



VISIONS

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THANK YOU to everyone who participated in this season of ROOM IN THE INN

We hosted 106 men this year throughout the season, providing them with a warm place to sleep, a welcome place to call "home" for the night, and 3 meals to each individual who stayed with us. Thanks to everyone who brought food, prepared food, washed laundry, and helped in many other ways to make this year's RITI season a success. A special thanks to Jimmy Davis for loaning us his van every night that we hosted RITI, as well as to Rand Carpenter, Don Ramage, and George O'Neal, who loaned their vans and drove on many occasions. Numerous individuals served as drivers and innkeepers throughout the season, and we are especially grateful to each one who provided these gifts of time to this ministry. The season went quite smoothly, and that is all thanks to the entire Glendale congregation. Thanks to each of you for making such a commitment to our friends in the community who may not have houses, but had a place to call "home" while they were in the presence of Glendalers.

GREAT GLENDALE GROUNDS GROOMING

A great Glendale tradition is Spring Cleanup Saturday, and **April 4, 8:30 AM - Noon** is the date and time this year. We will spiff up the grounds for Easter and prepare for the lawn maintenance season.

- Bring your gloves, your kneepads, your hand tools, your weed-eaters and hedge trimmers, drive your trucks and drag your trailers. Bring mulch and compost if you have it on hand.
- The Glendale mowers will be gassed up for volunteer drivers...
- At 9:30 a.m. a seminar entitled "Everything You Wanted to Mow about Glendale" will be conducted for those who are interested in signing up for the Mowing Schedule. Check your calendars from April 23 to the first of October to see when you might be available.
- Plant flowers, weed beds, trim bushes, rake leaves, pick up sticks, haul debris, talk, laugh, have fun, feel good!

The Administration Ministry will provide drinking water and encouragement. Everyone is welcome, young and old... come when you can, and leave when you will. No signup required. Please contact Jim Hiatt for more information.



**WE WALK
BECAUSE
THEY WALK**



Once again, Glendale is a sponsor in the Nashville **CROP WALK** on **Sunday, April 5, 2 PM** at Centennial Park. One-fourth of the funds raised stay in the Nashville area to support MANNA, Nashville's Table/Second Harvest Food Bank, and Luke 14:12. The remaining money will be used by Church World Service to alleviate hunger and poverty in 80 countries throughout the world.

Registration forms are still available for those interested in walking the 1 mile or 5K courses. Glendalers of all ages are invited to participate. Perhaps our most well-liked walker is Briley, Joy Gooch's dog! (We may need a sign-up for who's holding Briley's leash every 15 minutes!)

If you are unable to join us on the walk, there are plenty of walkers seeking support. Please join us or support us in this wonderful event that brings awareness to our community about hunger around the corner and around the world!

Please note that there will be a Special Called Business Meeting for the purpose of voting on new members on Wednesday, April 8 at 6:15 PM.

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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.



EASTER SUNDAY POTLUCK BREAKFAST & EGG HUNT

Glendalers will gather for a potluck breakfast on **Easter Sunday, April 12, at 9:00 AM**. Please bring a breakfast dish to share. The egg hunt will follow breakfast with preschoolers looking for eggs in the playground and K-4 children hunting in the front church yard. Children should bring their Easter baskets to collect their eggs. Children's Sunday School classes will meet after the egg hunt. You won't want to miss these long-time Glendale traditions!



WELCOME TO THE WORLD, LILY !

Lilith "Lily" Grace Tuchmayer was born on Sunday afternoon, March 22. She weighed 7 pounds and 2 ounces. Kylene and Jeremy are proud parents!

A WEDDING SHOWER FOR BEN & JENNA

Please join us as we celebrate **Ben Elsberry** and **Jenna Rice** on **Sunday, May 3**, immediately after worship. A light lunch will be served. Ben and Jenna are registered at Macy's, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Target. They are planning a June wedding at Otter Creek Church of Christ.



SAVE THE DATES

- *The New Member Dinner and Celebration will be Saturday, April 25.*
- *Summer Vacation Bible School* - this year we've been invited to join with nearby churches for two weeks of VBS. Watch Visions for more details!

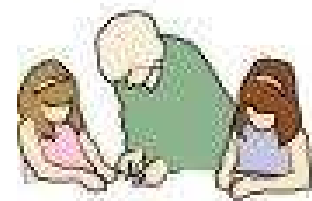
VBS Week 1: **July 13-17**, Belmont United Methodist Church

VBS Week 2: **July 20-24**, Second and Downtown Presbyterian Churches

IT TAKES A GLENDALE TO RAISE A CHILD

"We covenant with one another to seek to provide Christian nurture for our children, affirming our commitment to them during their most formative years" - Glendale Baptist Church Covenant

One important yet minimal contribution we can all make to this commitment is participating in the worship care rotation - staying with one of the preschool classes four times per year during Sunday worship. Doing so contributes to everyone's worship by providing a place for our preschoolers and also offers adults and youth a time to enjoy our youngest members. Worship care is truly a case where many hands make less work. If you do not already participate in this wonderful opportunity, please contact Julie Coulter or Louise Clifton.





GBC'S SPRINGTIME ENVIRONMENTAL CHALLENGE

Goal: to substantially decrease our congregational carbon use.

