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WHAT'S HAPPENING IN JUNE FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL?

During June, we will take a one month sabbatical from formal Sunday School.

Everyone is encouraged to use the Sunday morning gathering time in these weeks to focus our vision a little more broadly on the community of faith, and to interact in a slightly different way. The Toddler and Preschooler classes will meet undisturbed.

At 10:00 AM each Sunday, all are invited to the Fellowship Hall for doughnuts, coffee, juice, milk and time to visit with one another. Everyone can invest in welcoming newcomers as we share in conversation and have opportunities for adult classes to highlight their future plans. At 10:20 AM, as usual, we will make the trek upstairs to prepare for worship at 10:30 AM.

Please bear in mind this as an experiment and we will review this trial period at the end of the month. Some of us may love it; some of us may really miss our Sunday School classes; some of us may never want to do it again, and some of us may prefer a combination of both! In any case, we benefit as a community of faith from having the conversation together.

In July, adult and youth classes will resume as normal. Children will participate in One Big Room Sunday School for the rest of the summer. If you are interested in how this will work, have questions or want to give an opinion, please contact Selena McCoy Carpenter.

THE GLENDALE YOUTH MINISTRY: HOW DOES IT IMPACT ME?

On **Wednesday, June 11th**, Glendale's Personnel Committee will host a conversation with the youth, parents of youth, and the congregation about Glendale's Youth Ministry. During this time together, we will:

- Share the purpose and goals of the ministry, the experiences of the youth, their parents, and the adults involved
- Answer questions the community might have about the youth ministry
- Discover ways for more folks to support this critical work of the church

The Glendale Youth Ministry is a very unique and important part of our church. Please try to join us for dinner and the discussion on June 11th. This is one conversation you don't want to miss!



ICE CREAM SUPPER

It's that wonderful time of year again - the annual Ice Cream Supper at Glendale. Dust off your ice-cream machines, pull out your favorite recipes, and plan to come to this delightful event on the Glendale Lawn on **Sunday, June 1st at 6:00 PM.**

Don't have an ice cream maker? That's fine. Just bring toppings, cookies, or cake. And a neighbor! This is a great time to introduce friends to Glendale in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

GLENDALE'S 2008 - 2009 DIRECTORY



In conjunction with last month's New Member Celebration, we will update and distribute our GBC directories for 2008-2009 before the end of June.

If you have any new contact information that you have yet to share with us (change of mailing address, phone, e-mail, etc.), please let Alan Green know immediately so that he can update your listing for you.

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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.

CHURCHES SUPPORTING CHURCHES

The following is a message from our friends at Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church in New Orleans:



Dear Glendale Baptist Church Congregation,

This letter is to show our gratitude of thanks for the marvelous blessings that you have given to the Mount Pilgrim Family. Thank you for the contributions that you have given to our church to help make this building a church home. This letter is to inform you that we no longer require assistance toward our church facility. We pray that God keep you in his arms and continue to bless you and your church family.

Forever blessed in the Lord,

Rev. Roosevelt Malone, Sr. and the Mount Pilgrim Baptist Church Family



GREEN TEAM UPDATE

The Green Team has placed Al Gore's DVD An Inconvenient Truth in the GBC library. There are plans for a congregational showing and study this summer. Watch for the date to be announced. In the meantime, check it out and get a sneak preview or show it to friends and neighbors.

With that in mind, here are some helpful tips for becoming better stewards of our community and our world:

- Reduce consumption of plastic grocery bags. Use reusable (canvas) bags – each bag replaces about 3 plastic bags per store trip. They are also easy to carry with handle.
- Shop locally. Learn to eat more seasonally. Shop at the Farmers' Market, Produce Place and local fruit stands. Be sure to ask what is grown locally.
- Set your air conditioning a few degrees warmer this summer than last year.
- Use ceiling and floor fans to move air around – moving air feels cooler.
- Take a “rinse-off” when coming home from work or when the house begins to feel a little too warm.
- Use a crock pot for cooking in the summer and you won't heat the room while saving energy to cook your food.
- Recycle at home – numbered plastics, glass, aluminum, paper and cardboard. Eliminate garbage.
- Bring your aluminum recyclables to Glendale and help the Green Team raise a little money for the Missions Ministry.
- Don't leave the water running for home chores: brushing your teeth or washing the car. Fresh water is one of our most precious natural resources.
- Take a reusable drink container to work instead of using the paper/plastic ones by the water cooler. Drink Nashville's water from the tap rather than buying disposable bottles.

