

## **Scripture Reading — Luke 1 : 1-25**

Inasmuch as many have undertaken to compile an account of the things accomplished among us, just as they were handed down to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, it seemed fitting for me as well, having investigated everything carefully from the beginning, to write *it* out for you in consecutive order, most excellent Theophilus; so that you may know the exact truth about the things you have been taught.

In the days of Herod, king of Judea, there was a priest named Zacharias, of the division of Abijah; and he had a wife from the daughters of Aaron, and her name was Elizabeth. They were both righteous in the sight of God, walking blamelessly in all the commandments and requirements of the Lord. But they had no child, because Elizabeth was barren, and they were both advanced in years.

Now it happened *that* while he was performing his priestly service before God in the *appointed* order of his division, according to the custom of the priestly office, he was chosen by lot to enter the temple of the Lord and burn incense. And the whole multitude of the people were in prayer outside at the hour of the incense offering. And an angel of the Lord appeared to him, standing to the right of the altar of incense.

Zacharias was troubled when he saw *the angel*, and fear gripped him. But the angel said to him, "Do not be afraid, Zacharias, for your petition has been heard, and your wife Elizabeth will bear you a son, and you will give him the name John. You will have joy and gladness, and many will rejoice at his birth. For he will be great in the sight of the Lord; and he will drink no wine or liquor, and he will be filled with the Holy Spirit while yet in his mother's womb. And he will turn many of the sons of Israel back to the Lord their God. It is he who will go *as a forerunner* before Him in the spirit and power of Elijah, TO TURN THE HEARTS OF THE FATHERS BACK TO THE CHILDREN, and the disobedient to the attitude of the righteous, so as to make ready a people prepared for the Lord."

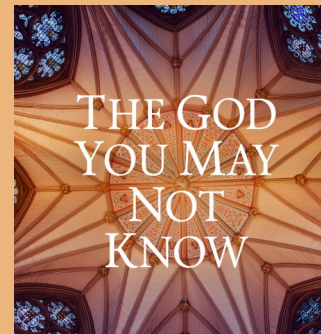
Zacharias said to the angel, "How will I know this *for certain*? For I am an old man and my wife is advanced in years."

The angel answered and said to him, "I am Gabriel, who stands in the presence of God, and I have been sent to speak to you and to bring you this good news. And behold, you shall be silent and unable to speak until the day when these things take place, because you did not believe my words, which will be fulfilled in their proper time."

The people were waiting for Zacharias, and were wondering at his delay in the temple. But when he came out, he was unable to speak to them; and they realized that he had seen a vision in the temple; and he kept making signs to them, and remained mute. When the days of his priestly service were ended, he went back home.

After these days Elizabeth his wife became pregnant, and she kept herself in seclusion for five months, saying, "This is the way the Lord has dealt with me in the days when He looked *with favor upon me*, to take away my disgrace among men."

## **GBC's Ladies' Ministry**



Our Bible Study,  
using the book by  
Dr. David Jeremiah  
will resume  
January 13th.

**Saturdays @ 1:30pm in the Fireside Rm**

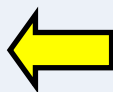
If anyone was unable to join the Bible Study but would like a copy of this amazing book for their own resource, we have a limited number available for sale at \$25 (Reg. \$38). Please see Donna Warkentin if interested.

### From our Finance Committee:

Fundraising.....	\$ 10.00
HVAC donations.....	\$ 50.00
General Offering November 19, 2023.....	\$ 2,611.75
Average weekly Offerings, 2023.....	\$ <u>5,634.25</u>
General Offerings Budget 2023.....	\$ <u>6,860.40</u>

*If you wish to make a donation to the HVAC replacement project beyond your regular tithing, please designate it on your envelope.*

Total HVAC project:	\$ 39,206.96
Budget Capital funds to be used:	\$ 9,801.74
Additional HVAC donations received:	\$ 15,475.00
<u>Balance of project remaining:</u>	<u>\$ 13,930.22</u>



## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Upcoming Events

- **December 3rd:** HenleyCMF / GBC Carol Sing
- **December 9th:** Ladies' Christmas Tea  
(See insert for details)
- **December 10th:** GBC Christmas Potluck Banquet
- **December 13th:** AWANA Christmas Program
- **December 17th:** Henley Concert with  
The Crutchfield Family
- **December 24th:** Christmas Eve Service
- **December 31st:** GBC New Year's Eve Family Fun Fair

### Our Fundraising Team has a limited supply of:



Chicken Meat Pies (\$5 each)

or

Apple Pies (3 for \$10)

(400°F for 1 hour)

Mac 'n Cheese (2 for \$5)

(Just Heat and Eat)

*Funds raised, YTD, are \$4,121.55!!! These are now going towards a drop ceiling to improve lighting and reduce echo outside the Fireside Room*

### 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 for 2024.

The members of the Nominating Committee are:

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| 1) George Warkentin | 2) Stan Piggott |
| 3) Ursula Savoie    | 4) Ernie Seeger |

-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 today.

