

# Glade Weekly News

February 10-16, 2025



Glade Church, a United Church of Christ (UCC) congregation, is a progressive Christian community—welcoming, compassionate, and joyful—seeking to embrace all people wherever they find themselves in life. We strive to discern God’s still-speaking voice through worship, study, fellowship, and service. We work for God’s peace and social, economic, and ecological justice.

## Lectionary Readings for the Week

Jeremiah 17:5-10 — Psalm 1 — 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 — Luke 6:17-26

## Scripture for the Week

### 1 Corinthians 15:12-20 (Common English Bible)

- <sup>12</sup> So if the message that is preached says that Christ has been raised from the dead, then how can some of you say, “There’s no resurrection of the dead”?
- <sup>13</sup> If there’s no resurrection of the dead, then Christ hasn’t been raised either.
- <sup>14</sup> If Christ hasn’t been raised, then our preaching is useless and your faith is useless.
- <sup>15</sup> We are found to be false witnesses about God, because we testified against God that he raised Christ, when he didn’t raise him if it’s the case that the dead aren’t raised.
- <sup>16</sup> If the dead aren’t raised, then Christ hasn’t been raised either.
- <sup>17</sup> If Christ hasn’t been raised, then your faith is worthless; you are still in your sins,
- <sup>18</sup> and what’s more, those who have died in Christ are gone forever.
- <sup>19</sup> If we have a hope in Christ only in this life, then we deserve to be pitied more than anyone else.
- <sup>20</sup> But in fact Christ has been raised from the dead. He’s the first crop of the harvest<sup>[a]</sup> of those who have died.

## Word for the Week

Resurrection  
RESURRECTION



## Pastor Kelly’s Comments on the Scripture

Paul’s rhetoric reveals his firm conviction that the belief in Christ’s bodily resurrection was extremely important for Christians – mainly because of what his resurrection would mean for his followers. The resurrection would give them hope not only in their own defeat of death, but in the redemption of the world and the universe beyond.

The problem was the fact that Corinth was a largely pagan environment. These people, newly Christians, still carried the baggage of their former beliefs. They would’ve had no problem believing in Jesus’s resurrection since it would’ve been comparable to the deification and ascension of emperors and famous warriors. But to them, the resurrection of Christ would not have meant any promise of resurrection for themselves.

Paul goes to great lengths, speaking in hyperbole to the point of absurdity, to try to get the point across to the Corinthians that Christ’s resurrection had incredible implications for *them*. He essentially wrote that if there was no resurrection of the dead – if it were impossible for *them* to be resurrected, then it would’ve

been impossible for Jesus to be resurrected also. Paul wasn't trying to convince them of Jesus's resurrection. He was trying to explain that resurrection was possible for anyone who believed.

In other words, not only are we connected to Jesus, but we, in the physical, are also connected to all our loved ones who have gone before, who have simply left our realm for the spiritual. Their souls, like ours, will live on forever.

*Pastor Kelly Bryant*

**Office Day Next Week:** Friday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. Kelly isn't listing hours to not place limits on their availability to you. Please contact them for a meeting at a time that fits your schedule on office days. Should you need Pastor Kelly, please don't hesitate to contact them.

540-521-9993, [bryantkj@gmail.com](mailto:bryantkj@gmail.com).

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### **Join us for worship at 11:00 a.m. every Sunday Morning**

Attend in-person at 1600 Glade Rd. Blacksburg, or on Zoom at

[https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#\\_success](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88914981619?pwd=Q3E4Rk95d2llZGtONlVqSDcrMm1xdz09/#_success)

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### **Service of Ordination for Pastor Kelly**



We hope everyone will be able to join us for Pastor Kelly's Ordination Service on Sunday, March 9<sup>th</sup> at 5 PM. The service will be followed by a potluck reception. If you can't make it in person, the service will be available using the Zoom link for Sunday morning service.

Link to the new potluck sign-up sheet: [Potluck Sign-Up Sheet](#)

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### **New Member Class Coming Soon!**

Pastor Kelly is planning a New Member Class after their ordination. Stay tuned, details coming soon!

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### **Spiritual Formation Class and Youth Group meets again on February 16**

Spiritual Formation for adults and Youth Group meets on the first and third Sundays of each month. Next meeting date is Sunday, February 16 at 9:45 AM. We hope you'll join us!

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### **Volunteers are needed for Kids Church and Youth Group**

There are leader slots available for youth, kids, and nursery. Session topic info is available on the sign-up link below. Youth Group is on the first and third Sundays of each month at 9:45 AM. Kids Church is on the second and fourth Sundays of each month during worship service. Here is the link to sign up to serve our children:

[Kids Church and Youth Group Volunteer Signup](#)

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### **Laundry Love**

**Thursday February 13 from 6-8 PM and Sunday February 16 from 2-4 PM at North Main Laundromat.**

Laundry Love has opportunities to volunteer. This is a great way to put "Words" into "Actions" of faith and love. We do this at the laundromat on North Main across from the Y-Thrift Shop. Click below to volunteer!

[VOLUNTEER FOR LAUNDRY LOVE](#)

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### **Help provide an extravagant welcome**

We have Greeters posted at the two main entrances to the church to welcome people as they arrive on Sunday mornings. Greeters hand out a bulletin, make sure visitors receive a visitor card to fill out, and answer any questions they may have about the church service and the building. See Sandra Bryant for more information or to sign up to be a Sunday Greeter.

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### **Glade Community Group on Facebook**

We have a private community group on Facebook! If you're active on Facebook and would like to join, contact Sandra Bryant at [kstbryant@gmail.com](mailto:kstbryant@gmail.com) to get connected.

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### **Coffee & Devotion Group Meets via Zoom on Wednesdays at 10:00 am**

This virtual get-together meets at 10 a.m. on Zoom and lasts for about an hour for a time to meet people, share thoughts, hear a brief devotion, and join in prayer. This time of fellowship is open to everyone, it's a time to gather for conversation, devotion and prayer. Come meet some people you may not know.

**Zoom link:** <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89240288592?pwd=KzhRWlJiQTkzWWRlYTNuRkdPaUNqUTQo>

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### **Radical Conversations [RadCon] Meets Saturdays at 11:00 am**

Radical Conversations meets from 11:00-12:15 each Saturday morning at the church. This is a time for open discussion of a wide range of topics. RadCon is open to any and every interested individual.

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### **Women's Book Group Meets Third Mondays at 7 PM on Zoom**

The Women's Book Group meets on the third Monday of each month on Zoom at 7 PM for a discussion of the current book. The book for February is "Good Night, Irene" by Luis Alberto Urrea. Contact Rebecca Herman at [rherman@gilesk12.net](mailto:rherman@gilesk12.net) for the Zoom link.

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### **UCC Purpose, Vision, and Mission Statements**

**Purpose:** To love God with all our heart, mind soul, and strength and our neighbor as ourselves. (From the Gospel of Matthew)

**Vision:** United in Christ's love, a just world for all.

**Mission:** United in Spirit and inspired by God's grace, we welcome all, love all, and seek justice for all.

**John 17:21 is the scriptural foundation of the United Church of Christ**

