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CALLING ALL SHEPHERDS !

As you are probably just now beginning to realize, September 1st is just on the other side of August. AND, that means we will begin a new church year at that time. SO, it is important for all church members to consider being a deacon, or Shepherd (which I like better). I figure if we can have more folks willing to be a Shepherd for the next 10 months, then no Shepherd will have to shepherd a huge bunch of sheep, or goats, as the case may be!

So, my proposal to the congregation is: sign up with me to be a Shepherd and if enough shepherds agree to shepherd, then no shepherd will have to shepherd very many. Sound good? I also thought it makes a lot of sense for folks to get together to be Shepherds, so the burden of a group doesn't fall on one single Shepherd. It seems to me that spreading the shepherding around fulfills our Christian calling to be Shepherds of one another. That way no one gets lost!

- Sue Kinzer, 2008-09 Shepherd Chair

POTLUCK LUNCH & BANANA SPLIT PARTY

Join your fellow Glendalers and friends for lunch after worship on **Sunday, August 17th**. Bring your favorite dish to share. For dessert we'll all gather around a gutter (lined with foil paper!) and fill it with everything it takes to make a big banana split! The banana split is in celebration of youth and children heading back to school.



QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Have you ever been to a Glendale business meeting? If not, try it out on **Sunday, August 17th at 5:30 PM**. It's really not painful! Plus you learn more about the inner workings of the church!



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!

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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.



A DOZEN TIPS FOR CONSERVING WATER

Many of the common and easy suggestions for conserving water translate into saving energy – which results in saving money (something many of us are trying to do in this economy).

Here are a few water conservation tips to get you started:

(adapted from <http://www.msnbc.msn.com/id/25218050/>)

- Make sure your washing machine and dishwashers are full before running them, or adjust the water level in your washing machine to the clothes level.
- No need to pre-rinse dishes before putting them in the washer and no need to keep the water running when washing dishes by hand.
- Put a few drops of food coloring in your toilet tank. If the coloring shows up in the bowl 15-30 minutes later, you have a leak that indicates water waste.
- We all know to turn off the faucet when brushing teeth or shaving.
- Set a timer and aim for a 5 minute shower.
- If you are in the market for a new showerhead, toilet, or faucet look for a low-flow version.
- Replace washers on leaky faucets (inside and outside the house).
- Water your lawn in early morning (best) or late evening (not as good as this encourages fungal growth) but not during the hottest part of the day. And aim the sprinklers onto the shrubs, not the sidewalk or driveway.
- Landscape with native plants that are more tolerant of our hot dry summers. Focus landscape watering on small trees, shrubs, and perennials rather than grass.
- Use leftover water from washing greens and veggies to water houseplants and garden plantings. Some people even use leftover bathtub water.
- If you need to run the tap a bit to get hot water to the spigot, then collect the unused water in a large watering can or bucket and use the water on the garden or houseplants.
- Use a broom, not the garden hose, to clean sidewalks, driveways, and porches.

For 100 tips on saving water, check out:

<http://www.ci.tukwila.wa.us/pubwks/watertips.pdf>

And for information on our local water go to:

<http://www.nashville.gov/water/source.htm>



Finally, support efforts to keep our local water sources (i.e. the Cumberland and Harpeth Rivers) clean and healthy!



GLENDALE BOOK CLUB

You are invited to join Glendale’s stimulating book group, which meets monthly to discuss a variety of fiction and non-fiction books. The next meeting will be **Monday, September 8th at 6:30 PM** at the home of Nell Magee.

The book discussion will be on *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson. If you need directions to Nell’s condo, please contact Nell or Laura Kendall know so you can be added to the list to receive directions by email.

In *Three Cups of Tea: One Man’s Mission to Promote Peace... One School at a Time*. Greg Mortenson and acclaimed journalist David Oliver Relin recount the unlikely journey that led Mortenson from a failed attempt to climb Pakistan’s K2, the world’s second highest mountain, to successfully building schools in some of the most remote regions of Afghanistan and Pakistan. By replacing guns with pencils, rhetoric with reading, Mortenson combines his unique background with his intimate knowledge of the third-world to fight terrorism with books, not bombs, and successfully bring education and hope to remote villages in central Asia.

