

## New Photo Directory

We will be updating our Photo Directory very soon.  
Maybe a great start to 2021?

Rather than have people mill around a table at the back,  
please email the church office with your information including:  
Names, address, telephone number(s), Email address(es)

For photos, we can either use existing photos, or we can take a quick  
shot of you here at the church, or you can email in a 'selfie'.  
The point is, we want our church family to know who's who.  
So: **NO MASKS** in your photo please. (that kinda defeats the purpose)

### Notice from the Board of Glenridge Bible Church

The Board has established a Nominating Committee for the  
purpose of proposing a slate of nominees to fill  
Board vacancies the year 2021.

#### The members of the Nominating Committee are:

**George Warkentin, Larry Srigley, Stan Piggott, Ursula Savoie**

If you are interested in serving on the Board of  
Glenridge Bible Church, or would like to submit a  
nomination, please make submissions to a member of  
the committee no later than Sunday, December 20, 2020.  
Details regarding submissions are provided at the back of the  
Sanctuary and can be found in Bylaw 9.03(a).  
Duties and Responsibilities of Elders, Deacons, and Director of  
Finance can be found in your copy of the GBC Bylaws,  
or through the Church Office.

### PRAYER PUPS BY JEFFREY SMITH



ADVENT IS A TIME OF ANTICIPATION,  
HOPE AND NEW BEGINNINGS.

# HENLEY

Christmas Worship Service

2020

GLENRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH

310 Scott Street, St. Catharines, ON

Please see  
Henley website  
(below) for  
details and  
restrictions.

NO TICKETS  
NEEDED but  
PRE-REGISTRATION  
(by phone) **REQUIRED**  
FREE WILL  
OFFERING

featuring **The Crutchfields**

Sunday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, 2020  
@ 6:30pm

 HenleyCMF  
HenleyCMF.ca

GlenridgeBibleChurch.org  
905.937.1326

WHAT MINISTRY SOUNDS LIKE

 **GLENRIDGE**  
BIBLE CHURCH

## Scripture Reading — Matthew 1 : 18-25<sup>NKJV</sup>

Now the birth of Jesus Christ was as follows:

After His mother Mary was betrothed to Joseph, before they came together, she was found with child of the Holy Spirit. Then Joseph her husband, being a just *man*, and not wanting to make her a public example, was minded to put her away secretly.

But while he thought about these things, behold, an angel of the Lord appeared to him in a dream, saying, “Joseph, son of David, do not be afraid to take to you Mary your wife, for that which is conceived in her is of the Holy Spirit. And she will bring forth a Son, and you shall call His name JESUS, for He will save His people from their sins.”

So all this was done that it might be fulfilled which was spoken by the Lord through the prophet, saying: “Behold, the virgin shall be with child, and bear a Son, and they shall call His name Immanuel,” which is translated, “God with us.”

Then Joseph, being aroused from sleep, did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took to him his wife, and did not know her till she had brought forth her firstborn Son. And he called His name JESUS.



A very special thanks to all of the faithful volunteers that helped out this year with our Operation Christmas Child Shoebox Collection!

Despite the challenges this year has brought, our collection center alone brought in **1,260** shoeboxes!

A total of **2,699** came in to our regional depot!

Please continue to pray over these precious gifts that they God directs each one to the right child that will be most blessed by it. Pray for all the volunteers and staff at OCC as they now sort and distribute these wonderful, hope-filled boxes across the world.

Linda Srigley



DiscipleLand Events for  
Kids (JK—Grade 6)

We are looking to have another event  
planned for late December.  
We will have more details as they develop.

GBC Nursery thanks everyone for  
the donations of some toys.  
We are looking to have a staffed nursery  
for each DiscipleLand event and the  
Advent season.

### GBC Email List

If you've heard about the awesome weekly devotionals Pastor Bobby writes and would like to receive them in your very own email inbox, or, you'd like to be kept up to date on events, prayer requests, or general announcements, subscribe by clicking the link on our website's homepage (half way down).



