



# VISIONS

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## THE WINTER ROSE ADVENT 2010

*In the silence of the winter, while stars shone high above,  
God sent from heaven's garden a Rose to show great love.*

- Joseph Martin



This year's Advent will prepare for "The Winter Rose" in sermon, reflection, anthem, and art. Sermons will be based on Isaiah and a writer from among us will be providing an Advent theme interpretation each Sunday. An Advent Reader is being assembled for our use throughout the season. White roses will adorn the sanctuary, the Communion table, and the banners. To conclude Advent, we will celebrate Christmas Eve with our service of music, scripture, and the Lovefeast in the Moravian Tradition.

On November 28, the sermon was from Isaiah 2:1-5.

**How do we avail ourselves to God's instruction for our lives? Where is our mountain; where is our temple? What does it mean to walk in God's paths?** Eileen Campbell-Reed provided the Advent interpretation, and our music included "The Winter Rose." The handbells ensemble will ring the accompaniment to "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" for the Introit each Sunday during the season.

December 5 will feature thoughts from Isaiah 11:1-10.

**Where am I blossoming? Where are we blossoming? Where is the peaceable realm occurring? How can we participate in it? What hinders us from sprouting? What voices and symbols lead us beyond what we can imagine? What does our baptism have to do with it?** The Advent reflection will be provided by Dan Ritter, and music will include Don Schlosser's arrangement of "There Is a Flower Sprung of a Tree." We will gather at the Table for the Mystery of Communion, as we do each first Sunday.

Isaiah 35:1-10 will be the basis for the sermon on December 12.

**How can such hope as this be found? Where may we find the highway through the desert, and what will give us courage to travel it?** Stuart Harris will share his Advent interpretation, and an anthem entitled "I Hear the Prophet Callin'," reminiscent of the sturdy *Southern Harmony* hymns, is featured.

On December 19, the sermon will be based on Isaiah 7:10-16.

**Who is this child? What is his role in the court? Why is his birth a harbinger of hope? What is "Immanuel"?** The Advent reflection will be provided by Annette Sisson, and Benjamin Britten's "There Is No Rose" will be the anthem.

The Christmas Eve Lovefeast in the Moravian Tradition will begin at 5:00 PM. The Lovefeast will be served by our children and youth, and the service will conclude as we share God's light with each other. Afterwards, everyone is invited to celebrate Christmas with a potluck supper together with our Room in the Inn guests.

December 26, the Sunday following Christmas, our worship will be a service of Lessons and Carols. Beverly Feinstein will provide her seasonal reflection. The anthem is a lively "Now Sing We All Noel," incorporating again the "Lo, How a Rose E'er Blooming" theme.

Please plan to be a part of this very special season at Glendale as we celebrate the coming of "The Winter Rose."

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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.

## SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

Our fall Glendale 101 sessions have concluded, and we will hold a special called business meeting after dinner on **Wednesday, December 1** to confirm our newest members. A celebration of new members will be held during worship on Sunday, December 5.



## FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join us on **Sunday, December 5 at 9:00 AM** for our First Sunday Breakfast hosted by the Adult Class. All are welcome.

## PRIMETIMERS CHRISTMAS GATHERING

All Glendale's aged 55 and above are invited to the home of Don and Rosalyn Ramage on **Friday evening, December 10 at 7:00 PM**. Please join us for this traditional time of sharing food, frivolity, memories, and music. If you plan to attend, you can get specific details by contacting the Ramages.

## PASTORS' CHRISTMAS DROP-IN

Our annual Pastors' Christmas Drop-In will be held on **Sunday, December 12 from 4:00-6:00 PM** at the Mears-Webb home. Please join us as we celebrate the season together with lively conversation and refreshments. All are welcome.

### *Directions to the Mears/ Webb home:*

Take highway 100 West to Bellevue. At the traffic light just past Kroger, turn right on Collins Road. Take the first right into Poplar Creek Estates, on Collinswood Drive. 6844 is about 8 houses down on the right.



## ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES: WINTER 2010-2011

- The **Men's Class** (aka "Roosters") is studying a book entitled *The Next 100 Years* by George Friedman. This class meets on the lower floor, across from fellowship hall.
- The **Twenty-Something Class**, which focuses on faith development, is reading *Walking with God In a Fragile World*. This collection of essays written expressly for this book is by renowned spiritual writers and theologians who wrestle with the problems of the human condition in the world today and what a walk with God might reveal about them. No homework, all reading, as well as discussion, occurs during class. This class meets on the Upper level.
- **THE Adult Class** discusses varying topics. Andy Watts is the teacher. This class meets on the upper level in the room at the front of the church.
- The **Special Studies Class** studies varying topics/books. Teachers change with the focus of the class. Currently, Charles Warford is leading a study of the Sermon on the Mount. This class meets in the conference room on the main floor.
- **Biblestudy@Glendale.etc** focuses primarily on Biblical study. They are currently reading the gospel of Mark again for the first time. Richard Sapp is the teacher. This class meets on the lower level, across from fellowship hall.

