



# VISIONS

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## SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

There is a Special Called Business Meeting scheduled for **Wednesday, April 2nd at 6:30 PM** related to the following three matters of church business:

1. The election of Charles Warford to the Personnel Committee
2. The election of David Nowlin to the Ordination Committee
3. An itinerary review and funding request for April Baker's upcoming Sabbatical Leave.

## APRIL'S SABBATICAL

This is the year that April Baker is to take her first Sabbatical since she has been at Glendale. Her time away (April 14th-June 14th) will be comprised of renewal, reading and solitude, and continuing education opportunities. We will present an itinerary for her time away during the business meeting on April 2nd so everyone can understand what she will be involved in and can pray for her along the way.

- Raye Nell Dyer on behalf of the Personnel Committee



## "AN EVENING HOUR WITH DONALD DAVIS"

Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM

J.T. Moore Library

Donald Davis, nationally known storyteller and author, will be with John Trotwood Moore Middle School students on March 31st and April 1st. The community is invited to hear him on Tuesday, April 1st at 7:00 PM in the J. T. Moore library.

You may enter the school from the Lone Oak Drive parking lot. Mark your calendars and plan to experience this superb storyteller. There is no admission charge for the event. Donations are always appreciated.



**CROP  
WALK**



Once again, Glendale is a sponsor in the Nashville CROP WALK which will be held on **Sunday, April 6th at 2:00 PM in Centennial Park**. This year Don Schlosser will emcee the kick-off, joining the ranks of past Glendale emcees, Ginger Newman and John Halbert.

One-fourth of the funds raised will stay in the Nashville area to support MANNA, Nashville's Table/Second Harvest Food Bank, and Luke 14:12. The remaining money will be used by Church World Service to alleviate hunger and poverty in 80 countries throughout the world. You can still walk with us on Sunday or there are plenty of folks collecting money if you would like to make a donation.

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**A Caring Community of**  
**Equality and Grace**

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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. Díaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.



## WHY DO WE CARE FOR THE EARTH?

The daily newspapers are increasingly adding more articles which tell us how to "be greener" and how to care for the world in which we live. At the beginning of another spring and Earth Day in April, and with Easter reminding us who we are, Christian environmentalism asks us to take a deeper look at the subject.

The Rev. Peter Sawtell, Executive Director, Eco-Justice Ministries, said in a recent newsletter: "The biblical basis for caring for creation is found in the very message that Jesus named as most central... Love God and love neighbor. The words come from the Jewish scriptures, and are quoted in the Gospels... 'You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind.' This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: 'You shall love your neighbor as yourself.' "

Rev. Sawtell further states that Jesus suggests we look beyond family and friends and those who live next door when we define our neighbors. "Also that love of neighbors moves us beyond abstract concern or warm feelings, and makes us act with compassion and responsibility."

He says our neighbors include:

### THE WHOLE HUMAN FAMILY.

The poor and people of color who are the frequent victims of environmental injustice... the residents of Pacific islands and Bangladesh, whose countries are beginning to be inundated by rising sea levels... the indigenous people of the Amazon and Indonesia whose forest homelands are being clear cut, and in Africa where spreading deserts bring famine... the residents of urban areas whose health is degraded by smog... the agricultural workers who are exposed constantly to dangerous chemicals... those who have been hit hardest with painful circumstances... the poor and the powerless... the ones who the least ability to control their situation.

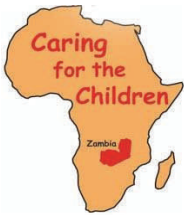
### FUTURE GENERATIONS.

The coming generations will bear the brunt of today's destructive lifestyle. Because of human actions today, they will be forced to live in a hotter world, a world without thousands of species, a world with more people but diminished resources. Justice, as a component of Love, demands that we provide them with ecological stability and sufficient resources for their ongoing well-being.

### THE REST OF CREATION.

All the variety of life with whom we share this planet and with whom we relate in ways both dramatic and subtle - the whales and the coral and the salmon, the wolves and caribou and prairie dogs, the complex communities of life in grasslands and forests and wetlands.

He concludes with "Now, and into the future, we must care for all the family of life, and for the natural systems which maintain life."



