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A TOWN HALL MEETING CONVERSATION: THE GLENDALE CO-PASTORATE MODEL

On **Wednesday, October 22nd**, the Personnel Committee will host a conversation about Glendale's Co-Pastorate Model. After almost four years into this new venture, it's a great time to look back and reflect on what we are creating. In addition to our own experience, we have the added resource of conversation with the pastoral teams and members of several other congregations like ours from which to reflect and learn.

Our conversation will include April and Amy, members from the discernment and search committee that led us through our initial co-pastorate process, and members from the personnel committee from those first few years with April and Amy.

Once again, I have the pleasure of facilitating the conversation. I hope you will help us have this conversation by submitting any questions you have or topics you would like to hear more about. Just e-mail them to me and I'll take them all and put them into a logical sequence.

This co-pastorate model is a key piece of our work together. This conversation is an important event for us all as we continue to discern what this leadership model means for "our caring community of equality and grace." I hope you will join us.

- Liz Allen Fey

FAITH AND OUR ENVIRONMENT

On **Sunday, October 19th at 5:00 PM** at Belmont United Methodist Church in Hillsboro Village, U.S. Representative **Jim Cooper** will speak on the connections between faith and environmental stewardship and how they impact our energy choices, global warming, and sustainability. Rep. Cooper will also answer questions and listen to your ideas about these same issues and talk about how citizens and people of faith can become involved. This is a non-partisan educational event.

A MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR KATE WOOLLEY

A memorial service for Kate Wilkins Woolley will be held on **Saturday, November 15th at 2:00 PM** at Edgehill United Methodist Church. A reminder will be sent closer to the date.

SUNDAY DRIVERS NEEDED

There is a team of people who take turns picking up the Junkers for church every Sunday. Currently, each person picks them up once every two months. If you would like to help with their transportation, please contact Laura Kendall to be added to the list. Bill and Patsy live in The Cumberland on Burton Hills Drive.

THANK YOU FROM RALPH BAUGH

A big thank you to all Glendalers who brought food, visited, prayed for me, lent books, and remembered me during my protracted recovery.

NEWS FROM OUR FRIENDS IN CUBA



Disney, the mother of Jonatan who was pastor of our partner church in Cuba before Niubes, died on September 11th. She had been struggling with cancer and had been bedridden during the last two months. Many of our FIBAC friends were at the funeral.



Niubes and Bernardo are in Holguin helping with the hurricane clean up and recovery efforts there.

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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.

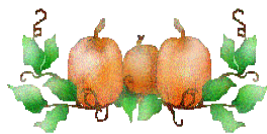


WORDS FROM THE MEMBERSHIP MINISTRY



Great Glendale Gathering

This year's Great Glendale Gathering will be held right here in Nashville at Edwin Warner Park on **Saturday, November 8th from 10AM-8PM**. This in-town location will allow you to minimize your drive time and conserve gas. It will also allow you to drop in and out if you need also to spend part of your Saturday on the soccer field, digging up bulbs in your garden, or catching up on your life in other ways. There will be a shelter with picnic tables, trails to walk, a creek to splash in, plenty of parking, a ball field and backstop, bicycle routes, grills, and a large restroom located conveniently nearby. The cost is \$10 per person, which will cover lunch, dinner, snacks, and activities. Bring your Frisbee, wear your comfortable shoes, and pack up any gear that would help you have a really fun day with friends (musical instruments, bicycles, kick balls, portable fire pits, binoculars, and anything else you can think of to enjoy or share). Our tentative plan is to have the 2009 GGG at an out-of-town location - and to let you know the weekend as soon as possible so you can set aside those dates and plan well in advance to attend! To register for the gathering, please contact Annette Sisson.



Glendale 101

With the advent of fall, you may have noticed that a number of visitors are attending our worship services and Wednesday night dinners! Please continue to extend yourselves to them, welcoming them within our community by wearing your name tags and making sure that you take the time to meet and talk with them. In addition to this informal way of acquainting our visitors with the church, the Membership Ministry will offer a new Glendale 101 class, beginning **Friday evening, November 7th** and continuing through the next three Sundays (November 9th, 16th, and 23rd), at which time we hope that some of our visitors will have decided to formalize their relationship with Glendale by becoming new members! Please assist the Membership Ministry in encouraging these visitors to consider attending the class and in assuring them that attending Glendale 101 can be "exploratory"; attending does not mean that class members are necessarily expected to join the church at the end of the class (though, of course, they are welcomed to do so!).

PASSPORTkids! CAMP 2009

Camp dates for 2009 are July 11-14. Children currently in grades 3-6 are welcome to join the Glendale group next summer as we head to Crossville for four days, exploring biblical heroes and heroines such as Miriam and David, learning about India and having fun. The cost is \$170 per camper. Camp reservations will be made October 30. Please let Julie Coulter know by Sunday, October 26, if there are children in your household who would like to go to PASSPORTkids! Camp 2009. See Julie or www.passportcamps.org for details.



ANNUAL GATHERING AT SCHOOL OF THE AMERICAS

The Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (WHINSEC), formerly the School of the Americas (SOA), is a United States Department of Defense facility at Fort Benning near Columbus, Georgia. Military personnel from Central and South American countries have been trained at this facility or its predecessor since 1946. Some of these persons have then been involved in acts of terrorism, coups d'etat, and other atrocities back in their home countries.

