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THE GGG(G?): COMMUNITY BONDING IN THE GREAT GREEN OUTDOORS!

“Just what is the GGG?” Well, it’s the **Great Glendale Gathering** - an opportunity to warm up to new Glendalers and chill out with old, familiar ones!

More specifically, the Great Glendale Gathering is a weekend Fall Retreat, held again this year at NaCoMe (operated by frequent Glendale attendee, Deb Krueger). It is a chance to relax, enjoy each other’s company, and participate in fun activities while enhancing your appreciation of the great, green outdoors of Tennessee!

Bring your portable musical instruments, your bicycles, your hiking shoes, your Frisbees, your footballs, your bathing suits, your friends and family, your appetites, your binoculars, and anything else that seems appropriate! NaCoMe offers a great variety of indoor and outdoor activities, such as: hiking trails, fishing, playing in the creek, fun-yacking, air hockey, ping-pong, volleyball, basketball, scavenger hunts, crafts for the kids, walking the labyrinth, and - new for 2009! - “The Tower,” which offers a zip line and climbing wall (age 10+ required), for an additional \$20 fee per person. On Friday night there will also be a campfire and s’mores - and, we hope, guitars and singing and story-telling around the fire. (Just bring your strings and vocal chords . . .)

This year’s GGG will be held September 25-27. The main event and its scheduled activities will run from Friday afternoon until Saturday afternoon, September 25-26. You and your family/friends are welcome to stay a second night on your own if you want to make a whole weekend of it; the Youth and their leaders will be staying for a second night for their annual Youth Retreat, as well, but they will be off doing their own thing, not hanging with other Glendalers who choose to stay an extra night.

Unlike some GGGs in the past, **ALL MEALS WILL BE PROVIDED** - and you can reserve your meals individually! Just indicate which meals you want to participate in on your order form. Also, you are welcome to come but not spend the night. Be advised, however, that NaCoMe is a little more than an hour away from Nashville (see “go green” ideas below).

Lodging and meals are \$54 per youth/adult and \$36 per child (ages 3-12) with a maximum family price of \$175 for families of four or more. Children 2 and under are free. Scholarships through the Membership Ministry are available if you would like to go but need financial assistance.

Anyone wishing to stay **TWO** nights should see Brooke or Monica Cantrell for pricing, or with any other questions or concerns. Sign-ups for the GGG will be held in the foyer following Sunday worship services and also on Wednesday nights through September 16.

Finally, and very importantly, **THIS YEAR WE ARE PLANNING TO “GO GREEN.”** Our aim is to take the fewest number of vehicles as possible to NaCoMe since the drive is a considerable one - and since we, as a church, are trying to reduce our carbon footprints. Therefore, Glendale’s Green Team is actively supporting the greening of the GGG - “The Great, GREEN Glendale Gathering” anyone? - so when you register, let Brooke and Monica know when you plan to arrive and depart and whether you would like to carpool. Then they, and/or a member of the Green Team, will contact you and suggest possible “ride-share” partnerships.

Reserve your places now for the GGG - and start planning what you’ll bring and which activities you want to do! **Let’s make this the most widely attended GGG ever!**

GLENDALE’S NEW CHURCH COUNCIL ELECTED

The following members were elected to our 2009-2010 church council:

Church Council Chair

Martha Jo Berry

Administration Chair

Jim Hielt

Communications Chair

Anne-Leslie Owens

Deacons Chair

Doug Trotter

Education Chair

Joy Gooch

Membership Chair

Myrte Veach

Missions Chair

Sharon Hielt

Stewardship Chair

Lynn Reed

Worship Chair

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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.

GBC WELCOMES VANDERBILT INTERN CLAIRE MCKEEVER

Glendale has a new intern from Vanderbilt Divinity School this fall. Claire McKeever, from Abilene, TX, is currently in her second year at Vanderbilt University pursuing a Masters of Divinity Degree. You'll see Claire on Sunday mornings in the choir. She's the one often between Rosalyn and Amy!



Vanderbilt University's Benton Chapel

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Here are a few highlights from our last business meeting on August 16, 2009:

- As mentioned in the Green Team article, money earned from aluminum recycling is **purchasing Green Power** – enough to pay for the light at the bottom of the hill. \$240 has been moved into the general fund to pay for the green power. Plans for 2010 are to purchase enough green power for the entire year.
- As proposed at the May 2009 quarterly business meeting, **changes to the by laws regarding the election of the nominating committee** were adopted. "A letter shall be sent to all persons nominated by the church members asking if they are willing to have their names placed on the ballot if they are one of the candidates willing to serve who receive the most votes. Nominees will be asked to respond within one week. The church council will compare those willing to serve to the ten nominees from the congregation receiving the most number of votes, going as far down the list as needed to compile a list of ten nominees willing to serve if elected. The church council will notify all persons placed on the ballot prior to the election. The election will be held on the third Sunday of February with the top five being elected."
- The **Personnel Committee** submitted the following report: Our committee has had a very full and busy year and is winding down its time of work. The members feel it has been a pivotal year in the life of the committee. We feel that in the past years, the committee has served as a co-creator with the pastors and other staff, but this year has found us clarifying and monitoring roles. As a committee, we believe that this evolution has been necessary as we continue to capture and develop our shared leadership model including the co-pastorate model. We are currently talking with the pastors about some things we've learned this year in regard to the role of the committee and are trying to give some direction for next year's committee to continue to move forward.

Upon adjournment everyone headed to April and Deborah's house for hotdogs and a time to thank Thomas for his service as youth minister.



WATER-U-DOING?

