

Scripture Reading — Luke 1 : 39-56

³⁹ Now at this time Mary arose and went in a hurry to the hill country, to a city of Judah, ⁴⁰ and entered the house of Zacharias and greeted Elizabeth. ⁴¹ When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the baby leaped in her womb; and Elizabeth was filled with the Holy Spirit. ⁴² And she cried out with a loud voice and said, "Blessed *are* you among women, and blessed *is* the fruit of your womb! ⁴³ And how has it *happened* to me, that the mother of my Lord would come to me? ⁴⁴ For behold, when the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the baby leaped in my womb for joy. ⁴⁵ And blessed *is* she who believed that there would be a fulfillment of what had been spoken to her by the Lord."

The Magnificat

⁴⁶ And Mary said:

"My soul exalts the Lord,

⁴⁷ And my spirit has rejoiced in God my Savior.

⁴⁸ "For He has had regard for the humble state of His bonds slave;

For behold, from this time on all generations will count me blessed.

⁴⁹ "For the Mighty One has done great things for me; And holy is His name.

⁵⁰ "AND HIS MERCY IS UPON GENERATION AFTER GENERATION TOWARD THOSE WHO FEAR HIM.

⁵¹ "He has done mighty deeds with His arm; He has scattered *those who were* proud in the thoughts of their heart.

⁵² "He has brought down rulers from *their* thrones, And has exalted those who were humble.

⁵³ "HE HAS FILLED THE HUNGRY WITH GOOD THINGS; And sent away the rich empty-handed.

⁵⁴ "He has given help to Israel His servant, In remembrance of His mercy,

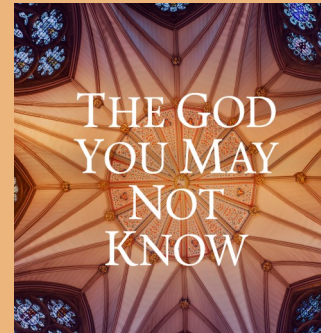
⁵⁵ As He spoke to our fathers, To Abraham and his descendants forever."

⁵⁶ And Mary stayed with her about three months, and *then* returned to her home.

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

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.

Advent season is an invitation to set your mind off of the stresses of the year. We can take our focus off of the crazy hustle that can be associated with the Christmas season that often threatens to produce more hassle than delight.

Advent is a chance to focus our thoughts on the gift God has given us in his son Jesus who stepped down from Heaven and took the form of a man so *that we might believe*.

The tradition for the first Sunday of Advent includes lighting the candle of **hope**.

This candle of hope symbolizes promises delivered through the prophets from God as well as the hope we have in Christ. God crafted a great rescue plan that he lays out in Scripture. This plan foretells years in advance the arrival of Christ.

The Bible also gives us a glimpse of the future and promises that God will come down to create a new heaven and Earth.

This first Sunday of Advent we read, pray, and reflect on the hope God's plan gives us (foretold by the prophets and fulfilled by the life and death of Christ), and we reflect on the promise of Christ's coming glory-filled return.



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)

And now, for our Christmas season, we have the return of our Dessert Boxes. These homemade delights are available for \$15 per box.



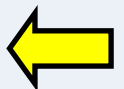
Funds raised, YTD, are \$4,121.55!!! These are now going towards a drop ceiling to improve lighting and reduce echo outside the Fireside Room

From our Finance Committee:

Fundraising.....	\$	125.00
Coffee Fellowship.....	\$	7.25
HVAC donations.....	\$	550.00
General Offering November 19, 2023.....	\$	8,345.80
Average weekly Offerings, 2023.....	\$	<u>5,628.13</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:	\$ 16,075.00
<u>Balance of project remaining:</u>	<u>\$ 13,330.22</u>





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

Tonight @ 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, 2023
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



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HenleyCMF.ca

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

Today at Glenridge Bible Church

A Psalm of Praise, of David. I will extol You, my God, O King, and I will bless Your name forever and ever. Every day I will bless You, and I will praise Your name forever and ever. Great is the Lord, and highly to be praised, and His greatness is unsearchable.

Psalm 145 : 1-3

Order of Service

Announcements

Opening Hymn

#131 - "Angels, From the Realms of Glory"

Key Verse

Invocational Prayer

Celebration Around the Lord's Table

Musical Praise—DiscipleLand

"Away in a Manger"

"Jesus, name Above All Names"

"Go Tell It on the Mountain"

"Hark, the Herald Angels Sing"

Worship Through Tithing

Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading

Luke 1 : 39-56

Message—Pastor Bobby Halek

"A Leap of Joy and a Walk of Faith"

Responsive Hymn

#132 - "Angels We Have Heard on High"

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT G.B.C

Today

10:00am Communion Service
with Pastor Bobby

6:30pm Old-Fashioned
Carol Sing

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)

Saturday

1:30pm Ladies' Christmas
Tea

Next Sunday

10:00am Advent Service
with Pastor Bobby

6:00pm GBC Potluck
Christmas Banquet



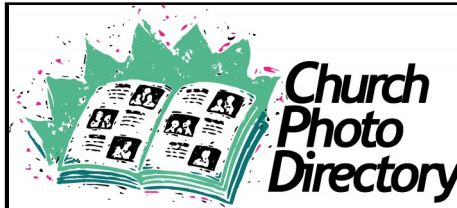
Truth for Teens - Ozzie's Pantry (Located beside the church mailboxes)

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)

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.

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

Please remember to pray for, and encourage,
Glenridge Bible Church's various supported missions.
You can find information for each of them at our
Missions Table at the back of the Sanctuary.



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.

Thank You for Praying

A Note of Praise:

- * Jim Bucknall underwent a successful hip replacement this week. While not quite doing cartwheels yet, he is feeling much better than before the procedure. Jim thanks everyone for their prayers and support.

Requests for Prayer

- * Mike Moran requests prayer as he is facing radiation therapy for renal cancer in his pancreas and nodules in his lungs. Please pray for effective treatments, healing, and comfort in this difficult time.
- * Please pray for Diane Eby. Diane suffered a broken elbow as a result of a fall recently and has been transferred to Port Colborne Hospital.
- * 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 Luchkany'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 is now strictly on pain-management and is no longer eating. Please pray for Don and his family and friends at this time.
- * 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

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 Advent & Communion Service this Lord's Day

December 3rd, 2023

Pastor Bobby Halek

"The Magnificat"

Luke 1 : 39-56



**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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