

GLENDALE ROAD CHURCH OF CHRIST NEWS & NOTES

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After John's Birth (Luke 1:67-80)

The *Benedictus* is named thus for the same reason as Mary's *Magnificat*. Zacharias' prophecy, or psalm, is as concerned with redemption as Mary's song but with a greater emphasis on ceremonial worship (vv. 68-75). Zacharias also alluded to John's ministry (v. 76f). Once unmuted, Zechariah exclaimed praise to God via the Lord's Holy Spirit, whereas the human wisdom which failed to comprehend God's promise at his service in the temple resulted in dumbness. Perhaps now Zechariah understands what he was unable to earlier—that his son would be the forerunner for the Savior of humanity.

Since virtually nothing is known about the formative years of John's life, one is left to speculate what aided him in becoming the prophet of God that he was. Since John's parents were elderly when he was born (Luke 1:7), a reasonable probability exists that he received instruction from his priestly father. However, since we do not know how long Zacharias lived after the birth of his son, we may only assume. John may have received some sort of informal training directly from any other number of sources. However, most Jews that were observant of their religion would have spent time in the synagogue receiving instruction. The instruction they received would have been unlike that which John displayed. Moreover, the synagogue's teaching was tainted by Pharisaical traditions and dogmas. Still, some education may have been from there.

Another consideration would be the probability that John was an Essene. Several sources attest to the *possibility* of this fact. The facts that would support this theory are: 1) the Jewish historian Josephus recorded that this sect adopted orphans (*Wars* 2.8.2 [120]), and supposing that John's parents may have died and left him an orphan makes this fitting; 2) How John used Isaiah 40:3 was similar to the usage found in the Dead Sea Scrolls in which it was seen as the mission of those of the community to prepare the way of the Lord; 3) the practice of baptism common among the Essenes; 4) the wilderness activities of both (cf. Luke 3:2), and 5) the ascetic tendencies of John compared to that of the Essenes.

While these supporting arguments are not conclusive arguments that John was an Essene, the evidence is striking. However, another possibility exists. John may have been a member of the Essenes, but he may have grown discontent with their activities. The focus of the Essenes was inward and not an evangelistic focus. Various other sects are identified in biblical and extra-biblical literature (cf. Acts 24:5). Some were not within the immediate area of the Dead Sea, while some migrated to and from that area. Whatever the case is, we do not conclusively know the influence under which John may have grown, but he was led by the Spirit when he arrived in Judea.

—Steven



**Wednesday, November 27,
2024**

**Singing Before Thanksgiving
in the Auditorium. No Classes.**

Sunday, December 1, 2024

Church Wide Potluck

Following Sunday PM Worship.

Abbreviated Evening Worship at 5:00.

Saturday, December 7, 2024

Breakfast With Santa

Saturday, December 14, 2024

Widows & Widowers' Luncheon

Wednesday, December 25, 2024

No Mid-Week Bible Study

Christmas Day

Wednesday, January 1, 1025

Mid-Week Bible Study

Regularly Scheduled Time

Singing Night in Semper Fi

Garry

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

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NOVEMBER 28th, 2024 - NO CLASS - I hope everyone has a wonderful Thanksgiving!

DECEMBER 5th, 2024 - OUT TO EAT @ The BURGER BARN. The bus will leave from the church parking lot @ 10:30am. Please invite a friend to join us 😊

DECEMBER 12th, 2024 - Young N Hearts CHRISTMAS DEVOTIONAL @ 10:30am

 **Our CHRISTMAS MEAL & PARTY will follow @ 11am.** Please share this with friends and family and invite them to join us!



NOVEMBER 27th, 2024 - SINGING NIGHT @ 6:30pm Please meet in the Semper Fi Classroom

DECEMBER 1st, 2024 - C20 Class @ 10am - Topic: **The Life of Christ**

Library

E. Bailey

Satan & The Hymnbook # 5

While many extremist political, social, fraternal and other special interest groups have allowed Satan to tinker with their hymnbooks or song books, the most unbelievable examples can be found in some of the recent hymnals published by Christian groups. While not specifically naming any particular denomination, the following are generalized summaries of some of the more extreme trends:

Some have deleted all hymns dealing with the blood of Christ.

Some have deleted all "missionary" hymns as being too Eurocentric and, therefore, offensive to other races. Examples include "Send The Light" and "From Greenland's Icy Mountains."

Some modern hymnals have deleted all masculine words to appease the most extremist feminist groups. Examples of such words are man, mankind, father, he, him, men, son, and others.