PASSPORT KIDS! CAMP

We had a great time at **Passport Kids! Camp** in mid-July! Here are a few highlights:

- Learning a little Swahili from Patrick, the camp staff member from Kenya
- Stories about Kabul, Afghanistan from Greg, the missionary
- Goofy, wet games on the rec field
- New and renewed friendships
- Camp food which was popular with the under 12 crowd
- Bible stories about people who welcomed or were welcomed to new places
- Swimming and sliding down the pool slide
- Participating in worship



Ask us about Passport Kids! Camp and we’ll tell you all about it!

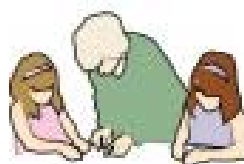
-Julie, Rand, Kimber, Jackson, Patrick, Reid and Zack

CHILDREN’S ROTATION SUNDAY SCHOOL KICKOFF

Sunday, August 17th is a BIG day! We’ll kick off our second year of Rotation Model Sunday School for Children. Adults are already signing up for their turn to teach our children in kindergarten through sixth grade. Every month we use four adults to help teach the rotations (Arts & Crafts, Music, Discovery, and Story-telling). Please check your calendar and let us know what month you can help out. Thanks!

Selena McCoy Carpenter
Children’s SS Coordinator

Eileen Campbell-Reed
Education Ministry Chair



Happy Birthday To You August Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 06 – Elaine Dickson
- 07 – Rachel Bernard
- 07 – Patrick
- 08 – Brian Sandlin
- 08 – Beth Walker
- 09 – Tracy Fisher
- 10 – Thomas Conner
- 11 – Sonny Hardaway
- 11 – Kristi Whitten
- 12 – Peggy Phelps
- 13 – Raye Dene Berry
- 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
- 29 – Marissa Nicole

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

August 6th

Glendale at the Lake,
Wedding Shower for
Kate Wheeler

August 13th

Ministries & Committees

August 20th

Program to be announced

August 27

Program to be announced

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Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>August 3rd</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast (hosted by the Men's Class) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	4	5	6 Glendale at the Lake! Dinner: Lakeside Cookout 7:00 Wedding Shower for Kate Wheeler (Ramage home)	7	8	9
<u>August 10th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	11 6:00 GBC Artists & Authors Meeting	12 Luke 14:12 6:00 Church Council	13 5:45 Dinner: Pasta Night 6:45 Ministry & Committee Meetings	14	15	16
<u>August 17th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Potluck Luncheon & Banana Split Party (Fellowship Hall) 5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	18 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	19	20 5:45 Dinner: Chicken & Sides 6:45 Program TBA	21	22	23
<u>August 24th</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	25	26	27 5:45 Dinner: Sloppy Joes 6:45 Program TBA	28	29	30
<u>August 31st</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service						

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YOUTH MINISTRY TOWN MEETING

On June 11, the Personnel Committee hosted a town meeting with Glendale youth, their parents, and our Youth Minister, Thomas Conner. Our hope was to have a conversation about how the focus of our youth ministry, its unique qualities, and how we as church and individual can best support it. Liz Allen-Fey acted as facilitator and Raye Nell Dyer was our scribe. People present were encouraged to write down any inquiries that they had, pass them to Liz, and then she asked the questions.

And here's how it went: Our first conversation was with youth invited to sit in a semi-circle in front of the group.

Conversation with Youth: Anna, Carson, Daniel, Davis, Margie, and Will

Liz: What word describes this youth ministry experience?

Youth: Growth, inclusive, great, home, place of honesty, safe place, intriguing

Liz: How are other youth groups you've been a part of different from this one?

Youth: Not as welcoming or connected; Feel like just a visitor; Much more personal interest here; They are huge churches and the youth group is a "group"; here we are a "group of individuals; Family; Here we are enabled to make strong connections; tight-knit crew; Other youth groups are "clicky"; sometimes feel ostracized if not there all the time.

Liz: What is the purpose of this youth ministry?

Youth: Transition between child and adult ministry; Teaching and growth; Challenging - make us discover who we are and who we can become; Doesn't have to fit one image - all beliefs are welcome; Ministry is a community; Other groups... lots of rules about what to do and don't do to be a Christian; here it is a choice; treated as mature individuals who make own decisions. We talk about what's messed up and what works for us. We bounce ideas off of other people whom we can trust.

Liz: What does it require of you?

Youth: Abundant and intense introspection; Precise understanding of "covenant"!; Come, be here, be responsible, be respectful; The more you bring to it, the more you get in return.

Liz: What do you want the church to know about our youth and youth ministry?

