



VISIONS

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VISITORS, VISITORS, AND MORE VISITORS: THE INTENTIONAL WELCOMING OF THE STRANGER

It's summertime, and many of us at Glendale are in and out of town and not in our usual groove. But while we may be absent or distracted, our "visitor quotient" is always very high during the summer months. In fact, both our percentage and raw number of visitors are always the highest in the summer and early fall.

In an effort to be fully welcoming and to help the Membership Ministry - some of whom might very well be out of town on any given Sunday - would you please take the time to do the following?

- Look around for new faces and introduce yourselves to these visitors, welcoming them warmly.
- **Write down their names** and any other information about them that you may obtain.
- **Pass that information along** to the pastors and members of the Membership Ministry.
- Encourage each visitor you meet to fill out a "visitor's card" located in the back of the pews.
- Introduce visitors to other Glendalers, especially to the pastors and members of the Membership Ministry.
- Wear your name tag every Sunday. This will help our visitors know and remember your name and will help them feel that we take our visitors' needs seriously.
- Also, if they seem interested, feel free to tell them about Wednesday night dinners and programs, Sunday School opportunities, the Youth program, and upcoming events such as Glendale-at-the-Lake at Percy Priest (Aug. 12) and the Great Glendale Gathering at NaCoMe Camp (Sept. 25-26).

When we have a number of visitors, some of whom exit quickly after the worship service, and when our Membership Ministry is out of town or in the choir, we really need the help of every single Glendaler: adults, children, and Youth. And even when we in the Membership Ministry and our co-pastors are at our very best, if we engage in real conversations with our visitors, we often miss other visitors who slip by us. So we really need to make this a "total Glendale effort".

Please take it upon yourself to welcome and speak with every visitor you see on Sunday morning, writing down their names so we can commit them to our collective memory. In doing so, you never know whom you might meet - and the people or places you might learn that you have in common!

2008-2009 Membership Ministry: Annette Sisson, Chair; Monica Cantrell, Stewart Clifton, Brooke Coley, Anne-Leslie Owens, Poli Polidoro, and Rosalyn Ramage



FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST AUGUST 2

This month's First Sunday Breakfast, provided by the Special Studies class, will be a special time when we offer thanks to all those who have led us in our educational endeavors this past year. From Sunday School teachers to librarians to all those who care for our children during worship each Sunday... We are thankful for each of you!

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Have you ever been to a Glendale business meeting? If not, try it out on **Sunday, August 16 at 5:30 PM.** It's really not painful, plus you will learn more about the inner workings of the church!



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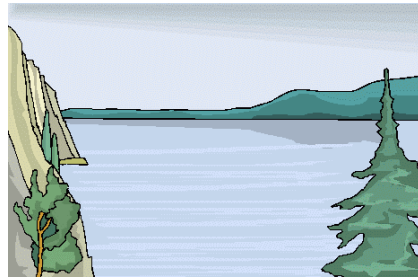
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For over 50 years, we have worked as a congregation, learning together what this mission of becoming a "caring community of equality and grace" truly means. As a result, we endeavor to celebrate all of God's creation and we welcome all persons to worship 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.



e-mail Alan in the church office to make your dinner reservations by Monday, August 10.

GLENDALE AT THE LAKE

Please join your fellow Glendalers at Percy Priest Lake on **Wednesday, August 12** for swimming, fishing, canoeing, kayaking, and an evening cookout. We will gather in the picnic area throughout the afternoon, and dinner will be served at 5:45. If you are planning to attend, please remember to call or

Directions to the Anderson Road Recreation Area:

From downtown Nashville, take I-40 East 5 miles to exit 219 (Stewart's Ferry Pike). Turn right onto Stewart's Ferry, which becomes Bell Road, and travel 5 miles. Turn left onto Smith Springs Road. Go one mile and turn left onto Anderson Road. Go another mile, pass the campground on the left, and go straight ahead to the Day Use Area. There is a picnic shelter and pavilion, and further down, a swimming beach and place to launch kayaks and canoes. There is also a boat ramp at the facility. There is a \$4.00 per car entry fee.

SAVE THE DATE

This year's **Great Glendale Gathering** will be at NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center near Centerville, TN on **September 25-26** (Friday-Saturday). Youth will spend Saturday night at the camp and return on Sunday. Lodging and meals are \$54 per youth/adult and \$36 per child with a maximum family price of \$175 for families of four or more. Children 2 and under are free. Make plans now to join us for time with friends, some relaxation, and a whole lot of fun!