November 16th marks the anniversary of the assassination of 14-year-old Celina Ramos, her mother and six Jesuit priests in El Salvador in 1989. Nineteen of the 26 Salvadoran army officers cited by a UN Truth Commission as responsible for this atrocity were trained at the SOA. Since 1990, people have gathered at the gates of Fort Benning to memorialize these eight people and all those who have died at the hands of soldiers trained at this school.

This year's gathering will occur November 21st-23rd, the weekend prior to the United States' Thanksgiving holiday. Several thousand people are expected to gather and pray, create solidarity with others, and to protest this military training program. More information about SOA Watch, the annual event, and the history of WHINSEC can be found at www.soaw.org.

A handful of persons from Nashville and from Glendale Baptist Church are planning to participate this year. If interested in learning more about this gathering, please contact April Baker, Rand Carpenter, or Selena McCoy-Carpenter.



SAFE, CREATIVE RECYCLING FOR UNWANTED ITEMS

With the coming of fall, many of us practice "Fall housecleaning". But, what can you do with unwanted items that will clog or harm the landfill? Co-op American (and GBC's Green Team) offer 10 tips for recycling almost everything:

1. Appliances: Many stores will recycle old when you buy new. **Goodwill** accepts working ones (www.goodwill.com) or contact the **Steel Recycling Institute** (www.recycle-steel.org).
2. Athletic Shoes: GBC collects at church for **Chishawasha Children's Home** in Zambia (contact: Joan Yarborough). **One World Running** (www.oneworldrunning.com) will send still-wearable shoes to athletes in Africa, Latin America, and Haiti. **Nike's Reuse-a-shoe** program (www.nikereuseashoe.com) turns old shoes into playground and athletic flooring.
3. Batteries and hazardous waste: There are 3 hazardous waste recycling centers for Nashville/Davidson Co. residents (www.nashville.gov/recycle/centers.htm). Outside Nashville, check with your county, or www.batteryrecycling.com.
4. Clothes: GBC collects warm men's clothing for **Room In the Inn** and gently-used children's and teen clothing for Chishawasha Children's Home. Goodwill accepts wearable clothes. **Dress for Success** (www.dressforsuccess.org) gives wearable clothes to low-income women searching for jobs. No-longer wearables are used for bedding by animal shelters.
5. Compact fluorescent bulbs (CFLs): Hazardous waste (see #3 above) or order a **Sylvania RecyclePak** (www.sylvania.com/recycle/recyclepak).
6. Computers and electronics: Find responsible recyclers at www.ban.org/pledge/Locations.html.
7. Styrofoam and packing peanuts: pack & ship stores accept for reuse, or call (800)828-2214 for drop-off sites; call (410)451-8340 for foam block recyclers; **Publix** grocery recycles styrofoam w/triangles and numbers, including cups, egg cartons, flat trays and restaurant take-aways (bins outside store).
8. Ink & toner cartridges: **Walgreen's** or www.recycleplace.com.
9. Oil: Hazardous waste (see #3 above) or motor oil hotlines by state at www.recycleoil.org.
10. Phones: **Collective Good** refurbishes for developing countries (www.collectivegood.com); **Call to Protect** reprograms cell phones to dial 911 for domestic violence victims (www.donateaphone.com).

And don't forget... Glendale recycles aluminum for missions \$\$\$\$. Recycle containers are located in the downstairs hallway outside the Fellowship Hall.

Happy Birthday To You October Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 - David Gooch
- 01 - Julie O'Neal
- 05 - Lawson Patten
- 05 - Susanne Shepherd
- 06 - Daniel C.
- 06 - Rhonda Pearson
- 08 - Katie Fey
- 10 - Janet Collins
- 10 - Liz Allen-Fey
- 10 - Connie Gowen
- 13 - Grayson P.
- 13 - Jake P.
- 15 - David Shepherd
- 16 - David Wood
- 17 - Khetta Cox
- 18 - Trayte Peters
- 20 - David Berry
- 20 - Raye Nell Dyer
- 21 - Jeff Clifton
- 26 - Ren P.
- 27 - Connie Brookshire
- 28 - Carole Farmer
- 29 - Jim Berry
- 30 - Conor M.
- 30 - Paul Rockey

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

October 1st
Ministries & Committees

October 8th & 15th
Bible Study: Job

October 22nd
Conversation on the
Co-Pastorate Model

October 29th
Church Halloween Party

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:45 Chicken Dinner 6:45 Adults: Ministry & Committee Meetings	2	3	4
<u>October 5th</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast (hosted by Special Studies) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3-6 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	6	7	8 5:45 Dinner: Pancake Night 6:45 Bible Study: Job (Part 4)	9	10	11
<u>October 12th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3-6 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	13	14 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council	15 5:45 Dinner: Taco Salad 6:45 Bible Study: Job (Part 5)	16	17	18
<u>October 19th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3-6 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	20 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	21	22 5:45 Dinner: Pizza Night 6:45 Conversation on the Co-Pastorate Model	23	24	25
<u>October 26th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3-6 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	27	28	29 5:45 Dinner: Soup & Grilled Cheese Sandwiches 6:45 Church Halloween Party	30	31	<i>And remember... our Great Glendale Gathering is on Saturday, November 8th</i>

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