Scripture Reading — Genesis 49 : 1-28

Then Jacob summoned his sons and said, "Assemble yourselves that I may tell you what will befall you in the days to come. $_2$ "Gather together and hear, O sons of Jacob; And listen to Israel your father.

 $_{\rm 3}$ "Reuben, you are my firstborn; My might and the beginning of my strength, Preeminent in dignity and preeminent in power. $_{\rm 4}$ "Uncontrolled as water, you shall not have preeminence, Because you went up to your father's bed; Then you defiled it—he went up to my couch.

⁵ "Simeon and Levi are brothers; Their swords are implements of violence. ⁶ "Let my soul not enter into their council; Let not my glory be united with their assembly; Because in their anger they slew men, And in their self-will they lamed oxen. ⁷ "Cursed be their anger, for it is fierce; And their wrath, for it is cruel. I will disperse them in Jacob, And scatter them in Israel.

 $_8$ "Judah, your brothers shall praise you; Your hand shall be on the neck of your enemies; Your father's sons shall bow down to you. $_9$ "Judah is a lion's whelp; From the prey, my son, you have gone up. He couches, he lies down as a lion, And as a lion, who dares rouse him up? $_{10}$ "The scepter shall not depart from Judah, Nor the ruler's staff from between his feet, Until Shiloh comes, And to him shall be the obedience of the peoples. $_{11}$ "He ties his foal to the vine, And his donkey's colt to the choice vine; He washes his garments in wine, And his robes in the blood of grapes. $_{12}$ "His eyes are dull from wine, And his teeth white from milk.

 $_{\rm 13}$ "Zebulun will dwell at the seashore; And he shall be a haven for ships, And his flank shall be toward Sidon.

 $_{\rm 14}$ "Issachar is a strong donkey, Lying down between the sheepfolds. $_{\rm 15}$ "When he saw that a resting place was good And that the land was pleasant, He bowed his shoulder to bear burdens, And became a slave at forced labor.

 $_{16}$ "Dan shall judge his people, As one of the tribes of Israel. $_{17}$ "Dan shall be a serpent in the way, A horned snake in the path, That bites the horse's heels, So that his rider falls backward. $_{18}$ "For Your salvation I wait, O Lord.

19 "As for Gad, raiders shall raid him, But he will raid at their heels.

20 "As for Asher, his food shall be rich, And he will yield royal dainties.

21 "Naphtali is a doe let loose, He gives beautiful words.

 $_{22}$ "Joseph is a fruitful bough, A fruitful bough by a spring; Its branches run over a wall. $_{23}$ "The archers bitterly attacked him, And shot at him and harassed him; $_{24}$ But his bow remained firm, And his arms were agile, From the hands of the Mighty One of Jacob (From there is the Shepherd, the Stone of Israel), $_{25}$ From the God of your father who helps you, And by the Almighty who blesses you With blessings of heaven above, Blessings of the deep that lies beneath, Blessings of the breasts and of the womb.

₂₆ "The blessings of your father Have surpassed the blessings of my ancestors Up to the utmost bound of the everlasting hills; May they be on the head of Joseph, And on the crown of the head of the one distinguished among his brothers.

₂₇ "Benjamin is a ravenous wolf; In the morning he devours the prey, And in the evening he divides the spoil."

 $_{\rm 28}$ All these are the twelve tribes of Israel, and this is what their father said to them when he blessed them. He blessed them, every one with the blessing appropriate to him.





Truth for Teens - Ozzie's Pantry (Located beside the church mailboxes) Donations for August—Toiletries Your donations are used by Rick and Heather

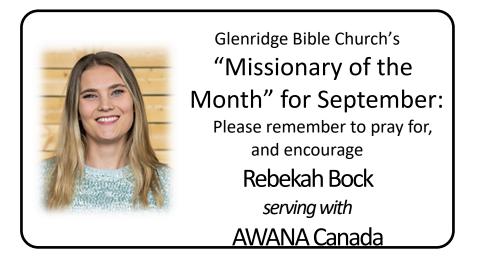
to help them extend their hospitality, love and assistance to at-risk youth as they mentor and teach them. (25 young men and 10 women)

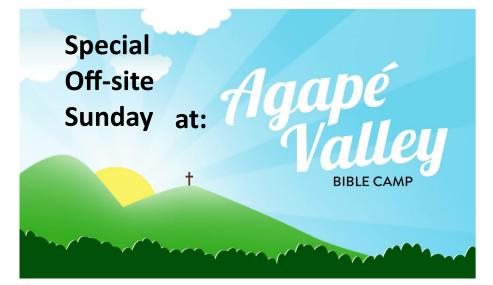
Niagara Life Centre is requesting prayer that the city will expedite their lift project permit, that the drawings from the engineers will be received as needed, and that the administrative roadblocks would be removed so they can proceed with their facility's lift.

Galcom Canada has an urgent prayer request for a shipment of radios that are held up in Mozambique where officials are demanding more in import taxes than the actual value of the radios. Galcom's biggest need right now is the development of the AM version of their radios which would greatly increase their range. Their tech team is working on this.