PERSONNEL COMMITTEE REPORT

The Personnel Committee has had a busy month and listed below are some of the things we are currently working on:

Office Manager Hours

Alan Green has recently taken on a part-time position in addition to his work here at Glendale, and we have adjusted his office hours as follows to accommodate both jobs:

Monday	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM
Tuesday	7:50 AM – 12:50 PM
Wednesday	7:50 AM – 12:50 PM
Thursday	7:50 AM – 12:50 PM
Friday	9:30 AM – 2:30 PM

April on Sabbatical

April and Deborah are doing well and are enjoying their time away. The Personnel Committee is asking April to take a Wednesday night after she returns and share with us about her sabbatical: what was meaningful, helpful, difficult, etc. and how she plans to integrate her experience into enhanced ministry at Glendale.

Youth Ministry

The Personnel Committee, Thomas Conner, and our youth are hosting a “Town Meeting” regarding Youth Ministry at Glendale on Wednesday evening, June 11th. We invite everyone to stay after dinner and participate in this important conversation. Liz Allen-Fey will facilitate the program.

Guidelines for Sabbaticals

The Personnel Committee is working on guidelines for sabbaticals for our pastors. We’ve learned some things during this process with April and are working with the pastors on putting some things in place for the future. We will share these with you when we are done.

Shared Leadership

We are continuing to have conversations with the pastors about Shared/Collaborative Leadership as we try to work together to learn what this means and live it out in our community of faith. Charting a new course is never easy and neither is this journey to which we have all committed ourselves. The Personnel Committee is moving toward a time when we will have a Town Meeting with the congregation about our Co-pastor model.

Thanks !!!

Thanks to all of our staff for the good work they do and the meaningful ministry that they lead us in.

Raye Nell Dyer
Chair, Personnel Committee



JOIN THE JUNE CHOIR!

The Worship Ministry invites all Glendalers, middle school age and up, to participate in an inter-generational choir for the morning worship services during June. If this sounds appealing, join your fellow singers gather in the Sanctuary at 9:30 AM each Sunday for a thirty minute rehearsal.

Happy Birthday To You June Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 – Jenny Madison
- 01 – Colin
- 01 – Owen
- 01 – Billie Pate
- 01 – Emmie
- 02 – Celia
- 03 – Ginger Newman
- 05 – Darlene Panvini
- 05 – Brooke Wheeler
- 06 – Anne-Leslie Owens
- 07 – Alexis
- 09 – Carson Brock
- 10 – Don Schlosser
- 11 – Fred Frisch
- 12 – Ben Elsberry
- 16 – Rosalyn Ramage
- 16 – Joshua White
- 17 – Jim Hiatt
- 18 – Jonathan Turner
- 21 – Will Kelley
- 22 – Nell Magee
- 23 – Alicia Fawley
- 25 – David Nowlin

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

June 4th

Ministries & Committees

June 11th

Youth Ministry Town
Meeting

June 18th

Bill Northrup’s Report on
Ugandan Missions

June 25th

GBC Kids Theater
Production of “How Do
You Kiss An Elephant”

JUNE 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>June 1st</u> 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:00 1st Sunday Breakfast (hosted by Young Adult Class) 10:30 Worship Service 6:00 Ice Cream Supper (Church Lawn)	2	3	4 5:45 Dinner: Lasagna 6:45 Ministries & Committees	5	6	7
<u>June 8th</u> 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts 10:30 Worship Service	9	10 Luke 14:12 6:00 Church Council	11 5:45 Dinner: Calypso Meal 6:45 Youth Ministry Town Meeting	12	13	14
<u>June 15th</u> 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts 10:30 Worship Service	16 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	17	18 5:45 Dinner: Pizza 6:45 Bill Northrup's Report on Ugandan Missions	19	20	21
<u>June 22nd</u> 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts 10:30 Worship Service	23	24	25 5:45 Dinner: Macaroni & Cheese 6:45 GBC Kids Theater Production of "How Do You Kiss An Elephant"	26	27	28 <i>Youth depart for Baptist Youth Camp</i>
<u>June 29th</u> <i>Baptist Youth Camp (cont.)</i> 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts 10:30 Worship Service	30 <i>Baptist Youth Camp (cont.)</i>					

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