

Scripture Reading — Luke 1 : 57-80

Now the time had come for Elizabeth to give birth, and she gave birth to a son. Her neighbors and her relatives heard that the Lord had displayed His great mercy toward her; and they were rejoicing with her.

And it happened that on the eighth day they came to circumcise the child, and they were going to call him Zacharias, after his father. But his mother answered and said, “No indeed; but he shall be called John.” And they said to her, “There is no one among your relatives who is called by that name.” And they made signs to his father, as to what he wanted him called.

And he asked for a tablet and wrote as follows, “His name is John.” And they were all astonished. And at once his mouth was opened and his tongue loosed, and he began to speak in praise of God. Fear came on all those living around them; and all these matters were being talked about in all the hill country of Judea. All who heard them kept them in mind, saying, “What then will this child turn out to be?” For the hand of the Lord was certainly with him.

And his father Zacharias was filled with the Holy Spirit, and prophesied, saying:

“Blessed be the Lord God of Israel, For He has visited us and accomplished redemption for His people, And has raised up a horn of salvation for us In the house of David His servant— As He spoke by the mouth of His holy prophets from of old— Salvation from our enemies, And from the hand of all who hate us; To show mercy toward our fathers, And to remember His holy covenant, The oath which He swore to Abraham our father, To grant us that we, being rescued from the hand of our enemies, Might serve Him without fear, In holiness and righteousness before Him all our days. “And you, child, will be called the prophet of the Most High; For you will go on before the Lord to prepare His ways; To give to His people the knowledge of salvation By the forgiveness of their sins, Because of the tender mercy of our God, With which the Sunrise from on high will visit us, To shine upon those who sit in darkness and the shadow of death, To guide our feet into the way of peace.”

And the child continued to grow and to become strong in spirit, and he lived in the deserts until the day of his public appearance to Israel.

Our Fundraising Team would like to introduce you to their ABCs of Delectable Delights:



Apple Pies—3 for \$10
400°F for 1 hour



Beef Pies — \$5 each
400°F for 1 hour



Chicken Pies — \$5 each
400°F for 1 hour



Dessert Boxes — \$15 each
Let thaw before eating

*(We also have Mac & Cheese, but that didn't fit the letter scheme.)
3 for \$10 — Heat and Eat*

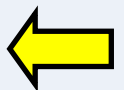
Funds raised, YTD, are \$5,083.55!!! These are going towards a drop ceiling to improve lighting and reduce echo by the Fireside Room.

From our Finance Committee:

Fundraising.....	\$ 597.00
Coffee Fellowship.....	\$ 14.75
HVAC donations.....	\$ 250.00
General Offering December 10, 2023.....	\$ 5,263.00
Average weekly Offerings, 2023.....	\$ <u>5,677.22</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:	\$ 16,676.00
Loan received for HVAC financing:	\$ 10,000.00
Balance of project remaining:	\$ <u>2,729.22</u>



If anyone has outstanding bills, please submit them to the office for reimbursement this week so we're can finalize our year end.

Numbered Offering Envelopes will be available next week for 2024.

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

GBC's Fantastic Family Fun Fair

- * 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

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**

HENLEY

CHRISTIAN MUSIC FESTIVAL

presents

CHRISTMAS with the CRUTCHFIELDS



**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 17, 2023
6:30PM**

**For those wanting to give out Christmas cards via our church
mailboxes, an updated Mailbox list and a take-home list is
available to number your envelopes for easier distribution.**

Upcoming Events

- **December 17th:** Henley Concert with
The Crutchfield Family
- **December 24th:** Christmas Eve Service
- **December 31st:** GBC New Year's Eve Family Fun Fair

Today at Glenridge Bible Church

Let them praise the name of the LORD, For His name alone is exalted;
His glory is above earth and heaven. And He has lifted up a horn for
His people, Praise for all His godly ones; Even for the sons of Israel,
a people near to Him. Praise the LORD!

Psalm 148 : 13-14



Order of Service

Announcements

Opening Hymn

#145 - "O Come, All Ye Faithful"

Key Verse & Invocational Prayer

Musical Praise—GBC Ensemble

Worship Through Tithing

Advent Wreath

Scripture Reading

Luke 1 : 57-80

Message—Pastor Bobby Halek

"The Birth of the Baptizer"

Responsive Hymn

#127 - "Thou Didst Leave Thy Throne"

Benediction

THIS WEEK AT G.B.C

Today

10:00am Advent Service
with Pastor Bobby

6:30pm Henley Concert
with the Crutchfields

Monday

6:30pm Prayer Meeting
(Fireside Room)

Wednesday

1:00pm Prayer Meeting
(Multi-purpose Room)

Thursday

7:00pm Calvary Christian
School Christmas
Program

Next Sunday

10:00am Advent Service
with Pastor Bobby

6:30pm Christmas Eve
Service

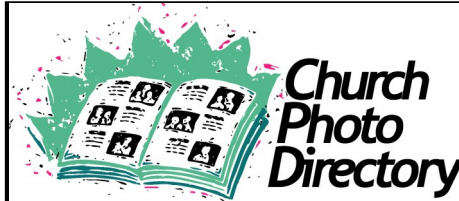


Truth for Teens - Ozzie's Pantry (Located beside the church mailboxes)

Donations for December—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.

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.



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

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

Thank You for Praying

Requests for Prayer

- * Please pray for Frank Peters, his kids, and their families after the passing of Frank's former wife. Pray for comfort and peace as they grieve.
- * Don Munson graduated to glory last Saturday morning after a brief and painful battle with mesothelioma. Please pray for comfort for Don's family and friends who are all very thankful for your prayer support during Don's illness.
- * Please pray for Jim Bucknall as he is recovering from his hip surgery
- * Darryl Cowan's son Donny is still in the hospital fighting pneumonia amongst other health concerns. They are now contemplating surgery. Please pray for healing for Donny and for comfort and peace for Darryl.
- * Please pray for Jim Arthur as he is recovering from his knee surgery
- * 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.
- * 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 Service this Lord's Day



December 17th, 2023

Pastor Bobby Halek

"The Birth of the Baptizer"

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**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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(Search for GlenridgeBibleChurch)

"As we celebrate
the birth of our Lord,
may we share
with others the love
He came to bring."



*Warmest wishes to everyone at Glenridge
Bible Church and God's blessing to you all.
Nancy Henderson*



*A very Merry Christmas to our church
family and God's blessings to you.
Susan Furness*



*A heartfelt thank you to everyone for your
very many cards, flowers, visits, and phone
calls after Fred's passing.
A Merry Christmas to you all and may God
bless you richly.*

Hilda Glucker