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THANK YOU FROM THE CLIFTON & PINTER FAMILIES

Our family, Betty, Robbie, Mike, Nicholas, Stewart, Louise, Jeff and Phillip, want to express our deep appreciation to the members of Glendale Baptist Church for the remarkable support you showed us during the recent illness and death of Johnson Clifton.

We felt your love through presence, participation in the memorial service, prayers, memorial gifts, food and notes, among other ways. We think that in our memories of this sad time we will always also smile a lot as we recall how well-cared for he was, and we were!

While there are too many folks to list individually, we especially want to thank the choir for their wonderful participation in the memorial service and the folks who organized and contributed to the potluck following the service. The beautiful music, the delicious food and the sharing were great.

Thanks also to April and Amy for their generous gifts of time and presence before, during and after his death and their gifted assistance in planning and speaking at both the graveside service in Memphis and the memorial service at Glendale.

- Stewart Clifton

A FEW NOTES FROM THE QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING ON AUGUST 18TH

- The following motion from the church council was passed: All Church Bylaws references to the "Divisions" of the church are to be changed to "Ministry" (e.g. Administration Ministry, Missions Ministry, Deacon Ministry, etc.)
- As of August 18, the church has borrowed \$10,000 against the line of credit.
- Current Church Council members will serve through June 2009. Going forward, Church Council members will serve from July 1 through June 30 each year. This does not affect other elected positions or committees in the church.



SHOES TO ZAMBIA



You may have heard of "Bernardo's Shoe Fund" in the past. Bernardo is the husband of Niubes, the pastor of our partner church in Cuba. Bernardo makes beautiful leather sandals and when he heard there were homeless and poor people in other parts of the world that needed shoes, he sent several pairs to Nashville for our church to distribute. So, we auctioned his sandals off to Glendalers and put the money in a "shoe" fund.

A number of us support Chishawasha, a home for children, many of whom have been orphaned by AIDS. The missions ministry recently learned of a need for shoes for the teenage boys and decided that providing shoes for these boys would make Bernardo happy. So \$200 is on its way to Zambia. What a great story for the boys who will learn their shoes come with love from Cuba by way of Nashville!

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For over 50 years, we have worked as a congregation, learning together what this mission of becoming a "caring community of equality and grace" truly means. As a result, we endeavor to celebrate all of God's creation and we welcome all persons to worship with us, regardless of race, gender, or sexual orientation.

At Glendale, we value relationships and partnerships ecumenically as well as within the Baptist family. We are officially affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. Our other relationships include a local ecumenical partnership with the Disciples of Christ churches and the United Church of Christ churches in Nashville, a partnership with Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA, and a partnership with Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Diaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.



NOTECARD SALES TO BENEFIT YOUTH PEACE PROJECT: ART BY MAURINE CALLAHAN AND GLENDALE KIDS

Many of you have seen the lovely artwork by Maurine Callahan now displayed in the renovated fellowship hall. Maurine was a longtime member of Glendale Baptist Church who loved nothing more than to paint pictures of the beauties of nature. Some of

the many drawings and paintings she created are now available to admire and share on note cards.

And, back by popular, are the note cards representing Glendale kids' visions of peace. Note cards will be available for purchase on Wednesdays and Sundays (please see Anne-Leslie Owens). A set of eight is \$8. Proceeds from the note cards sales will go towards the Youth Peace Project Fund.



WHAT ARE WE CALLED TO TEACH AND LEARN?

During a Wednesday discussion in late August, we began to prepare for the upcoming church year by asking ourselves and each other what we hope to learn and teach. By thinking ahead and imagining together what we are called to learn and teach, individually and as a community, we stand a far better chance of fostering some meaningful change. Other opportunities to respond to these questions will also be available in the coming weeks.

Next month's Visions will include a report about the conversations we have about teaching and learning as a faith community.

MISSIONS GRANTS APPROVED

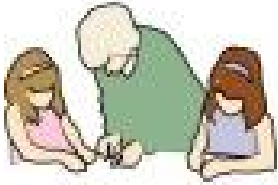
The missions ministry recently approved requests for local/state mission funds to be provided as grants to the following organizations:

- **YANA** – a safe home environment for women recovering from addiction and abuse
- **OutCentral** – a cultural center on Church Street for GLBT individuals, friends and family
- **Nashville in Harmony** – a city chorus for GLBT people and allies directed by Don Schlosser



CALLING ALL DING-A-LINGS!