## Thank You for Praying

### **Please continue to pray for those suffering loss:**

The Srigley family following Violet Kliewer's passing; Tara Monteith after the loss of her mother; Yvonne Watson's family; Elaine Lichty, Sandra Rothwell, and Kathy Grout following the loss of their husbands; Heather Moore who lost her stepmother; Janet and Richard Dittrick suffering the loss of multiple family members

### **Seeking prayer for healing and comfort:**

- \* Dave Furness is experiencing kidney problems and is undergoing testing. Please pray for healing and wisdom for his doctors.
- \* Mildred Levair is healing after a fall.
- \* Remember those recovering from injuries or procedures: Donna Warkentin, Daryl Ann Cowan, Sandra Rockefeller
- \* Hugh Rogers is still waiting for tests following his seizure (many 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 couple.
- \* Please also pray for those in our congregation suffering from ongoing pain or illness: Emilia Pirc, Sue Furness, Ron and Lois Clattenburg, Jaqi Shennan, Rosalie Pankoff, Eleanor Leigh, Bev Williams, Helmut Harder, Fred and Hilda Glucker.
- \* Quin McColgan, (friend of the Luchkanyns) fighting cancer.

### **Sweet Again**

***On this mountain the Lord Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. Isaiah 25:6***

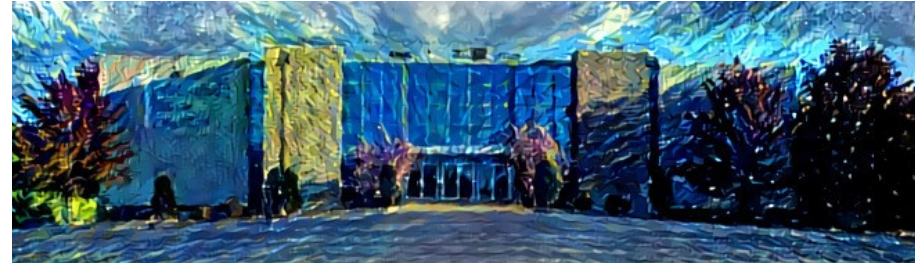
Russian wedding customs are filled with beauty and significance. One such custom takes place during the reception as the toastmaster proposes a toast in honor of the couple. Everyone takes a sip from their raised glass and then shouts, "Gor'ko! Gor'ko!" meaning "Bitter! Bitter!" When the guests shout that word, the newlyweds must rise and kiss each other in order to make the drink sweet again.

Isaiah prophesies that the bitter drink of desolation, ruin, and the curse upon the earth (ch. 24) will give way to the sweet hope of a new heaven and new earth (ch. 25). God will prepare a feast of rich foods and the finest and sweetest of drinks. It will be a banquet of continual blessing, fruitfulness, and provision for all people (25:6). There's more. Under the sovereign reign of the righteous King, death is swallowed up, bitter tears are wiped away, and the shroud of disgrace is removed (vv. 7-8). And His people will rejoice because the One they trusted in and waited for will bring salvation and turn the bitter cup of life sweet again (v. 9).

One day, we'll be together with Jesus at the wedding supper of the Lamb. When He welcomes His bride (the church) home, the promise of Isaiah 25 will be fulfilled. The life once bitter will be made sweet again.

*By: Marvin Williams*

*Our Daily Bread 2020-11-29*



## GLENRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH

# Welcome to our Worship Service this Lord's Day

November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2020



First Sunday of Advent

Pastor Bobby Halek

*"Critical Christmas Doctrines"*  
*"Part 1: The Two Natures  
of the Christ Child"*

**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

“concerning His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who was born of the seed of David according to the flesh, *and* declared to be the Son of God with power according to the Spirit of holiness, by the resurrection from the dead.” *Romans 1:3-4*

### Order of Service

**Instrumental Prelude**

**Words of Welcome**

**Instrumental Hymn**

#124— “Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus”