*Need some Christmas shopping advice? The church library has a subscription to Consumer Reports which is loaded with information about all sorts of possible gifts.*

# COMING SOON: 2011 GLENDALE DIRECTORY

*\* Update your Contact Information in December*

*\* Mark your Calendars for the January Photo Sessions*

Since 2004 when we printed our last pictorial directory, many new individuals and families have become active in the life of our community. To assist us all in making connections and ministering to each other, the Communications and Membership ministries are working together to produce the **2011 GLENDALE DIRECTORY**. This year's edition will have the roster-style listing of contact information plus a new section with black-and-white photographs of Glendale families.

Rather than using a commercial photography company as we have in previous years, several Glendalers have offered their skills in photography, layout, and design to help us create a simple loose-leaf directory that is cost efficient and easy to update. With your cooperation, we expect to have these new directories available in January.

## **TO BE INCLUDED:**

### **UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION IN DECEMBER**

In early December, Alan Green will send an e-mail out to each household currently listed in the roster-style directory. He will provide all the information on record for your household (names, mailing address, home/work/cell phone numbers, e-mail addresses, and birth dates). The e-mail will have directions on updating/correcting your information.

### **ATTEND A PHOTO SESSION IN JANUARY**

More details on photo sessions will be available on listserv and in announcements. Mark your calendars now for these dates:

**January 2** (during First Sunday breakfast and after church)

**January 5** (during dinner and during Ministry and Committee time)

**January 9** (after church)

### **SUBMIT A DIGITAL PHOTO (optional)**

Those who prefer to submit an existing digital photo, instead of having their picture made in January, may do so. Recent (no older than 2 years) digital photos may be sent to [gbc@glendalebaptist.org](mailto:gbc@glendalebaptist.org) by January 9. Keep in mind that the directories will be produced in black and white.

## **Questions?**

If you have questions about listing your contact information, please contact Alan Green in the church office. For questions about the photo sessions, please contact Anne-Leslie Owens.

Thank you in advance for your assistance,  
Communications and Membership ministries

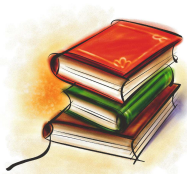
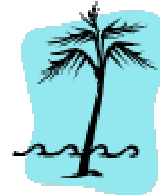
**MISSIONS NOTE**

Our peanut butter food drive during the month of October yielded 239 pounds. When delivered to **Second Harvest Food Bank**, they were thrilled, again stating that peanut butter is their most requested food item. Thanks to all for your generous support!



**CUBA REPORT & POTLUCK LUNCHEON**

Julie Coulter, Thomas Conner and David Gooch all returned home safely from Cuba on November 11. **On Sunday, December 5, please bring a lunch dish to share and plan to stay for fellowship and a detailed Cuba report with pictures.** Our Cuba travelers will have wonderful stories to tell about the meeting of the Fraternity of Baptists outside of Havana, and especially the time in Santa Clara with our partner church.



**CHRISTMAS BOOK SALE**

Throughout Advent, all of the books for sale on the shelf outside of the library will be **Christmas books** (Christmas themed, Christmas stories, crafts, plus a few others that may be appropriate for Christmas giving). All profits will go toward Glendale's **Youth Peace Project**.

*Hardback books - \$3.00*  
*Softbound books - \$2.00*

Please browse and find something to give or to help you celebrate the season. Leave your payment in the basket.

**CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL**

During the four weeks of Advent, the children will still go to "home room" but be altogether for the lesson time, which will be led by biblical characters telling the Christmas story from their point of view.

- Nov 28 - Rosalyn will be in character as Elizabeth.
- Dec 5 - Dan Ritter will be John the Baptist.
- Dec 12 - Claire McKeever-Burgett will be Mary.
- Dec 19 - Matthew will lead the children in choir.

**ROOM IN THE INN**

This month, in addition to the first and third Fridays, we are hosting guests on Christmas Eve. After the Lovefeast, everyone is invited to celebrate Christmas with a potluck supper together with our Room In The Inn guests.



We have participated in RITI for over 20 years. We enjoy getting to know these fellow Nashvillians and helping them find a little comfort for the night. Please consider helping. The display board in the entry way shows jobs with a place to sign up. Don't hesitate to ask questions or discuss with Paul Rockey, Rand Carpenter, one of the pastors, or most any Glendale member.

