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GLENDALE STEWARDSHIP AND GIVING UPDATE

The Stewardship Ministry of the church has been working both to share information and to make plans for supporting next year's Financial Plan for Ministry. Here are a few reminders about our shared work of caring for the church and its resources.

- **Please review your giving record through September 27, 2009.** It is available in the foyer if you do not already have it. I encourage you to look at it closely to see if you are meeting your pledge for 2009. If you can help us over and above your pledge it would certainly be appreciated.
- **We have spent \$217,761.74 through the end of September, and our total giving through September was \$196,821.80.** The shortfall was covered by drawing on the line of credit. The current balance on the line of credit is \$24,398.00.
- **Please return your 2010 pledge cards by Sunday, November 15.** They have been made available to you in a number of ways. They have been e-mailed, handed out, and included with your year-to-date giving statement. Please spend some time considering what you will be able to give to Glendale for 2010. We will vote on our 2010 Financial Plan for Ministry at our next Quarterly Business Meeting on November 15. Thus, we would like to have your pledge cards returned on or before this date. You can put your pledge in the offering plate or mail it to Alan Green in the church office.
- Stay on the lookout for information about some study events that will be coming up after the first of the year regarding how we learn to be good stewards of our lives. Hopefully, we will be able to learn from some shared reading and conversation on how to live more faithfully.

Our thanks to each of you for your generosity that together helps us continue to be *A Caring Community of Equality and Grace*.

– Lynn Reed, Stewardship Chair



FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join us on **Sunday, November 1 at 9 AM** for our First Sunday Breakfast hosted by our Men's Class. All are welcome.

A LUNCHEON WITH JOAN AND JOHN ON NOVEMBER 1

On **Sunday, November 1**, Glendale members will have an after-church luncheon in the Fellowship Hall to honor **Joan Yarborough and John Laney** as they prepare to move to their new home in North Carolina. Please plan to join us for this event.

SPECIAL STUDIES

On Sunday November 1, Glendale's Special Studies Class will begin a five-week study of "Ethical Issues Confronting Christians" taught by **Andy Watts**, Assistant Professor of Religion at Belmont University. Anyone not involved in other classes is welcome to join us for this special study.

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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.

GLENDALE 101 BEGINS NOVEMBER 6

The Membership Ministry is happy to announce that another round of Glendale 101 will begin **Friday night, November 6**. Glendale 101 is our name for an informal process designed for potential new members and also for folks just interested in knowing more about our church and its opportunities. We will gather at the Mears-Webb home on Friday, November 6 for supper and discussion. Then we will follow up with lunch and more discussion on **Sunday, November 8** following our worship service.

If you are interested in participating or just wish to know a little more about this process, please contact Stewart Clifton. Members, please share this announcement with anyone you know of who might be interested.



NASHVILLE IN HARMONY BENEFIT CONCERT

GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 4 PM

SUGGESTED DONATION: \$10 - 20

Please come, enjoy the sounds of Nashville in Harmony, and support a group of young people who are finding ways to make peace in their world. The concert featuring Nashville's unique and exciting community chorus, Nashville in Harmony, will benefit **Glendale's Youth Peace Projects**. The teenagers involved in these projects have met with and advocated for the Lost Boys of Sudan and the Invisible Children of Uganda. They have constructed Peace Poles bearing the message "May Peace Prevail on Earth" and planted them in several locations; have worked on US/Cuba relations, visiting Cuba as part of that work; and have engaged in several other educational and peace action projects.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

While each quarterly meeting is important, in November we gather as a community to discuss and commit to a financial plan for ministry for the following year. This important conversation will follow the Nashville in Harmony Concert on **Sunday, November 15 at 5:30 PM**. Please plan to participate.



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 November Babies!**
(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 02 - Phil Fortenberry
- 02 - Evelyn Pearson
- 04 - Melissa Snarr
- 05 - David Elkins
- 05 - John Kelly
- 05 - Bettie Shepherd
- 09 - Frenchie Fortenberry
- 11 - Dot Pearigen
- 13 - John Weatherly
- 15 - Sharon Hiett
- 18 - Joy Gooch
- 19 - Myrte Veach
- 20 - Jimmy Davis
- 20 - Lara W.
- 23 - Cathy Wood
- 24 - Joan Yarborough
- 25 - Mike Awalt
- 25 - Mia H.
- 25 - Julie Yarborough
- 27 - Phillip Clifton
- 28 - Louise Clifton
- 29 - Marshall Walker
- 30 - Kris Elsberry
- 30 - Ted Mears

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

November 4
Ministries & Committees

November 11
Living as Finite Beings,
Part 1

November 18
Living as Finite Beings,
Part 2

November 25
Thanksgiving - No Church
Activities Scheduled

NOVEMBER 2009

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>November 1</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by the Men's Class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Lunch with Joan & John <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> 3:00 NiH Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	2	3	4 5:45 "Taco Night" prepared by Trayte Peters 6:45 Ministries & Committees	5	6 Glendale 101 Kickoff Dinner <i>(Mears-Webb home)</i> Room In the Inn (<i>hosts TBD</i>)	7
<u>November 8</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Glendale 101 Lunch & Discussion (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>) 3:00 NiH Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	9	10 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting	11 5:45 Dinner: Menu TBA 6:45 Living as Finite Beings Part 1	12	13	14
<u>November 15</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 4:00 Nashville in Harmony Benefit Concert (<i>Sanctuary</i>) 5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)	16 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info 6:00 Metro Zoning Meeting (<i>Fellowship Hall</i>)	17	18 5:45 Dinner: Menu TBA 6:45 Living as Finite Beings Part 2	19	20 Room In the Inn (<i>hosted by the "Formerly Young Adults" Sunday School Class</i>)	21
<u>November 22</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 NiH Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	23	24	25 THANKSGIVING WEEK - NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED	26 GBC OFFICE CLOSED	27 GBC OFFICE CLOSED	28
<u>November 29</u> First Sunday of Advent 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 NiH Rehearsal (<i>Sanctuary</i>)	30					