Growing from the Outside In Written by Keith Richie and Rob Whitacre

The congregation is focused on soul-winning, and the results are heavenly. Every metric is up, and the congregation is full of love and good works. In three years, Glencoe church of Christ has gone from 45 to 120. We have gone from no youth to a congregation full of children, teens, and college students. When congregational evangelism is practiced, you grow from the outside in!

We are in a gospel meeting this week and were blessed with several visitors. Contacts were made, and two Bible studies were set up. These two studies were made possible because of a "bringer." This now makes a total of nine Bible studies going on at Glencoe. The first Bible study with one of our contacts took place immediately after the second worship service. He was very excited and is looking forward to the next two lessons. Please pray that the seed would be sown on good and honest hearts. On the second night of our gospel meeting, we had a community meal, and a family of four visited with us. Gospel meetings still work when we work them.

Last week, we were blessed with our eighth baptism of the year. A couple of months ago, Geneva Evans brought her sister to church. Her name is Paulette. She attended our first principles/new converts class. She had questions about the Lord's Supper. Nicole deferred the question and set up a Bible study. Nicole and Hannah began Bible studies with her. The last study was on Wednesday evening during Bible class. Paulette needed time to digest what she had learned. On Friday afternoon, Rob baptized her into Christ. Nicole and Hannah are also studying with their cousin Mateo. They had to begin with a lesson on, "Why God Allows Suffering" and used a video by Kyle Butt. Now they are in *Back to the Bible*, Book 2.

God continues to bless us with contacts! We are practicing congregational evangelism. We have a lot of evangelistic works planned throughout the year to create contacts and to prospect them with love and kindness. Sow, Grow, and Glow.

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The Brushy Beacon

"Let God's Word Be Our Guide in 2025"

June 1, 2025

Schedule of Services

Sunday Bible Study 9:00 Sunday Morning Service 10:00 Sunday Evening Service 6:00 Wednesday Bible Study 7:00

The church of Christ at Brushy

Elders Deacons
Ricky Atkinson Paul Johnston Terry Banks
James Atkinson Kevin Johnston Justin Atkinson
Tony Duncan Caleb Truett

Preacher: Kevin Johnston

God's Team: Stories of God's Power June 1-4, 2025

Adult Class Speaker: Shane Willis
Teens: Sunday - Kellen Beard & Mon.-Wed. Mickey Mathis
Bible Classes for All Ages ~ Taught by Brushy's Own

VBS Kickoff on Sunday, June 1, at 5:30 P.M.

7 P.M. Sunday: GOD MAKES THE SUN STAND STILL Aim: To learn that with God on our side, we don't have to be afraid.

Bible Text: Joshua 10:1-15

7 P.M. Monday: GOD WINS WITH A SMALL ARMY

Aim: To see that even if God's instructions don't make sense to us, we should obey Him.

Bible Text: Judges 7:1-23

7 P.M. Tuesday: GOD GIVES LIFE TO A BOY

Aim: To remember that God is all powerful--even over death.

Bible Text: 2 Kings 4:8-37

7 P.M. Wednesday: JESUS HEALS A MAN'S HAND

Aim: To learn that Jesus had the power to heal and He didn't follow the rules of men.

Bible Text: Luke 6:5-11

We will closeout our VBS on Wednesday night with ice cream & cookies!





Team 1 – Compassion Card Group
You will need to sign cards today in the Ladies Classroom following the morning worship service. It will not take you long. Please see Tony or Cathy if you have questions.

Jim, Louise, Beverly
Jim, & Pamela Brooks
Dean, Cecily, Dustin Cindy, Crystal, Laynie
Brad, Jacinda, Emma, Lynlee, Ansleigh, Everleigh
Leland & Savannah

<u>VBS Begins today!</u> Our Vacation Bible School is June 1-4. Shane Willis will teach the Auditorium class. Kellen Beard will teach the teenage class on Sunday Night and Mickey Mathis will teach the teenage class on Monday – Wednesday at 7 P.M.. All other classes will be taught by Brushy's Own!

VBS Kickoff at 5:30 TODAY! There will be various games for the kids to play! We will have good, fellowship, and lots of fun! .

<u>Ice Cream & Cookies</u> We will close out our VBS on Wednesday, June 4, with Ice Cream and cookies! Mrs. Clara Shannon will provice the ice cream. We will need for Brushy Members to bring cookies and brownies!