Agape Valley is having a Report & Support BBQ Monday, September 4th at 4:00pm. There'll be hotdogs, hamburgers, drinks and importantly, informative reports on what has been happening at Agape Valley. More info at www.AgapeValley.ca

<u>Youth Unlimited</u> is requesting prayer for a former staffer, Rose Price who began chemotherapy on August 17th.

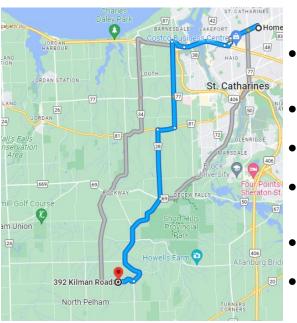




<u>Next Sunday</u>, September 10th, 2023 392 Kilman Rd, RR#1 Ridgeville (only 20min drive)

We'll be at Agape Valley for our Sunday Worship Service Our service will be at 10:00am like usual and we'll be inside.

Following our service will be a potluck luncheon so, if you can, <u>please see the sign-up sheet at the back to put down</u> <u>something you can bring something to share.</u>



Directions from GBC

- Take QEW to Third Street Louth—Exit 49 (5km)
- Turn left onto Third Street Louth (4.3km)
- Turn right onto RR81 (850m)
- Turn left onto Fifth Street Louth/RR28 (3.5km)
- Continue onto Effingham Street (5.6km)
- Turn right onto Kilman Rd



AWANA will be starting up again and we want to be prepared for the fun, exciting, impressionable young clubbers as we play, sing, and learn about God's Word!

Praise the Lord! We already have 20 children registered

Some key dates to remember:

September 6th, 6:15pm —AWANA registration night (for families that didn't do it online) September 13th, 6:15pm —First official AWANA night!



If you are looking to volunteer here at GBC in any of our various ministries, particularly those involving vulnerable sectors:

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We here at GBC has a Safe Place Policy through Plant to Protect. All volunteers MUST BE trained according to this policy and have a valid Police Check.

We are having a 'refresher course' after the service on Sunday, September 24. Please bring a lunch. We will be in the Fireside Room.

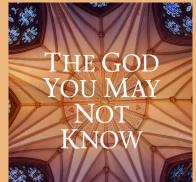
Join us tonight at 6:30pm in our Fireside Room for a Sunday Night Vespers Worship Service

This will be a unique service of directed

prayer, music, and Scripture and a brief devotional message.

We'll also have a short time of refreshments and fellowship afterwards.

GBC's Ladies' Ministry presents:



A 9-week Bible Study, using the book by Dr. David Jeremiah

Starting Saturday, Sept 16, 2023 Fireside Poom

(a) 1:30pm in the Fireside Room

Books are available at a discounted price of \$25.00 (reg. \$33.00)

Please see Donna Warkentin, Maureen Lemire, or Lora Warkentin to register or pay for your book. (limited supply)

(Coffee and Tea will be available)



Attention ladies! GBC Ladies' Ministry welcomes you all to our monthly luncheon.

This month we'll be at The Mandarin Bunting Road, St. Catharines on Wednesday, Sept 13th at noon.

Please sign up with Marion Sharp at the back of the sanctuary Or call Marion no later than Monday, September 11th to reserve a place, at 905.937.9548

Glenridge Bible Church's
Men's Ministry presentsSteak Nite & Turkey ShootSteak Nite & Turkey ShootSaturday, Sept. 30th @ 4:00pm



Men:

You'll get to cook your own steak to perfection...

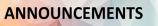
...and test your paintball target-shooting to earn raffle tickets for a turkey!

> Come, enjoy this time of food, fellowship, and a guest speaker.

This event is open to men, ages 12+ Tickets are \$25.00 per person Event held at Glenridge Bible Church @ 310 Scott Street, St. Catharines Any questions? Please call 905.351.2608 Or see Rick Winker, Mark Yap, or Stan Piggott

THIS WEEK AT G.B.C

Today	10:00am	Communion Service with Pastor Bobby
	6:30pm	Fireside Vespers Worship Service
<u>Tuesday</u>	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting (Fireside Room)
Wednesday	6:15pm	AWANA Registration Night
	6:30pm	Prayer Meeting (Board Room)
<u>Next Sunday</u>	10:00am	Offsite Worship Service at Agape Valley



Upcoming Events

- September 6th: AWANA Registration Night @ 6:15
- September 10th: Off-site Sunday Service at Agape Valley (see insert)
- September 13th: First Night of AWANA
- **September 16th:** Start of Women's Bible Study (see insert)
- September 17th: Henley Concert with Common Bond Quartet
- September 20th: GBC Fall Ensemble Practice
- September 24th: Safe Place Training for all volunteers after service in Fireside room (bring a lunch)
- September 30th: Men's Ministry Steak Night and "Turkey Shoot" (see insert)

Season of Blessing

This "Season of Thanksgiving" (starting today) we as a church are asking folks to help us see just how blessed we are. Each Sunday, we will have posterboards out for everyone to *briefly* jot down a blessing they see in their lives. We will collect them all and have them displayed for our Thanksgiving Service in October.