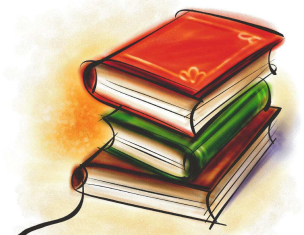


GREEN TEAM MEETING

Glendale's Green Team will meet on Sunday, August 16 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following our worship service. Anyone who is interested in helping the church become more sustainable is encouraged to attend (please bring your own lunch). Topics for discussion include: Green Power Switch, storm water education, & recycling. Other "green" topics are also welcomed.

GLENDALE BOOK CLUB

The Glendale Book Club meets regularly on the first Monday of each month. However, because the first Monday in September is Labor Day, the group will meet on August 31 at the home of Myrte Veach for the September meeting. Leaving Church by Barbara Brown Taylor is the current book. If you are interested in joining, please contact Laura Kendall.





ADULT CHOIR

Glendale’s Adult choir will resume regular rehearsals at 5:15 every Wednesday in the choir loft. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Linda Ray Miller or Don Schlosser.

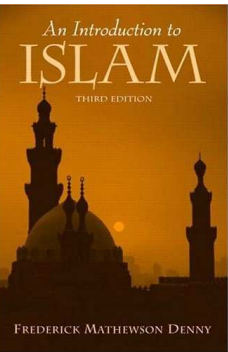
DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT ?

Instrumentalists are invited to participate in worship by sharing your gifts during the offertory time. Please contact Linda Ray Miller if you are interested in playing an offertory.



INTERESTED IN PLAYING HANDBELLS THIS YEAR?

Plans are in the works for a variety of handbell ensembles this year. The children will have a choir chime meeting on Wednesday nights as a part of their regular programming. Youth/Adult handbell choirs will meet on Wednesday nights at 7:30 and Sunday mornings at 8:30. Choir members will be asked for only a one month commitment at a time, so membership can be fit into your busy schedule. Please contact Linda Ray Miller for complete details.



STUDY OF “AN INTRODUCTION TO ISLAM” BEGINS ON SUNDAY, AUGUST 2

Beginning on August 2, our Special Studies Sunday School Class would like to invite all who are interested to join them for a study of "An Introduction to Islam" led by Mark Caldwell. Mark has taught classes on this subject at Cumberland University. The class will begin at 9:30 on Sunday morning and the classroom is located on the main floor down the hall from the library.

DEACON MINISTRY

The following are current deacons who can help with the ministry needs of the Glendale family. Please feel free to contact them with any ministry/care needs you may have.

Molly Boyd
 Rand Carpenter
 Raye Nell Dyer
 Phil Fortenberry

Linda Ray Miller
 Bill Northrup
 Billie Pate
 Don Ramage

Georgia Sims
 Myrte Veach
 Marshall Walker
 Doug Trotter, Chair

Happy Birthday To You August Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 06 – Elaine Dickson
- 07 – Rachel Bernard
- 07 – Patrick F.
- 08 – Beth Walker
- 09 – Tracy Fisher
- 10 – Thomas Conner
- 11 – Sonny Hardaway
- 12 – Peggy Phelps
- 13 – Sue Kinzer
- 13 – Bob Panvini
- 17 – Annette Sisson
- 18 – Susan Compton
- 18 – Susan Cunningham
- 18 – Joni Elrod
- 19 – John Halbert
- 20 – Craig Maynard
- 23 – Abby Trotter
- 25 – Sadie T.
- 29 – Marissa C.R.

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

August 5
 Ministries & Committees

August 12
 Glendale at the Lake

August 19
 Program TBA

August 26
 Program TBA

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>August 2</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by Special Studies)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	3	4	5 5:45 Dinner hosted by the Roosters Class: Fried Chicken, Tomato Salad 6:45 Ministries & Committees	6	7	8
<u>August 9</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Choir Potluck Lunch <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> 4:00 Nashville in Harmony Auditions <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	10	11 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting 7:00 Nashville in Harmony Auditions <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	12 All afternoon: Glendale-at-the-Lake with a cookout for dinner at 5:45 <i>(Anderson Rd. Recreation Area at Percy Priest Lake)</i>	13	14	15
<u>August 16</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Green Team Meeting <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> 5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>	17 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	18	19 5:45 Dinner hosted by April Baker & Amy Mears: Menu TBD 6:45 Program TBA	20	21	22 8AM-5PM Nashville in Harmony Kick-off <i>(Sanctuary & Fellowship Hall)</i>
<u>August 23</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	24	25	26 5:45 Dinner hosted by Alan Green & Anne-Leslie Owens: "Low Country" Shrimp Boil 6:45 Program TBA	27	28	29
<u>August 30</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	31 Glendale Book Club Meeting <i>(Veach home)</i>					Upcoming Events: GGG at NaCoMe, Sept. 25-26