<u>Invite</u>, <u>Invite</u>, <u>Invite</u> Even though VBS starts today, there is still time to invite others to come! Vacation Bible School is great for many reasons—not least of which is the way we come together for a common purpose. There is something energizing about us all working together in God's mission. Throughout this week, keep working, keep praying, and keep inviting. God will do the work of transforming hearts for his glory. How amazing that we get to play a role!

<u>Wednesday Night Adult Summer Series</u> Join us for our Wednesday Night Summer Serices with Dale Jenkins on June 11, July 9, and August 13. The following is his next lesson:

Lesson 2: "Agents of Chaos: What Were Demons Doing in the Bible?"

Direction Statement: From haunting kings to possessing pigs, demons leave a chilling trail through b oth Testaments. We'll dive into their activities, strategies, and opposition to God's people throughout Scripture—and what that teaches us today.

<u>The Youth Summer Series...</u> will be on Wednesdays, June 11, 18, July 9, and 16. We will close out with the skit performance on July 30! We are studying about the life of David. Mark your calendars and plan to attend!

<u>Our Evangelism Table</u> Don't forget our Evangelism Table at the back of the auditorium. There are books, CD's, Bible Tracks, and various Bible Study Materials that are very usful tools in sharing the gospel. Please feel free to pick up anything you wish!

Remember to··· pray for our Evangelism Efforts, our baptism goal of 7 people in 2025, the people you would like to reach, and those who are receiving the compassion cards. Please continue to turn in names for compassion cards. We know that God will add the increase for these efforts.

<u>A Happy Birthday to···</u> Evelyn Johnston···June 5 Devin Johnston···June 7 Trey Johnston···June 7

Pray for Those Sick Among Us...

David Love will have dental surgery to remove all of his teeth.

Anita Quillen is at home with an allergic reaction to a tick.

James Atkinson is recovering after a procedure for a kidney stone & will have cataract surgery Wed.

Lois Gilbert is taking a low dose treatment to hopefully combat the cancer..

Jett Owsley a 4-year-old with a rare brain, will be undergoing tests to try to qualify for a clinical trial.

Karen Bowen mother of Wendy Tucker, is dealing with heart issues.

Vera Woods sister of Louise Adams, is dealing with health issues.

Elaine Jones Sister of Louise Adams, has cancer/will take chemotherapy treatments and then surgery.

Janet Kingsford friend of Joanne Kardis, will be in a rehab facility after back surgery.

Christopher Hall husband & father of two, has cancer and will begin chemo treatments.

Mason Murdock grandson of Ed & Terri Perkins, the infection has cleared up and he's healing good.

Brad McGee friend of Keith & Nancy, is dealing with thyroid cancer.

Continuing Prayer Requests

<u>Dealing with Cancer</u> - Glen Herrington, Rodney Tune, Tina Kvapil <u>Special Requests</u> - Chris Allen, Miranda Smith, Judy Goodman, Randy Dotson, Colleen Perkins Alaina Rylie, Annis Womack, Brenda Horner, Blake Furr

Pray for Those in Nursing Homes

Community Living Center in Murfreesboro... Fred Bowman

Ongoing Prayer Reminders

- All in the military and civil workers overseas and their families right.
- All those Preaching and teaching the Good News all over the world.
- Our Government Leaders Local, State, and National (1 Timothy 2:1-2).
- Our Elders and Deacons who oversee, care for, serve, and feed us spiritually. (Hebrews 13:7)

<u>Upcoming Events</u>

*Sunday, June 1-4 ~ Vacation Bible School with Shane Willis, Kellen Beard, & Mickey Mathis

*Wednesday, June 11 ~ Adult Wednesday Night Summer Series with Dale Jenkins

*Wednesday, June 11 ~ Youth Summer Series Begins – We are Studying David

*Wednesday, June 25 \sim We will attend Aetna's Gospel Meeting with Dennis Tidwell

*Sunday, June 29 ~ Young Men to Conduct the Service – Setup: Debbie, Crystal, Cindy

*Wednesday, July 2 \sim 4th of July Celebration – Setup: Justin & Emily Atkinson

*July 20-22 ~ Our Gospel Meeting with Jerrie Barber – Setup Cathy & Joann

*August 3 ~ Back to school Special with Josh Terry – Setup Pamela & Crystal

For the Record

Sunday Morning Bible Class Sunday Evening Worship Sunday Morning Worship Wednesday Bible Study