Our Room In The Inn nights for the rest of this winter are December 3, 17, and 24, January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, and March 4 and 18.

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



- 02 – MATrotter
- 02 – Peter Sturdevant
- 07 – Michael Rahm
- 08 – Ella H.
- 08 – Stuart Harris
- 08 – Carolyn Warford
- 08 – David Webb
- 08 – Rachel White
- 10 – Beverly Feinstein
- 11 – Walden F.
- 12 – Valerie Allmond
- 15 – Harold Crowell
- 16 – Lori McGrew
- 21 – Charles Green
- 22 – Joe McGrew
- 23 – Brooke Cantrell
- 24 – Leann Crawley
- 25 – Frank Feinstein
- 27 – Julien F.
- 29 – Doug Trotter
- 31 – Lanita Harris

**Wednesday Night Program Schedule**

- December 1  
Ministries & Committees
- December 8  
Conversations about Advent & Christmas Traditions
- December 15  
Christmas Caroling
- December 22  
Children's Musical
- December 29  
*No Church Activities Scheduled*

### CHILDREN SERVERS FOR THE LOVEFEAST

Children in grades 1-6 are invited to participate as servers in the Christmas Eve Lovefeast in the Moravian tradition. If your child(ren) would like to participate, please let Molly Boyd know. Children will need to be at the church on Christmas Eve by 4:15 PM (the worship service begins at 5:00 PM). Please bring them to the library where they will receive their instructions. Parents may go the sanctuary and save places for the children with the family. There will also be two brief rehearsals on Sundays, December 12 and 19, so the children will be prepared for the Christmas Eve service. Please bring children to the sanctuary at 9:20 AM on these two Sundays. They will join their Sunday School classes afterward at 9:40 AM.



| Sunday                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                      | Mon                            | Tue                                     | Wednesday                                                                                                                                                               | Thu | Fri                                                                                                                           | Sat |
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| <b>DECEMBER<br/>2010</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                    |                                |                                         | 1<br>5:15 Choir Practice<br>5:45 Soup Night ( <i>Carrie Rohde</i> )<br>6:45 Children & Youth Programs<br>6:45 Ministries & Committees                                   | 2   | 3<br><b>Room In The Inn</b> ( <i>hosted by the Roosters Class</i> )                                                           | 4   |
| <u>December 5</u><br><b>Second Sunday of Advent</b><br>9:00 AM <b>First Sunday Breakfast</b><br><i>(hosted by THE Adult Class)</i><br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship Service<br>11:45 AM <b>Cuba Report &amp; Potluck Luncheon</b> ( <i>F.H.</i> )<br>3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal ( <i>Sanctuary</i> ) | 6                              | 7                                       | 8<br>5:15 Choir Practice<br>5:45 Calypso Café<br><i>(Anne-Leslie Owens)</i><br>6:45 Children & Youth Programs<br>6:45 Conversations about Advent & Christmas Traditions | 9   | 10<br><b>7:00 PM Primetimers Christmas Gathering</b><br><i>(Ramage home)</i>                                                  | 11  |
| <u>December 12</u><br><b>Third Sunday of Advent</b><br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship Service<br>11:45 AM Youth Christmas Party<br><i>(Daugherty-Sims home)</i><br>3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal ( <i>Sanctuary</i> )<br>4:00 PM <b>Pastors' Christmas Drop-In</b> ( <i>Mears-Webb home</i> )            | 13                             | 14<br><b>6:30 PM Church Council Mtg</b> | 15<br>5:15 Choir Practice<br>5:45 Lasagna ( <i>Andy Watts</i> )<br>6:45 Christmas Caroling                                                                              | 16  | 17<br><b>Room In The Inn</b> ( <i>hosts TBD</i> )                                                                             | 18  |
| <u>December 19</u><br><b>Fourth Sunday of Advent</b><br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                   | 20                             | 21                                      | 22<br>5:15 Choir Practice<br>5:45 Dinner TBA<br>6:45 Children's Musical Program                                                                                         | 23  | 24<br><b>GBC OFFICE CLOSED</b><br>5:00 PM <b>Moravian Love Feast &amp; Churchwide Potluck</b> with our Room In The Inn Guests | 25  |
| <u>December 26</u><br>9:30 AM Sunday School<br>10:30 AM Worship Service                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | 27<br><b>GBC OFFICE CLOSED</b> | 28                                      | 29<br><b>NO WEDNESDAY NIGHT ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED</b>                                                                                                                    | 30  | 31<br><b>GBC OFFICE CLOSED</b>                                                                                                |     |