Let's see if we can visibly display just how blessed we recognize we are... Can we can list as many as 1000?

From The Board re: Our Sanctuary

As we gather each Sunday to worship here at GBC, we feel it is important to remember where we are and why we're here. In an effort to facilitate a worshipful atmosphere and control noise, we are asking parents to stop their children from playing in our gym area by 9:45am (15 minutes prior to our service). There is time after our service for children to play in the gym, and for socializing in our Fireside Room with our Coffee Fellowship.



Today at Glenridge Bible Church

I saw in the right hand of Him who sat on the throne a book written inside and on the back, sealed up with seven seals. And I saw a strong angel proclaiming with a loud voice, "Who is worthy to open the book and to break its seals?" and one of the elders said to me, "Stop weeping; behold, the Lion that is from the tribe of Judah, the Root of David, has overcome so as to open the book and its seven seals."

Revelation 5 : 1-2, 5

Order of Service

Announcements

Opening Hymn #59—"Sing the Mighty Power of God"

Invocational Prayer

Celebration Around the Lord's Table

A Prayer for Students

Opportunity to Worship Through Our Tithes and Offerings

DiscipleLand Segment

Scripture Reading Genesis 49:1-28

Message—Pastor Bobby Halek "The Last Will & Testament of Israel"

> **Responsive Hymn** #473 — "Victory in Jesus"

> > **Benediction**

From our Finance Committee:

General Offering August 27, 2023\$	5,021.00
HVAC Project Donation\$	500.00
Average weekly Offerings, 2023\$	5,624.80
General Offerings Budget 2023\$	6,860.40

If you wish to make a donation to the HVAC replacement project beyond your regular tithing, please designate it on your envelope or when donating online. Total HVAC project: \$ 39,206.96 Budget Capital funds to be used: \$ 9,801.74 Additional HVAC donations received: \$ 13,240.00 Balance of project remaining: \$ 16,165.22



Visiting today? New to GBC?

Please feel free to stay after the service for a cup of coffee or tea in our Fireside Room following the service and enjoy a brief time of fellowship.



Jim & Irene Bucknall wish to announce, along with celebrating their 60th Wedding Anniversary on August 31st, 2023, that they welcomed their first Great Grandson, weighing 9lb 6oz, on August 25th, 2023 in Irrikana, Alberta.

Thanking the Lord for His rich blessings and mercies, Jim & Irene Bucknall

Thank You for Praying

Requests for Prayer

- * Sharon Youmans requests prayer for her daughter Julie who has started liquid chemotherapy for cancer and her brother Phil who has lost the use of his legs and is now in a home. Sharon, too, is waiting to see a doctor. Please pray for this family, and for their doctors to best help them.
- * Clarence Nickel was admitted to hospital and is undergoing many tests due to difficulties breathing and swallowing. Clarence is in failing health due to his age, but is responding to treatments and is still in good spirits. Please pray for Clarence, his wife, Joyce, and the doctors as they work to help him.
- * PTL! Heather Moore is back home after her leg/knee injury. It is still quite painful and she's using medication to manage the pain but is able to move with a walker!
- * Helmut Harder is at this time, pain free and is slowly making progress in assisted walking. Please continue to pray for the Harders as he recovers.
- * Please pray for Don Munson. Don has been a faithful friend of GBC for a number of years. Don has been diagnosed with Mesothelioma. He is also undergoing procedure(s) to mitigate the fluid buildup around his lungs. Please continue to pray for Don, his family, and his doctors.
- * Dave Furness asks for prayer for his daughter, Ashley. She is getting treatment for an abnormal growth.
- * Eleanor Leigh asks for prayer for her husband, Greg, for an aneurism which is growing and possible cancer in his kidney. Please pray for healing and a return to faith. Please also pray regarding for Eleanor's son's liver disease and a return to faith.

Please pray for those with chronic pain or illness:

Sue Furness, Dave Furness, Jim Arthur, Lois and Ron Clattenburg, Catherine Keating, Jaqi Shennan, Rosalie Pankoff, Eleanor Leigh, Bev Williams, Helmut Harder, Hilda Glucker, Mildred Levair, Eleanor Rogers, Mary Lockett, Toni Goodliff, Carol-Dean Jeffries, Margaret Demers, and Alvina Andres

Office Schedule

The office is reachable Monday-Friday, 8:30am—5:00pm. 905.937.1326 or GlenridgeBC@gmail.com Pastor Bobby is normally available to meet in the office from Tuesday to Friday, 9:30am—4:00pm We request that visits are done by appointment so we can ensure we have set aside time to meet your needs.



GLENRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH Welcome to our Communion Service this Lord's Day



September 3rd, 2023 Pastor Bobby Halek Studies in Torah: "The Last Will & Testament of Israel" Genesis 49:1-28

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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