**Key Verse & Invocational Prayer**

**Worship Team**

**Kids’ Feature Advent Wreath**

Angela Kersten

**Special Music**

Kendra Harder

**Scripture Reading**

Matthew 1 : 18-25

**Message** — Pastor Bobby

“Critical Christmas Doctrines

Part 1: The Two Natures of the Christ Child”

**Instrumental Hymn**

#483 — “Lead On O King Eternal”

**Benediction**

**Instrumental Postlude**

*Folks are requested to leave via side exits at the back of the sanctuary following the service not the center doors.*

*A reminder that masks should be worn when not seated in the sanctuary.*

*Please maintain social distancing and limit socializing to outside.*

*We will have a ‘retiral offering’ following the service at the exits.*

### THIS WEEK AT G.B.C

<u>Today</u>	10:00am	Advent Service with Pastor Bobby
<u>Wednesday</u>	7:00pm	Bible Study and Prayer Service <i>Fireside Room or Sanctuary (dep. on size)</i>
<u>Next Sunday</u>	10:00am	Advent 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

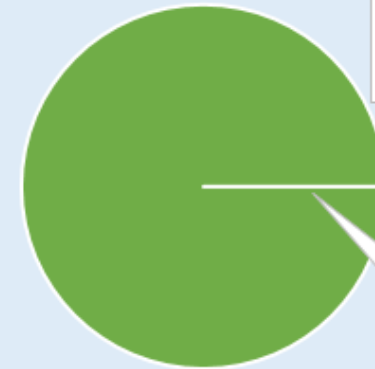
General Offerings—November 22, 2020.....	\$ 4,174.24
Capital Project Gifts.....	\$ 1,280.00
Weekly General Offerings required to meet 2020 Budget:	\$ <u>6,821.27</u>

2020 YTD General Offerings Budget: \$ 354,732.86

2020 YTD General Offerings Donations: \$ 320,623.93



### Capital Project Fund



Phase 1  
Budget: \$15,000

Total Project  
Budget: \$65,000

Donated:  
\$15,000

### PHASE 1 BUDGET HAS BEEN MET!!!

- Our storage area has been constructed & doors are on order.
- Our wall, at the back of the sanctuary, has been started in order to begin enclosing the soon-to-be GBC offices.
- Our mailboxes have been relocated to their new placement.
- Our *Fireside Room* is almost completed!

All of this is made possible by God’s blessing through our congregation’s generous support of our Building Campaign.

If you would like to continue to support the rest of the project, above your regular tithes and offerings, simply mark your receiptable gift as ‘Capital Building Project’ and leave it in the offering.

**New Address for Kathy Grout**

Please update your directories with the new info until we can get our new Photo Directory out.

**413 Linwell Road, Building "D" Unit #4106**

**St. Catharines, ON, L2M 7Y2**



*It's that time! It's Advent, it's the end of the year and it's time to reveal yourselves to your Secret Prayer Sisters!*

*We will have a table at the back of the Sanctuary near the mailboxes on December 13th and 20th for you to leave your 'Sister' a Christmas surprise and reveal your identity.*

**New Address for the Halek Family**

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**13 Cameron Avenue**

**Welland, ON, L3B 1J9**

**Glenridge Bible Church** *presents*



## The Nativity Story

In Nazareth, teenager Mary is betrothed to the local carpenter, Joseph. Mary is visited by an angel and told that she will fulfill a prophecy and as a virgin give birth to God's Son, the Savior of the world. Mary's pregnancy brings her the scorn of the community and Joseph struggles to believe her seemingly outlandish story. Meanwhile, a census forces every man and his family to return to his place of birth. Joseph and Mary set out on a long and arduous journey to Bethlehem.

This film is based on the Biblical account of the birth of Jesus Christ.

***Sunday, December 6<sup>th</sup> @ 6:00pm***

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Glenridge is a fully accessible facility.    Preregistration by Phone required.