The handbell choir(s) will be gearing up for fall right after Labor Day. We will have one handbell choir that rehearses at 8:30 am on Sundays. This choir will be by invitation only and will be composed of people who have rung with us before. However, if there is interest, I will be happy to begin a handbell choir that rehearses on Wednesday evenings at 7:30. Please contact me if you are interested in joining this choir. - Linda Ray Miller



WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN (K-6) 6:30 - 7:30 PM (following supper)

Beginning in September, Wednesdays for children will include learning through music, missions and cooking. Guidance for mission study and cooking comes from the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Children will also be learning music which will prepare them to lead worship a couple of times this autumn.

- 1st Week Music – Linda Ray Miller
- 2nd Week Missions – TBA
- 3rd Week Music – Linda Ray Miller
- 4th Week Cooking – Louise Clifton, Frenchie Fortenberry and Beverly Bernard
- 5th Week Vespers

Preschoolers will also have a missions learning time on Wednesday nights from 6:30-7:30 led by Nora McCook and Claire Beck.



GLENDALE GREEN TEAM UPDATES

Keep bringing in those aluminum cans! We netted \$28.12 on the cans we turned in at the recycling center in July. Currently we are collecting enough cans to warrant a trip to the recycling center about every other month averaging \$25-\$35 per trip. This money contributes to the missions fund. Additionally, we are keeping those cans out of the landfill while reducing the amount of raw materials that have to be harvested from the earth to make new cans. Late summer BBQ's, back-to-school parties, office get-togethers, and tailgate parties all provide opportunities for collecting extra cans! If you are interested in going to the recycling center to help drop cans off (it is really quite interesting!), let Joan Yarbrough or Darlene Panvini know. We would love your company!

Needed: Recycling elves. Ever wonder what happens to that tub of paper and plastic bottles in the hallway downstairs? Or where those church bulletins disappear to every week? The Green Team has been diligent for almost two years now in collecting and hauling off the recycling. We could use a couple of extra hands to help out. Simply volunteer to collect the recycling for one month. You can take it every week or even every other week for that month. The closest drop off site is behind Hillsboro High School or, if you have Curby service at your house, you can add it to your recycling cart. Talk to the members of your Sunday School class and consider adopting a recycling month as a class project. Let Darlene Panvini know if you are interested.

If you have **Curby service** for home recycling and your cart is overflowing each month you can request a second cart by calling 880-1000. Alternatively, you can drop off extra materials (and glass) at one of the drop off sites or Metro Convenience Center. For locations go to <http://www.nashville.gov/recycle/centers.htm>.

The Green Team wishes to the kitchen painting crew for using low VOC paint!

Happy Birthday To You September Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 - Lynn Reed
- 03 - Paul Wheeler
- 05 - Sam
- 06 - Danny
- 07 - Hope Collins
- 08 - Jon Neergaard
- 09 - John Laney
- 12 - Sarah
- 12 - John Hill
- 12 - Chris Ferrell
- 12 - Jacob
- 16 - Lisa Lehr
- 17 - Marjorie Halbert
- 18 - Betty Clifton
- 19 - David Carlisle
- 19 - Rhonda Finerty
- 23 - Lee Miller
- 24 - Mollie Vannoy
- 25 - Rob Crowell
- 25 - Karen Nowlin
- 25 - David Reeves
- 25 - Amy Wells
- 26 - Sandy Hardaway
- 27 - Georgia Sims
- 30 - Zsa Rockey
- 30 - Mia

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

September 3rd

Ministries & Committees

September 10th

Bible Study: Job (Part 1)

September 17th

Bible Study: Job (Part 2)

September 24th

Bible Study: Job (Part 3)

SEPTEMBER 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 5:45 Dinner: BBQ & Sides 6:45 Adults: Ministry & Committee Meetings Youth: PeaceJam Team	4	5	6
<u>September 7th</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast (hosted by Reflections Class) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 6:30 "Invisible Children" Event for Youth	8	9 Luke 14:12 6:00 Church Council	10 5:45 Dinner: Pizza Night 6:45 Bible Study: Job (Part 1)	11	12	13
<u>September 14th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	15	16	17 5:45 Dinner: Loaded Baked Potatoes 6:45 Bible Study: Job (Part 2)	18	19	20
<u>September 21st</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	22 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	23	24 5:45 Dinner: Salad Night 6:45 Bible Study: Job (Part 3)	25	26	27
<u>September 28th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	29	30				

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