



# VISIONS

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## WHY DO WE GIVE REGULARLY TO GLENDALE?

For us, faith means acting and believing without knowing - without tangible proof. Consequently, giving regularly to Glendale is a spiritual act. It is both a symbol and an enactment of our faith in God: giving without knowing what that giving will (and will not) yield. Perhaps it will yield what we had hoped for; perhaps it will yield something completely different than we had anticipated; perhaps we will not be aware that it has yielded anything at all. But we are changed by the act of giving in the face of not knowing, and that is a kind of yield that cannot be measured: A continuous process of personal and spiritual transformation.

Each of us was a part of one of the search committees that brought our co-pastors to Glendale. As a result, our commitment to supporting Glendale financially has increased over the past decade. After all, it became clear to us that the church was moving in new directions and taking significant risks, and since we were deeply enmeshed in those changes, we felt responsible for supporting the church substantially through these transitions and beyond.

Glendale is our family's community of faith - and more than that, it is our common community as a family. Although each member of our family has other communities within Nashville, no other community touches all members of our family so intimately and fully as Glendale does. When this community is diminished, then we are diminished; when it thrives, our family thrives. Glendale is our extended family, so our commitment to the church is both personal and unconditional.

Finally, as we have faith in one another - within our own family and within our relationships at Glendale - our faith in God is deepened and enriched. It certainly would be easier not to give, especially as we are about to have two children in college. But that impulse not to give, or to give less - to make things a little easier for us and our own family - is the reason that we strive to remain faithful; if we stop, then we are diminished, far beyond however Glendale might be affected by our decision. And while it is true that God could never be limited by our pulling back from our commitment, our faith in "God-at-work-in-the-world" and "God-with-us" - and thus our ongoing process of transformation - would be diminished incalculably.

-Annette Sisson and Jimmy Davis

## GLENDALE MISSIONS UPDATE



Glendale recently received an e-mail regarding the need for repairs to an air conditioning unit belonging to **Porter Heights Baptist Church**, a small congregation here in Nashville.

The pastor's sister (who lives in East Tennessee) e-mailed several churches in the Nashville area, and Glendale was one of the recipients of her message. Martha Jo Berry responded by calling Rev. Donaldson directly to learn more about the church and their need. Glendale was able to provide \$550 to help the church pay for the repairs.

## SUNDAY SCHOOL IN JULY

Adult and youth Sunday School classes will resume in July. Children will participate in a "One Room Sunday School" during July and August, learning and playing together.

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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. Diaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.

## NEW CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTED

The following members were elected to Glendale's 2008-2009 Church Council, beginning their terms on September 1st:



**Chair, Church Council**  
**Chair, Administration**  
**Chair, Communication**  
**Chair, Education**  
**Chair, Membership**  
**Chair, Ministry**  
**Chair, Missions**  
**Chair, Stewardship**  
**Chair, Worship**

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**Annette Sisson**  
**Sue Kinzer**  
**Martha Jo Berry**  
**Elaine Dickson**  
**Beth Walker**

Thanks to these Glendalers who have agreed to provide leadership for the future. An election for other church leadership positions will be held on a future Sunday prior to a worship service.

## GLENDALE WELCOMES BETSY NEELY, OUR NEW VANDERBILT DIVINITY SCHOOL INTERN

Please join us in welcoming Betsy Neely to Glendale. Betsy is a native of Spartanburg, SC and comes to Nashville by way of Atlanta, GA. A 2004 graduate of Furman University, Betsy is currently studying at Vanderbilt Divinity School where she is working on her Master of Divinity degree. In Atlanta, Betsy worked as Associate for the Calling Congregations initiative at The Fund for Theological Education and she now works in development for the United Methodist Higher Education Foundation in Nashville. Betsy loves to read, write, and dream big about working for good in the world. She and her husband Mark have two dogs, Jersey and Thunder.



## WEDDING BELLS FOR KATE WHEELER !

Kate Wheeler and David Rivard will be married on August 9th in a small, outdoor family wedding near Chattanooga. In recognition of their special day, the Crowell Deacon Group would like to invite everyone to a wedding shower for Kate and David on **Wednesday, August 6th** from 7:00-9:00 PM at the home of Don and Rosalyn Ramage.

Kate grew up at Glendale and is the daughter of Joy Gooch and Paul Wheeler and the niece of David Gooch. Kate and David, who both reside in Richmond, VA, are registered at Macy's and Target. Please join us for this wonderful celebration!



## CHILDREN'S BANNERS

During Sunday School time in July all the children will be invited to make a "paper doll" of themselves out of fabric which will become part of two children's banners for the sanctuary. They will be assembled in time for use during worship in October.

