the festival's altar was rededicated, thus acknowledging this national holiday and its significance and even identifying with it (John 10:36). Someone might retort, "Jesus could do anything He wanted," which is also true. However, when Scripture is studied carefully, I've noticed that God never operated outside of the very law He gave. He was subject to it in every way possible, so He wouldn't be hypocritical and break a premise by which He bound Israel. Therefore, if Jesus could celebrate a religious-national holiday, you can too if you so choose. If you choose not, that also is your prerogative (cf. Romans 14).

Steven

Garry Evans
Involvement Minister

Until further notice, the eldership has decided to cancel classes on Sundays and Wednesdays. We will meet for Sunday morning and Sunday evening worship. We will not meet on Wednesday night. The eldership will continue to regularly review this issue and when further changes are made, we will let you know. Thank you

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Also, sad news for the kids, Santa's Workshop scheduled for this Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup>, has been canceled.

**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**



## **YOUNG - N -**

**NO CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

**Scripture for Today: 1 Samuel 17:43-46**

"So the Philistine said to David, "Am I a dog, that you come to me with sticks?" And the Philistine cursed David by his gods. And the Philistine said to David, "Come to me, and I will give your flesh to the birds of the air and the beasts of the field!" Then David said to the Philistine, "You come to me with a sword, with a spear, and with a javelin. But I come to you in the name of the LORD of hosts, the God of the armies of Israel, whom you have defied. This day the LORD will deliver you into my hand,

(A very simple point - How do we deal with fear? Like David, we show up talking about God!)



**NO CLASSES UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE**

I hope you all have a wonderful holiday season! And please be safe! ☺

## ~LIBRARY~

### **The Case For Christmas**

A couple of weeks ago, in one of his sermons, Steven mentioned Lee Strobel's 2005 book titled ***The Case For Christmas: A Journalist Investigates The Identity of the Child in The Manger.***

Lee Strobel is a lawyer and has served as the legal editor of the *Chicago Tribune*. A number of years ago, as an avowed atheist, he set out to investigate the various claims of Christianity with a view of disproving and discrediting the central beliefs of the faith. The result was that he has become one of Christianity's staunchest defenders and has written several books of which we have nine in our library.

A short book of only 96 pages, ***The Case For Christmas*** would make appropriate gifts to someone wondering about the central tenets of our faith. Book # 232.92/Str/2005.

*Ernie Bailey*

## **YOUTH**

**Jacob Vaughan**

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## **CYC!**

**(High/ Middle Schoolers)**

I would like to take this opportunity to talk to you all about Challenge Youth Conference, CYC for short. CYC is a youth rally held in **Pigeon Forge, Tennessee** at the **LeConte Center**. It's a large conference for youth around the country to attend for the purpose of study and worship in fellowship with peers their same age. This will be Glendale's first time in attendance as a youth group and I am very much looking forward to all of the opportunities this trip will provide. We have purchased 35 tickets to the CYC conference and have also rented out a lodge to stay in over the weekend. The conference takes place from **February 26-28**, meaning you will be missing school that Friday. I will be putting a sign-up sheet on the youth table for individuals interested in attending. The only cost for the individuals wishing to attend will be for some meals and souvenirs. The size of our lodge will only hold so many which is why we are capping the number of attendees at 35. This means if you are interested, you need to sign up before the slots are filled. If you have any questions about this trip please fill free to ask me and I will answer them to the best of my ability.

**17 Spots still available**

Jacob Vaughan

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# "Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

## THANK YOU

We want to thank the family at Glendale for your thoughts, prayers, cards, calls and texts. You have been so supportive even if no one except John Dale could come. We felt the prayers. We really miss seeing everyone in person. We miss the hugs. It is just not the same watching the services on our phone. Our prayer is that we can soon get over this pandemic and be able to be together again. Also, thanks for the meaningful plaque. We love our Church family.

Dedra and John Henderson  
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Words cannot express what I feel for our church family. You have helped us so much during this difficult time. Your prayers, calls, food and money have helped so much during this difficult time. Love to all.

Haley Myers and Family
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Thanks for all the cards and best wishes on my birthday.

It is good to be part of a loving church family.

Jane Easley

## CARD REQUEST

Many have asked about Brenda Jones and she is in rehab at Superior Care in Paducah. If you would like to send Brenda a card of encouragement as she recovers her address is:

Brenda Jones  
Superior Care Home  
100 Marshall Court  
Paducah, Ky 42001

## FOOD PANTRY

Please let anyone who needs food assistance know about our food pantry and it is open every Monday morning from 8-10.

We need Spaghetti Sauce and Noodles, Soup, Canned Ravioli, Mac and Cheese or anything else you would like to bring. We appreciate everyone for all they give!

## SYMPATHY

We extend the sympathy of the congregation to Justin Hendrick and family on the death of his grandfather, Lonnie Flood.



## Covid Christmas 2020 Laker Christmas and Tiger Christmas

This Sunday will be the final day to give for anyone wanting to donate money to the Calloway County and Murray Resource Centers to provide Christmas Assistance to children of Murray and Calloway County. We will not be shopping as we have in the past due to Covid-19. The Resource Centers will be taking care of the families with money donated. Thank you to everyone who has given and are going to give!!

### ~ELDERS~

Jeremy Bell  
Kenneth Cleaver  
David Ryan

Johnny Bohannon  
Raymond Grady

Brent Canter  
Allen McKeel

### ~DEACONS~

Darrell Beane  
Landon Clark  
Mike Cooper  
Garry Evans  
Joel Fisher  
Seth Grogan  
Ryan Houston  
John Mahan  
Mike Orr  
Jay Stark  
Walter Lee Steely  
Stacey Underhill

Terry Bourland  
Gerald Coles  
Dan Davis  
Andrew Falwell  
James Gibson  
Chris Jones  
Derek Jones  
Terry McCallon  
Shawn Simmons  
Tim Stark  
Rob Thompson  
Nicholas Weber

Josh Bybee  
Tim Coles  
Jody DeWitt  
Jacob Falwell  
Matt Gingles  
Justin Henrick  
Chad Lawson  
Josh McKeel  
Karl Smith  
Kelly Starks  
Arvis Thorn  
Daron Wilson

### ~CARE TEAM LEADERS~

1. Garry Evans  
2. Garry Evans  
3. Jody DeWitt  
4. Garry Evans  
5. Raymond Grady  
6. Jay Stark  
7. Allen McKeel  
8. Gerald Coles  
10. Karl Smith  
11. Marty Sheridan

12. Garry Evans  
13. Billy Joe Hendon  
14. Rick Spann  
15. Garry Evans  
16. Jimmy Wilder  
17. Joe Phillips  
18. Derek Jones  
19. Tim Stark  
20. Garry Evans

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

~SUNDAY SERVANTS~

**12/6/2020**

**9:00 Morning Worship**

Welcome..... Garry Evans  
Song Service..... Derek Jones  
Opening Prayer..... Brent Canter  
Preside..... Tim Stark  
Scripture Reading ..... Keith York  
Scripture ..... Philippians 4:4  
Speaker ..... Steven Hunter  
Sermon ..... Choosing Joy amid Uncertainty  
Closing Prayer ..... Spencer Foster

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**12/6/2020**

**6:00 Evening Worship**

Welcome..... Garry Evans  
Song Service..... Derek Jones  
Opening Prayer..... Darrell Beane  
Scripture Reading ..... Cole Hunter  
Scripture ..... Acts 1:4-5  
Speaker ..... Steven Hunter  
Sermon ..... The Baptism of the Holy Spirit  
Closing Prayer ..... James Easley  
Preside/PM Communion ..... Jacob Falwell

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