

Registration is now open through our website!

You may have heard the great news that although our club may look and feel a bit different this coming year, we will still be kicking off our AWANA Club 2020/2021 and doing so **ONLINE!** As we are not sure how the year will unfold, our team will continue to monitor the COVID -19 situation closely. Although our club will not be meeting in person at this time, we will do our part in keeping our children and families safe.

We also realize the importance of memorizing the Word of God and are thankful for the freedom in doing so. We want to encourage the children to continue to work through their handbooks (if they so choose) and work toward their year-end awards.

Our Awana team is still working through further details of what AWANA ONLINE will look like as this is new territory for us as well. We hope to have our leaders share devotional times with our clubbers and plan some much-loved events such as 'Crazy Hair Night.' AWANA ONLINE will require parents' help as we will need our parents and guardians to be listeners and handbook signers this year. Further instruction will be provided following our online Registration and Handbook Pickup.

Thank you for your continued support of our AWANA ministry here at Glenridge. This is such a unique time for our children, and it is our prayer to keep the program going and have the children grow in their faith and come to accept Christ as their own personal Saviour.

Carissa Daniel & The AWANA Team

Notice: Congregational Meeting September 12, 2020 7:00pm

The Staff and Ministry Team of GBC is planning and recommending the re-opening of the Children's Ministry and the Nursery to commence in the middle of October. Due to the Covid-19 restrictions, the recommendation is to provide for ministry rooms to be confined to the Sanctuary Level of the church.

The Board supports this recommendation and passed the following Motion to be presented to the Membership at a duly called Business Meeting for Sept. 12, 2020 at 7pm in the Church Sanctuary.

Motion: That we commence with Phase 1 of the reconstruction of the Bistro, Library and Office Re-location. This would include the following projects:

- Construction of a storage area at the front of the sanctuary to the right of the platform, to accommodate our extra chairs and tables. The design as per posted diagrams.
- Construction of a wall with doors to match the rear Bistro wall; providing privacy to the current library area. This wall would also provide space for the church mailboxes.
- Enlarge the Bistro with the removal of the storage room, this new, large space would also have a new dropped ceiling. This space would serve as the new library and a ministry space for the Sunday Children's Ministry.
- A temporary space would be provided in our current Library area for the Infant Nursery.
- Capital cost of Phase 1 will not exceed \$15,000.00; the Board recommends to establish a Capital Fund for this project.
- The future re-location of the Church Offices into the current Library space to be completed in the late spring of 2021 would require an estimated additional Capital Fund of \$50,000.00
- Complete details to be provided at the Business Meeting of September 12, 2020.

Duly passed by the GBC Board on August 27, 2020 by unanimous vote.

Scripture Reading

Acts 15: 1-35 NKJV

And certain men came down from Judea and taught the brethren, "Unless you are circumcised according to the custom of Moses, you cannot be saved." Therefore, when Paul and Barnabas had no small dissension and dispute with them, they determined that Paul and Barnabas and certain others of them should go up to Jerusalem, to the apostles and elders, about this question.

So, being sent on their way by the church, they passed through Phoenicia and Samaria, describing the conversion of the Gentiles; and they caused great joy to all the brethren. And when they had come to Jerusalem, they were received by the church and the apostles and the elders; and they reported all things that God had done with them. But some of the sect of the Pharisees who believed rose up, saying, "It is necessary to circumcise them, and to command them to keep the law of Moses."

Now the apostles and elders came together to consider this matter. And when there had been much dispute, Peter rose up and said to them:

"Men and brethren, you know that a good while ago God chose among us, that by my mouth the Gentiles should hear the word of the gospel and believe. So God, who knows the heart, acknowledged them by giving them the Holy Spirit, just as He did to us, and made no distinction between us and them, purifying their hearts by faith. Now therefore, why do you test God by putting a yoke on the neck of the disciples which neither our fathers nor we were able to bear? But we believe that through the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ we shall be saved in the same manner as they."

Then all the multitude kept silent and listened to Barnabas and Paul declaring how many miracles and wonders God had worked through them among the Gentiles. And after they had become silent, James answered, saying, "Men and brethren, listen to me: Simon has declared how God at the first visited the Gentiles to take out of them a people for His name. And with this the words of the prophets agree, just as it is written:

'After this I will return and will rebuild the tabernacle of David, which has fallen down; I will rebuild its ruins, and I will set it up; so that the rest of mankind may seek the Lord, even all the Gentiles who are

called by My name, says the Lord who does all these things.'

"Known to God from eternity are all His works. Therefore I judge that we should not trouble those from among the Gentiles who are turning to God, but that we write to them to abstain from things polluted by idols, from sexual immorality, from things strangled, and from blood. For Moses has had throughout many generations those who preach him in every city, being read in the synagogues every Sabbath."

Then it pleased the apostles and elders, with the whole church, to send chosen men of their own company to Antioch with Paul and Barnabas, namely, Judas who was also named Barsabas, and Silas, leading men among the brethren. They wrote this letter by them:

The apostles, the elders, and the brethren,

To the brethren who are of the Gentiles in Antioch, Syria, and Cilicia:

Greetings.

Since we have heard that some who went out from us have troubled you with words, unsettling your souls, saying, "You must be circumcised and keep the law"—to whom we gave no such commandment— it seemed good to us, being assembled with one accord, to send chosen men to you with our beloved Barnabas and Paul, men who have risked their lives for the name of our Lord Jesus Christ. We have therefore sent Judas and Silas, who will also report the same things by word of mouth. For it seemed good to the Holy Spirit, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things: that you abstain from things offered to idols, from blood, from things strangled, and from sexual immorality. If you keep yourselves from these, you will do well. Farewell.

