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HAPPY NEW YEAR !!!

COME CELEBRATE WITH US AT OUR
FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST OF 2010

Please join us on **Sunday, January 3 at 9 AM**
for our First Sunday Breakfast hosted by the
Special Studies Class. All are welcome.

GBC CHILDREN HOST ROOM IN THE INN ON JANUARY 15



Did you know that our Glendale children have hosted Room In the Inn on the third Friday of January for more than ten years? It's that time of year once again. We'll need parents to provide food. Older children will help with the dinner preparation while the younger crowd packs lunches for our guests to take with them on Saturday.

Once dinner is over and everyone has helped clean up, the children are invited to go upstairs with Julie Coulter and April Baker to play some games. Julie and April will take the children home between 8:30 and 9:00 PM. Please contact Julie to sign up.

On Wednesday, January 13, we will spend some time learning about Room In the Inn, and will make cards and other preparations for our guests.



GLENDALE'S CURRENT FINANCIAL SITUATION

The Stewardship Ministry will host a discussion of Glendale's finances on **Wednesday, January 13**, and encourages your attendance and your ideas as we try to discern a path together to improve our current financial situation.

In an effort to provide more accurate information about our ongoing financial needs, we have recently changed the weekly financial update that is in the Sunday morning bulletin to a *rolling average of the amount we need to give to meet our annual financial plan for ministry*. If our giving is below budget, you will see the weekly amount needed increase each week.

Thank you for your support of Glendale throughout the year. Together we have the resources to meet the needs of our church's life and work as we continue to become a caring community of equality and grace.
- Lynn Reed, Stewardship Chair

YOUTH LEADERSHIP DISCUSSIONS

In January, the church council will lead the church in a discussion to determine how we will continue with the youth leadership model at Glendale. Currently we have a Youth Leadership Team of volunteers that coordinate and manage the youth activities. On Wednesday evening, January 20, we will hear about how the current model is working. We will hear from the leaders, the youth, the parents and the pastors.

On the following Wednesday evening, January 27, we will hear from the Personnel Committee and the church council. We will also have an opportunity for questions and comments from the church at large as we consider leadership for our youth. The council will bring a formal report to the church at the February Quarterly Business Meeting along with a recommendation for our youth leadership for the 2010 church year. This is an important discussion - please plan now to participate.

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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 "Churches Supporting Churches" partnership with Grace Church of Slidell in the New Orleans area, and a partnership with Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Díaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.

CHILDREN CELEBRATE EPIPHANY

Epiphany, January 6, is on a Wednesday this year, so the children will celebrate the arrival of the wise people who visited the Christ child sometime after all the hubbub of Jesus' birth had died down.

The blessing of the home is an Epiphany custom that began in the Middle Ages. Today in Germany, children dress as the Magi and go from door to door blessing homes with incense and collecting money for missions. An inscription is marked over the door with chalk, 20+C+M+B+10. Traditionally, the inscription CMB stands for Christus Mansionem Benedicat, "Christ, bless this home." CMB also represents the initials of the legendary three wise men, Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar. This symbolizes the family's commitment to welcome Christ into their homes on a daily basis throughout the year. The blessing remains above the doorway until Pentecost.

The children will bless each of the ministries and committees meeting on Wednesday night (all with paper crowns and a turn at writing the inscription).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT PICTURES

Here are some fun photos from Martha Jo Berry that were taken during our recent "Corn Bags & Caroling" Wednesday night activities on December 16, 2009...



ONGOING MISSIONS AT GLENDALE



Room In the Inn is now in full swing once again. Please think about what you can do this season to help with this program that reaches out to unhoused men in our community. You can do so by signing up for a night to host RITI at Glendale. You can help with meals, spend the night, drive a van, donate a mini van for an evening, or volunteer to do laundry. You can also help us by donating the following items: toothbrushes, toothpaste, sample shampoos, conditioners, and lotions, razors and shaving cream, underwear, socks, long johns, under shirts, coats, and sweaters. If you have questions about how to be involved, please contact Kylene Dibble, Rand Carpenter, or Paul Rockey.



Glendalers have served meals to Nashville's homeless and hungry for 25 years through a local soup kitchen called **Luke 14:12**. This ministry started at Edgehill United Methodist Church and has grown from feeding just a few to feeding close to 200 people each meal. Because of this increase in numbers, Luke 14:12 now serves its meals at the Belmont Church Fellowship Hall, 1003 16th Avenue South. Glendale is responsible for serving every month on the second Tuesday. We are in need of additional volunteers as we have lost seven volunteers in the last year. We extend our sincere thanks to Bill and Patsy Junker, Joan Yarborough and John Laney, Pat and David Elkins, and Laura Kendall for their many years of dedicated service. Six volunteers are needed to serve from Noon until 1 PM. If this is an area of service you would be interested in, please contact Joy Gooch, Mollie Vannoy, or Carolyn or Charles Warford.

**Happy Birthday To
You January Babies!**
(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 - Holly Miller
- 02 - Alma May Scarborough
- 04 - Mark Wheeler
- 06 - Catherine Kelly
- 06 - Joy Smith
- 08 - Jim Fey
- 08 - Betsy Neely
- 09 - Jenny Strange-Mills
- 10 - Jo Webster
- 12 - Betsy Jones
- 17 - Matthew W.
- 18 - Eileen Campbell-Reed
- 19 - Emily Berry
- 27 - Selena McCoy-Carpenter
- 28 - Martha Jo Berry
- 31 - Elise Elrod
- 31 - Corey Fey

**Wednesday Night
Program Schedule**

January 6
Ministries & Committees

January 13
GBC Financial Discussion

January 20
Youth Leadership
Discussion - Part 1

January 27
Youth Leadership
Discussion - Part 2

JANUARY 2010

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1 <i>GBC OFFICE CLOSED</i> 6:00 PM Room In the Inn <i>(Various Hosts)</i>	2
<u>January 3</u> 9:00 AM 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by Special Studies Class)</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	4	5	6 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner: Menu & Crew TBA 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Ministries & Committees	7	8	9
<u>January 10</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	11	12 Luke 14:12 6:00 PM NiH Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i> 6:30 PM Church Council Mtg	13 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner: Menu & Crew TBA 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 GBC Financial Discussion	14	15 6:00 PM Room In the Inn <i>(GBC Children)</i>	16
<u>January 17</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	18 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	19	20 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner: Menu & Crew TBA 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Youth Leadership Discussion - Part 1	21	22	23 9AM-5PM NiH Rehearsal & Retreat <i>(Sanctuary & F.H.)</i>
<u>January 24</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	25	26	27 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner: Menu & Crew TBA 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Youth Leadership Discussion - Part 2	28	29	30
<u>January 31</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)						