-Details regarding submissions are provided in a copy of our Bylaws 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 a copy of the GBC Bylaws, or through the GBC Office.



### Church Photo Directory

We are going to update our GBC Photo Directory! Note the word "photo"! We'd love to have ALL entries in the directory matched up with a photo so folks can get to

know each other better, and easier.

Please make a concerted effort to check your entry at the back of the sanctuary today and make sure the information is correct. If you have changes to make, or would like to be added, please use the little forms available. See Juergen to have a photo taken. Or email one to the church office ASAP.

*"See, I will send the prophet Elijah to you before that great and dreadful day of the LORD comes. He will turn the hearts of the parents to their children, and the hearts of the children to their parents; or else I will come and strike the land with total destruction."*

*Malachi 4 : 5-6*

## Order of Service

### Announcements

### Opening Hymn

#97 - "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name"

### Key Verse

### Invocational Prayer

### Welcoming of New Members

### Musical Praise—Dove

"To the River"

"Angels We Have Heard on High"

"The River is Here"

### Worship Through Tithing

### DiscipleLand Segment

### Scripture Reading

Luke 1 : 1-25

### Message—Pastor Bobby Halek

*Studies in Torah:*

*"The Promise of the Proclaimer"*

### Responsive Hymn

#234 - "Crown Him with Many Crowns"

### Benediction

## THIS WEEK AT G.B.C

### Today

**10:00am** Worship Service

with Pastor Bobby

### Monday

**6:30pm** Prayer Meeting

(Fireside Room)

### Wednesday

**1:00pm** Prayer Meeting

(Multi-purpose Room)

**6:15pm** AWANA

**8:00pm** GBC Ensemble

Practise (Fireside Room)

### Next Sunday

**10:00am** Communion &

Advent Service

with Pastor Bobby

**6:30pm** Old-Fashioned

Carol Sing



**Truth for Teens - Ozzie's Pantry**  
(Located beside the church mailboxes)

Donations for November—Canned Meat

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)

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**Jews for Jesus** staff ask for your prayers, that the violence and bloodshed may cease, and for God's protection for those who have survived this horrific terrorist onslaught. We also earnestly covet your prayers for the love of Christ to be poured out in such a way that Israelis will clearly see that Christians care.

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**YFC** is hosting a fundraising Christmas open house on Wednesday Dec.6 from 5-8 pm @226 Merritt St St Catharines

Come for a tour of the facility, meet the staff and enjoy refreshments

It is with a heart of gratitude I would like to express my thanks to all of you that have been involved in the Operation Christmas Child program for 2023. Thank you, congregation for keeping us in your prayers. Thank you for baking and bringing goodies for the volunteers, donors and kids. Thank you to all 25 volunteers that put in 125 hours of service. It was wonderful to getting to know some of you a bit better. Thank you for being a great team that could pray together and work together. It was lovely to see how you welcomed people that entered Glenridge's doors. Thanks to those who put in extra effort in showing up at the last minute to give a helping hand.

Thank you, Albert and Katie for being there when the truck had to be loaded. Thank you Juergen, for all you did. The videos you presented over the last number of weeks, the stack of photocopies you made and the fact that you were just there when I needed anything And last but not least a thank you to my husband Rob who helped me whenever I needed him in various areas.

All together, with Vineland and Grimsby we shipped 3,662 shoeboxes. That means that 3,662 children will be blessed with a shoebox that comes from this little corner of the world. God is so good!

Let's continue to pray that all boxes will arrive safely at their destination.

Moving forward, the OCC display will now be a permanent thing. I heard many donors say they start filling shoeboxes already in January and collect throughout the year. That way they spread out the cost.

We would like to have shoe boxes available for you when you need them. The display will be updated on a regular basis with news and ideas how to fill the shoeboxes. Please let me know if you have any suggestions. It's always great to get input.

It is my prayer that the Lord will continue to bless this ministry.