So when they were sent off, they came to Antioch; and when they had gathered the multitude together, they delivered the letter. When they had read it, they rejoiced over its encouragement. Now Judas and Silas, themselves being prophets also, exhorted and strengthened the brethren with many words. And after they had stayed there for a time, they were sent back with greetings from the brethren to the apostles.

However, it seemed good to Silas to remain there. Paul and Barnabas also remained in Antioch, teaching and preaching the word of the Lord, with many others also.

Thank You for Praying

"With all prayer and petition pray at all times in the Spirit, and with this in view, be on the alert with all perseverance and petition for all the saints"

Ephesians 6: 18

Seeking prayer for healing and comfort:

- * Lil Neufeld's mother graduated to glory on Monday, August 24, 2020 at the age of 96. Please pray for Lil and her family in this time of loss.
- * Mildred Levair has been in Shaver for physiotherapy for the last 2 weeks after an injury. Please pray for healing.
- * Daryl Ann Cowan has undergone treatments for Djogrens disease. Please pray for recovery as her immune system is quite compromised.
- * Hugh Rogers is still waiting for tests following his seizure (5 months ago) and can't drive until tests clear him. Eleanor is experiencing bad headaches but can't take medication for them. Please pray for this dear couple.
- * Sandra Rockefeller is began monthly chemotherapy treatments, this past week. Please pray for freedom from infection and side effects.
- * Rollice Blake requests prayer for her son Rhoan.
- * Please remembers those of our congregation recovering from surgery or injury: Sandra Rothwell, Fred Glucker, Helmut Harder, Betty Anderson
- * Please also pray for those in our congregation suffering from ongoing pain and illness: Keith Lichty Sr., Emilia Pirc, Sue Furness, Ron and Lois Clattenburg,
 Jaqi Shennan, Rosalie Pankoff, Eleanor Leigh, Bev Williams.
- * The Luchkanyns ask for continued prayer for their friend, Quin McColgan, suffering from cancer. His tumour has grown and doctors are considering changing his treatment.

While the prayers of the saints are a blessing to those hurting, lonely, depressed, or shut-in, a reminder that a phone call or visit does wonders too. If you haven't seen someone in a while, why not touch base with them and be that ray of sunshine that touches their life with God's love today?



Glenridge Bible Church's

"Missionary of the Month"

Please pray for, and encourage

Tanner Kennedy

serving with

Intervarsity Christian Fellowship St. Catharines, Ontario



GLENRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH

Welcome to our Worship Service this Lord's Day August 30th, 2020

Pastor Bobby Halek
"The Great Council: A Critical Communique"

A Bible-Based Community, united by God's love and grace, that worships Him, serves others, and proclaims the message of Christ.



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Today at Glenridge Bible Church

"But when the kindness and the love of God our Savior toward man appeared, not by works of righteousness which we have done, but according to His mercy He saved us, through the washing of regeneration and renewing of the Holy Spirit, whom He poured out on us abundantly through Jesus Christ our Savior, that having been justified by His grace we should become heirs according to the hope of eternal life."

Titus 3:4-7

Order of Service

Instrumental Prelude Welcome, Key Verse & Invocational Prayer Instrumental Music

#530 — "Saved, Saved!" #306 — "Jesus Saves!"

Kids' Feature — Angela Kersten

Instrumental Music

#473 — "Victory in Jesus"

Scripture Reading—Pastor Bobby

Acts 15: 1-35

Message — Pastor Bobby

"The Great Council: A Critical Communique"

Family Worship Video — "Grace (La-De-Da)"

Benediction

Pastor Bobby

Instrumental Postlude

(Folks are requested to leave via <u>side exits</u> at the back of the sanctuary following the service, <u>not</u> the main center doors. Please maintain social distancing and limit socializing to outside the building at this time.

We will have a 'retiral offering' at the exits, following the service, as people leave the sanctuary.

THIS WEEK AT G.B.C

Wednesday 7:00pm Prayer Meeting (in our library)

Next Sunday 10:00am Communion Service with Pastor Bobby

Giving...

"Upon the first day of the week, let everyone of you lay by him in store as God hath prospered him" I Corinthians 16:2

General Offerings—August 16, 2020......\$ 3,918.98 Weekly General Offerings required to meet 2020 Budget: \$ 6,821.27

2020 YTD General Offerings Budget: \$ 231,940.72 2020 YTD General Offerings Donations: \$ 207,410.17

Self-Checking

Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord.

Lamentations 3: 37-42

Recently I read through a stack of World War II-era letters my dad sent to my mother. He was in North Africa and she was in West Virginia. Dad, a second lieutenant in the US Army, was tasked with censoring soldiers' letters—keeping sensitive information from enemy eyes. So it was rather humorous to see—on the outside of his letters to his wife—a stamp that said, "Censored by 2nd Lt. John Branon." Indeed, he had cut out lines from his own letters!

Self-censoring is really a good idea for all of us. Several times in Scripture, the writers mention the importance of taking a good long look at ourselves to find what's not right—not God-honoring. The psalmist, for example, prayed, "Search me, God, and know my heart See if there is any offensive way in me" (Psalm 139:23–24). Jeremiah put it like this: "Let us examine our ways and test them, and let us return to the Lord" (Lamentations 3:40). And Paul, speaking of our heart condition at the time of communion, said, "Everyone ought to examine themselves" (1 Corinthians 11:28).

The Holy Spirit can help us turn from any attitudes or actions that don't please God. So before we head out into the world today, let's stop and seek the Spirit's help in doing some self-checking so we can "return to the Lord" in fellowship with Him.

By: Dave Branon
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