Youth: For kids coming in, what they get depends on how plugged in they are; Healthy for your kids to come here regularly; never a bad moment; Thanks to those of you who have raised us; much gratitude for that; You've helped us not be shallow; learn to reflect, evaluate situations, think for ourselves; learn about reconciliation which is unusual for youth. It's amazing what this place has taught me.

Liz: What role do youth play in decision-making?

Youth: We use "face book"; Thomas asks for our opinions. We have good input; he is very inclusive of us and provides some structure; great framework; Other groups it is a hierarchy with the youth minister; with us, Thomas is our Advisor

Liz: Do you feel you are getting enough help about Christian faith and how it relates to who you are?

Youth: Yes, because the way it's carried out: equality, treat each other w/respect; talk about beatitudes and how they relate to us

Liz: Why is that such a hard question to answer?

Youth: We are confused about what we believe; still formulating thoughts and beliefs; Instead of a regiment, helps us know how to be a follower of Christ. Not just a bunch of rules. We are able to follow Christ in our own way. Hard question because we disagree w/much of what we see in the Christian world; Feel like we fit in here; Gooch's SS class is really helpful as is BYC where we get history of the Christian faith. It's about identity. GBC helped us all start to form our own identity. We may not all come out identifying ourselves as Christians. A lot of kids today out there are unsure; GBC seems to be ok w/that.

Liz: When would you like to have SS?

Youth: 9:30 not too early compared to getting up for school; hard to find another time

Liz: How does your BYC experience affect your youth group experience?

Youth: Ties everything together

YOUTH MINISTRY TOWN MEETING *(continued)*

Conversation with Parents: Jimmy Davis and Annette Sisson, David Gooch, and Becky Way

Liz: What has been your experience being a parent of a youth in GBC?

Parents: So many other people to help raise our kids; to offer support and love them; The village; reinforces the way I want to raise my children; I'm trusting of the experience they have here; fills in the gaps; GBC acknowledges that we don't know a lot about God and doesn't lie about that to our children; Obvious how much they care about each other; Understand that there's a lot of stuff out there; we are all in this together; Magnificent stories about relationships.

Liz: How/when do you find it challenging?

Parents: I sometimes wonder if they're ready for Glendale; when is their exposure productive? I worry about decision between cynicism and skepticism; where is hope? Share concern about whether they know/understand the basics, but have seen so many positive results that I've learned to trust the process.

Liz: What does it require of you as parents?

Parents: Willing to listen and learn from them; be consistently involved at Glendale; having a core group is important; Read the e-mails!

Liz: What is your hope for the future for our youth ministry?

Parents: The group is about to look different; hope the growth continues; The group will go through some new developments; more integration of youth in the worship services.

Conversation with Thomas Conner

Liz: What is your vision for our youth ministry? Why THIS way?

Thomas: I was a complete failure the first year; I set too many restrictions; demanded respect from them that I hadn't earned; It is all about relationships; BYC... nurturing, on a journey; Vision is to follow a path... contemplative youth ministry; practice the presence of God; Share our joys, sorrows, fears. Where is God in all of this? They are called to move beyond that to where they find their beliefs; Accept each other as beloved creatures; be co-creators

Liz: What is your role?

Thomas: Traveling w/them; don't have the answers; will call us to be accountable to covenant and to each other; be the presence of God

Liz: Where do you find yourself most challenged?

Thomas: When I feel a disconnect w/a young person and I feel responsible for it; I have to be vulnerable; things will break; all of us have to deal w/brokenness; We talk openly about our brokenness

Liz: What is your philosophy of leadership?

Thomas: Servant leadership empowerment; nurturing older youth into leaders. . . where communication is tightened and accountability is heightened

Liz: What does this youth ministry require of this church?

Thomas: The engagement of parents; be inspired and compelled to participate; parental involvement, parental engagement, parental affirmation

Liz: What do you need from the church?

Thomas: EVERYONE I invite to be involved in the youth ministry; it's in our covenant; could not ask any more of the Pastors. Full support; full involvement.

Wrap-Up with Liz Allen-Fey

Liz: What a great conversation! My thanks to all who participated. For those of us with more questions, let's make a commitment to ask a youth, a parent, and/or Thomas.

It's easy to say that if we're not a youth or a parent of a youth, we have no place in this ministry. I hope we all walk away from this conversation recognizing that we all can find ways to become more involved and to support this very special and important ministry.