If, as I believe, the hymnal is the second most important book to any church, some folks are doing a great injustice by "sanitizing" many of the old standard hymns that were based on truth,

YOUTH

Jacob Vaughan

The Youth Christmas Party will be held on December 21st starting at 5:00 and running through 7:00. Currently the party will be held here at the church. Many memories will be made as we play ridiculous games and have a good meal together. I hope all our youth will be able to make it out. We will play a game of White Elephant/ Dirty Santa with the cost of the gift being no more than fifteen dollars.

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 \$65. 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.

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. A sign up will be posted towards the beginning of the year. 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.

Breakfast With Santa – Saturday, Dec. 7th

"Rejoice, Give Thanks, Pray"

THANK YOU

Steve and I want to thank everyone for all of the delicious food that was prepared and delivered to our home for weeks after my fall, broken shoulder and total replacement surgery. Also, we appreciated all the cards, calls, texts and visits. But most of all, for all of your prayers and support that still continue to keep us mindful of how very blessed we are to be part of such a giving, caring and loving church family. Thank you all again & again! God is good! All the time!

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Freda Carraway

We can't thank you enough for the cards, calls, and prayers while I have been sick. Your support never ceases to amaze me. We love you all! God bless!

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Marsha & Lance Harper

Thanks to everyone for your kindness and help after my surgery. I appreciate all the many cards, phone calls and texts. Blessings to you all!

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Janice Hale & Family

My family and I are filled with gratitude for your support and love throughout my accident and recovery. From the moment we shared with the church our needs, all reflected with selfless acts of kindness. Your meals, visits, cards, and uplifting messages (prayers) brought light to the darkest moments of my healing journey. To the Semper Fi class, thank you for your servant hearts. And to all thanks for being my support team and my family in Christ.

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Mike Forgey and Family

I would like to thank everyone who sent birthday cards, calls and text messages on my birthday. It made my day more special.

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Sharon Kelso

What a wonderful family we have at Glendale. God has blessed us by giving us such loving brothers and sisters. Thank you all for the calls, texts, cards, visits and food. God Bless!

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Allen & Jan McKeel

THANK YOU TO ALL OUR LITTLE LADIES AND YOUNG MEN FOR YOUR OUTSTANDING PRESENTATIONS AND HARD WORK! OUR FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT!!

BAPTIZED

Stuart & Dana Alexander (11/24)
107 Chad Wayne Dr.
Murray, KY 42071

REQUESTING PRAYERS

Jared Medlock (11/24)
311C Indian Ave.
Mayfield, KY 42066

SYMPATHY

We express the sympathy of the congregation to Vanessa Fike and family on the death of her father, Gerald Stone; to the family of Judy Curd; and to the family of Ramona Eaker.

BLOOD DRIVE

We will have our Blood Drive on Wednesday, December 4th. Please see James Gibson this Wednesday or Sunday in the Commons to sign up.

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The 2 year olds through 2<sup>nd</sup> grade will not meet on Sunday nights for the month of December.

### ~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~**

**12/1/2024**

**9:00 Morning Worship**

**Welcome/Announcements** ..... Garry Evans  
**Song Service** ..... Derek Jones  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Bobby Fike  
**Preside** ..... Mike Forgey  
**Scripture Reading** ..... Trice Jones  
**Scripture** ..... John 1:1, 14  
**Speaker** ..... Steven Hunter  
**Sermon** ..... The Incarnation  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Andrew Falwell  
**Nursery** ..... Linda McCallon, Rylee McCallon  
**Greeters** ..... Josh Burchett, Haley Burchett,  
Leisha Barlow, Daundra Clark, Doug Clark,  
Cindy Cleaver

**Serve the Lord's Supper**

| <b>South</b>         | <b>North</b>    |
|----------------------|-----------------|
| Kent Barlow .....    | Brent Canter    |
| Jackson Bell.....    | Doug Clark      |
| Jeremy Bell.....     | Landon Clark    |
| Terry Bourland ..... | Austin Copeland |
| Josh Burchett .....  | Dan Davis       |
| Josh Bybee.....      | Derrick Delaney |

**Alternates:** Kelly Crouse, Jody DeWitt, Ryan DeWitt, Christian Dinh, Steve Dublin, Don Durst

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**5:00 Evening Worship**

**Welcome/Announcements** ..... Garry Evans  
**Song Service** ..... Derek Jones  
**Opening Prayer** ..... Josh McKeel  
**Preside** ..... Gerald Murdock  
**Scripture Reading** ..... Rick Spann  
**Scripture** ..... Isaiah 7:14  
**Speaker** ..... Steven Hunter  
**Sermon** ..... God With Us  
**Closing Prayer** ..... Darrell Beane  
**Greeters** ..... Davis Kimbro, Vera Kimbro,  
Helen King, Delores Lawson, Sharla McCage

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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)