## GBC WELCOMES KATHE PADILLA

On **Wednesday, April 16th**, Kathe Padilla, founder of the Chishawasha Children's Home in Lusaka, Zambia (CCHZ), will again visit Glendale and speak after supper. Come hear about the exciting developments at the orphanage since Kathe was here last spring. These include:

- 1) A new clinic building to service the medical needs of the children and staff.
- 2) A two-classroom skills center with a chicken run (to teach children how to manage a business and create income for CCHZ through the sale of eggs. Future skills classes will include sewing, tailoring, and sewing machine repair, along with woodworking, carpentry, and small appliance repair.
- 3) 2008 brought funding to expand the primary school from 6 to 12 classrooms. The school also will include a large kitchen and dining room, a library and computer center, and a staff room. The goal is to finish the building by January 2009 for the new school year.



## ALUMINUM FOR \$\$\$

Thanks for continuing to bring your aluminum to be recycled for money to be used for GBC missions projects. Although not as much aluminum was recycled this time, we made more money... they are now paying \$.70 a lb. Remember, we can recycle other aluminum, besides drink cans. Clean foil, pie pans and baking dishes, as well as other aluminum items can be recycled.

- The GBC Green Team

## THIS MONTH'S WORSHIP AT GLENDALE

On Sunday April 13th, our choir will join the rest of the congregation as GBC welcomes the **Northern Kentucky Children's Ensemble** to lead us in our morning worship with a variety of music. On Sunday April 20th, we will observe **Earth Day** in our morning worship.

## THE RAMAGE'S GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Don & Rosalyn Ramage are celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary next month, and they would both like to share in this time with their Glendale family on the evening of **Wednesday, April 9th**. Their children are planning to bring cake for dessert, and there will be a brief photo presentation to commemorate the fifty-year span of Don & Rosalyn's lives together. Please come and join us as we honor them on this very special occasion.

## A MESSAGE FROM THE CROWELLS

Dear Glendale Friends,

Harold and I are so appreciative of the love we were shown during our two recent heart issues. The prayers, cards, phone calls, visits, flowers, and all the wonderful food was a God send. Thank you so very much. You are a loving community of faith.

Sincerely,  
Connie and Harold Crowell

## Happy Birthday To You April Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 - Molly Boyd
- 01 - Sydney B.
- 02 - Stan Collins
- 03 - David Farmer
- 05 - Cecelia Caldwell
- 06 - Jonas H.
- 09 - Phillip Berry
- 13 - Christy Halbert
- 13 - Karen Rhodes
- 14 - Kayla B.
- 14 - Jennifer White
- 16 - Jackson F.
- 17 - Bob Musgrove
- 18 - Michael Bernard
- 18 - Jake R.
- 19 - Betty Mears
- 21 - Theresa Collins
- 22 - Meghan M.
- 22 - Kimber R.
- 25 - Lyndsey Godwin
- 26 - Chalene Helmuth
- 28 - David Mears
- 29 - Savannah Keeton O.

## Wednesday Night Program Schedule

April 2nd

Special Called Business Meeting / Ministries & Committees

April 9th

TBA

April 16th

Kathe Padilla

April 23rd

Green Team Presentation

April 30th

Vespers

# APRIL 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner: King Ranch Chicken <b>6:30 Special Called Business Meeting</b> <b>6:45 Committees &amp; Ministries</b>	3	4	5
April 6th 8:30 Handbell Choir <b>9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast</b> (hosted by the Reflections Class) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <b>2:00 CROP WALK</b>	7	8 <b>Luke 14:12</b> 6:00 Church Council	9 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner: Calypso Meal Dessert: Golden Anniversary Cake with the Ramages <b>6:45 TBA</b>	10	11	12
April 13th 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 <b>Worship Service with our musical guests from the Northern Kentucky Children's Ensemble</b>	14 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	15	16 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner: Spaghetti <b>6:45 Kathe Padilla</b>	17	18	19
April 20th 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 <b>Earth Day Worship Service</b>	21	22	23 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner: Locally Grown Foods <b>6:45 Green Team Presentation</b>	24	25	26
April 27th 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	28	29	30 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner: Frenchie's Homemade Soup <b>6:45 Vespers</b>			

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