In His Service,

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## Thank You for Praying

### Requests for Prayer

- \* Please pray for Diane Eby. Diane suffered a broken elbow as a result of a fall recently.
- \* Eleanor Leigh's husband, Greg is now in a Welland rehab site after having fallen and broken his leg. He will be there until they can find a place for him in long long-term care. 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.
- \* Debbie Luchkanyan's niece, Judy, underwent testing for bladder cancer. Please pray for Judy, as dependent on tests, major surgery may be required.
- \* Don Munson thanks everyone for their prayers. Don has left the hospital and is now in an assisted-living accommodation particularly while he undergoes rehabilitation and regains his strength. 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.

### 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](mailto: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 Worship Service this Lord's Day



**November 26<sup>th</sup>, 2023**

*Pastor Bobby Halek*

*"The Promise of the Proclaimer"*

*Luke 1 : 1-25*

**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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Sermon videos available on our website and YouTube  
(Search for GlenridgeBibleChurch)





Come join us for an evening  
of Good, Old-Fashioned,  
Carol Singing!

Sunday, December 3rd @ 6:30pm

### Update

Folks are asked to bring cookies or squares to share as refreshments. We will be supplying coffee, apple cider, and hot chocolate. Any leftover treats will be boxed up and delivered to GBC shut-ins.

Our Fundraising Team will also have Giftboxes of homemade treats for sale!

*Glenridge*  
*Semi-Potluck*  
*Christmas Banquet*

Sunday, December 10th @ 6:00pm  
This event will be strictly by reservation.

Like last year, the main entrée will be  
Roast Beef in Gravy  
provided by Glenridge Bible Church.

Registered attendees are asked to bring  
sides or desserts as per the signup sheet.

*Glenridge*  
*Ladies Committee*  
*Faith, Fun,*  
*and Fellowship*

Glenridge Bible Church Ladies' Committee  
cordially invites you to our

**Ladies'**  
**Christmas Tea**

**Saturday, December 9, 2023**  
**at 1:30pm here at the church**

This year's theme is  
"The Star of Christmas"

Our guest speaker will be Alicia Janzen  
with music by Sandra Rothwell

Our tea will be catered by Chef Paul

For those interested, there will be a cookie exchange.  
Participants are asked to bring 2 dozen cookies.

Please see Donna Warkentin for more information.

Cost for this event is \$15 per person.  
Payment can be made online at the church website by  
designating "Ladies Christmas Tea" or to Donna directly.

PLEASE REGISTER WITH THE OFFICE OR  
DONNA WARKENTIN @ 905.962.2227  
PAYMENTS MUST BE RECEIVED BY NOV. 29TH

# HENLEY

CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

presents

## CHRISTMAS with the CRUTCHFIELDS



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2022  
6:30PM**

Glenridge Bible Church - 310 Scott Street, St. Catharines

No tickets or registration required!

Free-will offering will be taken.

Doors open at 5:30pm, Seating at 6:00pm

Fully Accessible Facility



GlenridgeBibleChurch.org  
905.937.1326



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WHAT MINISTRY  
SOUNDS LIKE

**Let's finish  
2023 with  
God's joy!**

\* FUN MUSIC PLAYING

\* MINI-TOURNAMENTS

\* EARLY ENOUGH TO NOT BE  
CRANKY FOR THE NEXT DAY!

\* FOR THE YOUNG AND...  
LESS YOUNG...

### INTERACTIVE FUN

#### Bounce House / Slide

Designated times for really young ones,  
(maybe not best for senior citizens)

#### Badminton

Have fun with no impact!

#### Skee-ball

Just like at the arcade!

#### Cornhole

Beanbag toss to test your aim!

#### Table Tennis

Ping Pong by any other name

#### Arts & Crafts Center

Creativity can come alive  
with all sorts of materials

#### Mini-Putt

Small, fun, indoor course

#### Board Games

Mini chess tournament anyone?

#### Open Gym Time

Basketballs etc available

## GBC's Fantastic Family Fun Fair

**WHO CAN  
COME?**

### EVERYONE!!!

Play, eat, socialize,  
laugh with friends  
playing fun games!  
Come celebrate our  
church community and  
participate however  
you like!

**NO GRINCHES  
ALLOWED!**

### FOOD

#### PIZZA & DRINKS PROVIDED

Please bring  
along snacks  
to share!

**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER 31ST  
4:30PM-7:30PM**

**GLENRIDGE BIBLE CHURCH - 310 SCOTT STREET, ST.  
CATHARINES, 905.937.1326**

**GBC's AWANA club invites you to come to our Christmas Program**

**December 13th at 6:30pm**

**Short program by clubbers**

**with refreshments to follow**