How much CO² your lifestyle creates is called your "carbon footprint." Home energy use, cars, and airplanes are how most of us produce carbon. Carbon dioxide (CO²) is the main greenhouse gas behind global warming. Using fossil fuels like oil, gas, and coal sends lots of CO² into the atmosphere, and this traps heat.

How to reach our goal:

1. Now

- Sign and post your individual or family pledge on the clothesline in the foyer.
- Go to this website and calculate an estimate of the tons of carbon you're responsible for: <http://www.carbonfootprint.com/calculator.aspx>.
- Add your "carbon produced" score to your "pledge poster."

2. During the next few months (work to improve your score.)

- Watch for posters and announcements at Glendale about ways to lower your carbon usage.
- Make weekly updates to your "pledge poster" to keep track of your carbon reductions.

3. Earth Day, April 22

- Do the final update of your "pledge poster" and calculate your total carbon reduction.
- Celebrate your progress by attending the Wednesday night supper that will consist of mostly locally grown products.

"One can never study nature too much and too hard." - Vincent van Gogh



ALLIANCE OF BAPTISTS CONVOCATION

The annual Alliance of Baptists Convocation will be held **April 17-19** at Park Road Baptist Church in Charlotte, NC. The theme for this year's convocation is: Weaving with the Spirit. We will celebrate and honor the ministry of Stan Hasteley who is retiring after more than 21 years on the Alliance staff. On Sunday morning, Diana Butler Bass, author of the best-selling book *Christianity for the Rest of Us* will present a forum on the Future

of the Church and then preach during the morning worship service. The cost for registration is \$110, and you can register online at www.allianceofbaptists.org.

TENNESSEE CBF GENERAL ASSEMBLY

This year's meeting, which will be held in Nashville on **Saturday, April 18** at Immanuel Baptist Church, will focus on justice issues and what Fellowship Baptists can do to promote justice in and through their church, community, business and the world. Program guests include Brent Walker, executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, Washington, DC, Reverend Judy D. Cummings, executive minister of Fifteenth Avenue Baptist Church, Nashville, TN, and our own Andy Watts.

The TCBF General Assembly is planned for the whole family to participate. Youth, grades 6 through 12, will spend much of the day "doing justice" throughout Nashville, participating in projects that serve the community, the earth and the Lord who has shown us what is good. Children, grades K-5, will participate in hands-on mission activities based on a study of ministry in Appalachia. Childcare is available for the younger crowd.

Lunch and two breaks are provided at a cost of \$15 per adult and \$5 for each youth/child. There is no charge for children under age 5. Register online at www.tncbf.org.

Happy Birthday To You April Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 - Sydney B.
- 01 - Molly Boyd
- 02 - Stan Collins
- 03 - David Farmer
- 05 - Cecelia Caldwell
- 06 - Jonas H.
- 09 - Phillip Berry
- 13 - Christy Halbert
- 13 - Karen Rhodes
- 14 - Kayla B.
- 14 - Brian Koho
- 14 - Jennifer White
- 16 - Jackson F.
- 18 - Michael Bernard
- 18 - Jake R.
- 19 - Betty Mears
- 21 - Theresa Collins
- 22 - Meghan M.
- 22 - Kimber R.
- 25 - Lyndsey Godwin
- 26 - Chalene Helmuth
- 28 - David Mears
- 29 - Savannah Keeton O.

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

April 1

Ministries & Committees

April 8

Holy Week Communion & Footwashing Service

April 15

Program TBA

April 22

Earth Day Program with Glendale's Green Team

April 29

Program TBA

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:45 Dinner: Taco Salad 6:45 Ministries & Committees	2	3	4 8:30 AM - Noon Great Glendale Grounds Grooming
<u>April 5</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by the Young Adults Class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 1:30 Chris Olson Benefit Concert for Nashville Cares (Sanctuary) 2:00 CROP Walk (Centennial Park)	6	7 1:00 Lenten Study Group	8 5:45 Pizza Night 6:45 Holy Week Communion & Footwashing Service	9	10 Noon - Meditation Service 7:00 PM - Tenebrae Service	11
<u>April 12</u> 9:00 Easter Sunday Potluck Breakfast (Fellowship Hall) 9:30 Sunday School / Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10:30 Worship Service	13	14 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting	15 5:45 Dinner: Pasta Night 6:45 Program TBA	16	17 April 17-19: Alliance of Baptists Convocation (Park Road Baptist Church, Charlotte, NC)	18 Tennessee CBF General Assembly (Immanuel Baptist Church, Nashville) <i>(AoB Convocation continued)</i>
<u>April 19</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service with guest preacher Brent Walker , executive director of the Baptist Joint Committee for Religious Liberty, Washington D.C. <i>(AoB Convocation continued)</i>	20 Deadline to submit Visions info	21	22 5:45 Dinner: Quiche 6:45 Earth Day Program with Glendale's Green Team	23	24	25 6:00 PM New Member Dinner & Celebration (Fellowship Hall)
<u>April 26</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Human Rights Campaign: Gender Identity and Our Faith Communities Workshop	27	28	29 5:45 Dinner: Menu TBA 6:45 Program TBA	30		<i>Sunday, May 3: Wedding Shower for Ben Elsberry and Jenna Rice</i>