



# VISIONS

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## GLENDALE'S CO-PASTORATE MODEL: CREATING NEW WAYS OF BEING

Four years and change into our new pastoral leadership model, we are seeing some of what we imagined, some of what we had hoped, and some surprises. The Personnel Committee and the pastors have worked together in learning about other models of shared ministry and in intentionally shaping what we are doing to be uniquely "Glendale." We had an opportunity in October for a Town Hall Meeting in which we heard from members of the Discernment and Search Committee who helped us dream into this model of pastoral ministry, members of the Personnel Committee who, with the pastors, have been tending to the particulars as well as the big pictures of shared ministry as they have unfolded, and the pastors who are listening and learning and creating and building as they help us interpret what it is we are living.

Because none of us has ever seen a church leadership model quite like this and because we are creating it together, the Personnel Committee and the pastors are committed to periodically engaging in conversation within the community. As we learn together how to craft relationships that are mutual and collaborative, we are discovering that churches who are doing this work as part of their theological and spiritual discipline are finding not one model, but many are unfolding. And so we make this on-going conversation a priority; 2009 will offer more opportunities to ask questions, to listen, and to partner in the leadership of our community of faith.

There will be a transcript of the October Town Hall Meeting thanks to Raye Nell who served as our scribe. It will be available in January on the bookshelves outside the pastors' studies if you'd like to see what was said. Better yet, join us for the next conversation about our leadership model and how it is surprising and rewarding our community! On Wednesday, January 29th, the pastors will be helping us to look at the model that we are creating; leading in conversation about collaborative leadership in theory and in practice; and sharing with us about other models that are instructive or informative to what we're doing. Don't miss it!

## GBC CHILDREN HOST ROOM IN THE INN ON JANUARY 16TH



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 help with dinner preparation while the younger crowd packs lunches for guests to take with them on Saturday.

Once dinner is over and the children have helped clean up, children in grades 3-6 are invited to spend the night in the foyer with Julie Coulter. All is quiet no later than 10:30 PM since they are up at 5:30 AM to help with breakfast and join our guests for one more meal. Please contact Julie to sign up.

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**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 "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.

## TWO UPCOMING BABY SHOWERS AT GLENDALE

Glendale will host a baby shower for **Brooke and Monica Cantrell** on **Sunday, January 11th** after worship in the Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. Please plan to stay after church and celebrate their baby boy's anticipated arrival.

Brooke & Monica are registered at Babies-R-Us, Wal-Mart, and Baby Depot. For more information, please contact Frenchie Fortenberry or Rosalyn Ramage.



Kylene and Jeremy are registered at Target and Babies R Us. The nursery colors are sea green, light chocolate/mocha brown, soft pastel blue and pink.



**Kylene Dibble** and **Jeremy Tuchmayer** are also expecting a baby in early April. When the baby arrives, Jeremy will call family and friends to say "It's a girl!" or "It's a boy!" In the meantime, there will be a baby shower on **Sunday, February 1st** after worship in the Fellowship Hall.

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## UPDATES FROM OUR EDUCATION MINISTRY

### How Are White Privilege and Racism Still Impacting the Church?

During January the Education Ministry invites you to explore this question through study, worship and conversation.

### Sunday morning book study at 9:30 AM (sponsored by the Young Adult Class)

*Divided by Faith* (authors: Michael O. Emerson & Christian Smith) taught by Andy Watts, the Assistant Professor of Ethics at Belmont University. To order your book for this study, contact Eileen Campbell-Reed. Andy will also be leading us in worship on January 18th & 25th.

### Wednesday Conversations about race and the church

January 14 - "Beneath the Skin: Baptists and Racism"

January 21 - "A Confession of White Privilege: Moving Beyond Guilt"

Plans are also in the works to march in the **MLK parade** on Monday, January 19th, and some Glendaleers will be attending the regional meeting of the **New Baptist Covenant** at the end of January. That group is a multi-racial Baptist gathering. Watch your listserv and announcement sheets for more opportunities to explore these topics.

**MULTI-CONGREGATIONAL  
PEACEJAM YOUTH  
RETREAT AT GBC**



Beginning on **Friday, January 16th**, the youth groups from Oakhurst and First Baptist Granville will be here in Nashville to join us for a weekend of learning, sharing and studying about peacemaking. We will need lots of youth families to host our out-of-town friends as they will all need to stay in our homes on Friday and Saturday nights. We will make plenty of time for fun, so get ready for a winter retreat with other teenagers who share some of the same interests as our youth. Please contact Thomas Conner for more information.

**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
- 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
- 31 - Molly Grisham

**A MESSAGE FROM  
PASTORA NIUBES AT  
IGLESIA BAUTISTA  
ALBERTO J. DÍAZ IN  
SANTA CLARA, CUBA.**



Joy and peace, as the hymn says, we wish you all in this Christmas, end of the year, and the next year 2009.

Most of all we would wish to be able to share more closely, but we are certain that the real distance in kilometers doesn't imply any barrier, nor much less any spiritual distance or in our friendship.

The fellowship of the Alberto J. Diaz church grows every moment with the Glendale church and in times of Christmas is reborn and multiplies every minute. We hope that everyone is well, that you have blessings, health, joys, and prosperity in the new year. Our church is working to build the Reign of God in our little spaces in Yabu, the county, and in Santa Clara.

We trust in God that you all are building the Reign in Nashville. We hope that after January 20 the dream of Martin Luther King will become a reality. We know the miracle won't necessarily be accomplished in one day. Time is God's and God will permit his will to be built up each day. We know that you are key factors in that city to help to build that dream and I remember a phrase that I learned, "Many small actions in many parts of the world can change the face of the world." Christ is our hope! and Christianity is our life tool to be co-laborers of God in the building of God's Reign.



A big kiss, a lot of affection to everyone, especially to those whom we know from the various travels, since it's a long list and I'm afraid I'll forget a name.

**Wednesday Night  
Program Schedule**

January 7th

Ministries & Committees

January 14th

Beneath the Skin:  
Baptists and Racism

January 21st

A Confession of White  
Privilege: Moving  
Beyond Guilt

January 28th

Building a New  
Leadership Model

# JANUARY 2009

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 GBC Office Closed	2 Room In the Inn - hosted by the Glendale Choir	3
<u>January 4th</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by the Men's Class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	5	6	7 5:45 Soup & Cornbread 6:45 Ministries & Committees	8	9	10
<u>January 11th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Baby Shower and Luncheon for Brooke & Monica Cantrell (Fellowship Hall)	12	13 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting	14 5:45 Dinner Plan TBA 6:45 Beneath the Skin: Baptists and Racism	15	16 Room In the Inn – hosted by the GBC Children PeaceJam Youth Retreat	17 PeaceJam Youth Retreat <i>(continued)</i>
<u>January 18th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service PeaceJam Youth Retreat <i>(continued)</i>	19 Deadline to submit Visions info	20	21 5:45 Dinner Plan TBA 6:45 A Confession of White Privilege: Moving Beyond Guilt	22	23	24
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