If you have a special piece fabric or buttons or something you would like your child's contribution to include, please bring those items to the church in an envelope or zip lock bag marked with your child's name. Give it to Eileen Campbell-Reed or Julie Coulter. Members of the worship and education ministries will be assembling the banners. If you have questions, please contact Eileen Campbell-Reed.

## PASSPORT KIDS! CAMP

Passport Kids! Camp is just around the corner from July 12th-15th. Jackson, Kimber, Patrick, Reid, Zack, Julie Coulter and Rand Carpenter will head to Crossville for an ecumenical camp experience with the theme, "Trading Spaces." To the Hebrews, Moses emphasized hospitality to foreigners, "you were foreigners in Egypt, and you know what it is like." One of Jesus' most famous parables is about an "outsider", a Samaritan, who showed God's true love. And some of Jesus' followers, Peter, Paul, and Philip, each took part in reaching out to people from other nations. We, too, can reach out to those in our midst who come from other lands and learn so much from them!

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

We are partnering with Downtown Presbyterian Church and Second Presbyterian Church for Vacation Bible School this summer. VBS will be held at **Second Presbyterian from July 21st-25th** between 9:00 AM and Noon each day for ages 3 through 5th grades. We can use teachers, snack-preparers, shepherds, craft assistants - you name it. You can volunteer to help a veteran teacher as they lead children in learning in a well organized classroom.

Register your child(ren) at the website listed below. Whether you have children or not, register yourself as a volunteer at the same website! This is a wonderful opportunity for a truly ecumenical experience for us and our children.

Register: <http://toolkit.thevbsplace.org/index.php?curl=SecondNashvilleTN>

Mission emphasis: <http://www.livingwatersfortheworld.org>

## TIPS FOR BEING GREEN AT GLENDALE

- After the Wednesday night meal put your plastic cup in the kitchen for recycling rather than throwing in the trash.
- Put used coffee grounds in the red coffee containers in the Glendale kitchen to enable us to recycle coffee grounds from the church.
- Drop your used order of worship in the recycling baskets as you leave the sanctuary each Sunday.
- Bring your own coffee cup to use on Sundays. Clean it out and leave it in your Sunday School classroom for the next week.
- After washing your hands, shake the excess water off and use one paper towel to dry your hands.
- Bring your own dish and utensils for Wednesday night meals.



## Happy Birthday To You July Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 – Sharon Green
- 01 – Richard Smith
- 07 – Julie Hope Fortenberry
- 10 – Liza
- 11 – Evie
- 11 – Ryan
- 11 – Julie Coulter
- 11 – Joe O'Cain
- 11 – Essie Sappenfield
- 12 – Anna Bernard
- 12 – Steve Digby
- 13 – Reid
- 15 – Paul Davis
- 21 – Zach
- 22 – Beth Miller
- 23 – Liza Lee
- 27 – Jennifer Maynard
- 28 – Gavin
- 30 – Becky Way
- 31 – Connie Crowell
- 31 – Richard Sapp

## Wednesday Night Program Schedule

- July 2nd  
Ministries & Committees
- July 9th  
Glendale at the Lake
- July 16th  
Education Town Meeting
- July 23rd  
A Conversation about Sabbath
- July 30th  
Vespers

# JULY 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:45 Dinner: Salad Night <b>6:45 Ministries &amp; Committees</b> <i>Baptist Youth Camp (cont.)</i>	3 <i>Baptist Youth Camp (cont.)</i>	4 <b>GBC Office Closed</b> <i>Youth return from Baptist Youth Camp</i>	5
<u>July 6th</u> 9:00 <b>1st Sunday Breakfast</b> (hosted by Bible@Glendale.etc) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	7	8 <b>Luke 14:12</b>  6:00 Church Council	9 <b>Glendale at the Lake!</b> Lakeside Dinner: BBQ Sandwiches & Vegetarian Sloppy Joes	10	11	12 <i>Passport Kids! Camp</i>
<u>July 13th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <i>Passport Kids! Camp (cont.)</i>	14 <i>Passport Kids! Camp (cont.)</i>	15 <i>Passport Kids! Camp (cont.)</i>	16 5:45 Dinner: Mexican Night <b>6:45 Education Town Meeting</b>	17	18	19
<u>July 20th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	21 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	22 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	23 <i>Vacation Bible School</i> 5:45 Dinner: Low Country Boil (a.k.a. Frogmore Stew) <b>6:45 A Conversation about Sabbath</b>	24 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	25 <i>Vacation Bible School</i>	26
<u>July 27th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	28 <i>Baptist Youth Camp (cont.)</i>	29	30 5:45 Dinner: Breakfast Night <b>6:45 Program TBA</b>	31		

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