If you happened to be at Glendale on a Wednesday evening during June and July you probably learned something new about water in a "Madzi Moment". Madzi is the Chechewa word for water. The children's program for the summer utilized VBS materials created for "Watering Malawi", a program of Passport, Inc. Many adults helped the children learn about our precious resource which is not plentiful in Malawi. Through selling crafts and herbs one Wednesday, the children raised enough money to purchase a treadle pump to help water a garden in Malawi. Many Glendale children (and adults) are turning off water when brushing teeth, drinking tap water and taking baths with less water. We learned we can do our part in conserving water.

FAQS FROM OUR GREEN TEAM

How does recycling work at Glendale?

Paper, cardboard, glass, and steel cans from the kitchen, classrooms, copy room, sanctuary, and offices are collected weekly by volunteers from the Green Team. Then they take these recyclables to a drop off center (nearest facility is behind Hillsboro High School) or home to put in their Curby bins if they have curbside recycling. If you would like to volunteer to help recycle at Glendale contact Darlene Panvini. Thanks to Phil Fortenberry for recycling all summer and to MAT and Linda Ray for recycling in August. Stewart Clifton is our recycler for September.

Can I bring recyclable materials from home?

We do not collect paper, cardboard, glass, or steel cans outside of the church building but instead encourage the Glendale community to recycle at home and work. Information on drop-off sites, curbside service, and getting a second Curby bin is available at www.nashville.gov/recycle.



Why are there bags of aluminum (drink) cans in the hallway downstairs?

We DO encourage the Glendale community to bring in aluminum cans from home and office to add to our collection of aluminum cans. We also gather these as they are generated through church-related events. A large bin is located in the closet off the stairwell that goes up to the choir. Please place your cans there (preferably rinsed and

flattened). Darlene collects these as they accumulate and four times per year takes them downtown to PSC Metals. In August, aluminum cans were worth 40 cents per pound so the 84 pounds that were delivered earned \$33.60.

What happens to the money that is generated through aluminum can recycling?

This money is deposited into the Green Team account. Currently these funds are supporting the purchase of Green Power as part of the Green Power Switch program. We are currently purchasing 10 blocks of green energy, at \$4 per block, for a monthly fee of \$40. To learn more about green power, please visit www.tva.gov/greenpowerswitch.

How else are Green Team funds generated?

To support the purchase of green energy, as well as future sustainable initiatives, several members of the church community have made contributions to the fund. Some of these have come about as memorial or honor gifts (e.g. in honor of a wedding, birth, or special event). We welcome any and all contributions to the Green Team fund!

What can I do at Glendale to help the church be more sustainable?

Turn OFF the lights when you leave the room. On a recent Sunday morning, 120 bulbs were left on downstairs while we were all upstairs in worship service. Simple changes in behaviors by all of us add up to substantial energy, and dollar, savings!

What new initiative is the Green Team working on?

We are going to focus on storm water and water conservation, as well as continue to spread information about locally grown food.

How can I get involved with the Green Team?

Come to any of our meetings (these happen on an irregular basis so check the Sunday bulletin and Wednesday announcement sheet). You can also let Darlene Panvini or Peggy Phelps know that you are interested. We welcome new members to become involved with the mission of the Green Team!

Happy Birthday To You September Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 - Lynn Reed
- 03 - Paul Wheeler
- 05 - Sam C.
- 06 - Danny W.
- 07 - Hope Collins
- 08 - Jon Neergaard
- 09 - John Laney
- 12 - John Hill
- 12 - Chris Ferrell
- 12 - Jacob M.
- 16 - Lisa Lehr
- 17 - Marjorie Halbert
- 18 - Betty Clifton
- 19 - David Carlisle
- 19 - Rhonda Finerty
- 23 - Lee Miller
- 24 - Mollie Vannoy
- 25 - Rob Crowell
- 25 - Karen Nowlin
- 25 - David Reeves
- 25 - Amy Wells
- 26 - Sandra Hardaway
- 27 - Georgia Sims
- 30 - Zsa Rockey
- 30 - Mia W.

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

September 2

Prayer - Part 1 of 4

September 9

Prayer - Part 2 of 4

September 16

Prayer - Part 3 of 4

September 23

Prayer - Part 4 of 4

September 30

Wespers Service

SEPTEMBER 2009

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:45 Dinner hosted by Jim Hielt & Janet Collins: Pre-Labor Day BBQ & Sides 6:45 Prayer - Part 1 of 4: The Bible Teaches Prayer	3	4	5
<u>September 6</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast (hosted by Young Adults Class) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal (Sanctuary) Special Studies Dinner & Islam DVD viewing (details TBA)	7 Labor Day - GBC Office Closed	8 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting	9 5:45 Dinner: Hosts & Menu TBA 6:45 Prayer - Part 2 of 4	10	11	12
<u>September 13</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	14 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	15	16 5:45 Dinner: Hosts & Menu TBA 6:45 Prayer - Part 3 of 4	17	18	19
<u>September 20</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	21	22	23 5:45 Dinner: Hosts & Menu TBA 6:45 Prayer - Part 4 of 4	24	25 Great Glendale Gathering at Camp NaCoMe	26 GGG at Camp NaCoMe (continued)
<u>September 27</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal (Sanctuary) GGG at Camp NaCoMe (Youth)	28	29	30 5:45 Dinner: Hosts & Menu TBA 6:45 Vespers Service			

INTERIM YOUTH MINISTRY AT GLENDALE AND YOUTH LEADERS FOR 2009-2010

PROCESS:

Since Thomas Conner announced his resignation as youth minister on May 31, 2009, the following process has been underway to provide for Glendale's youth ministry. The Church Council asked Eileen Campbell-Reed, Education Ministry Chair, to lead a discernment process with youth, parents and leaders. More than 25 people met as they could on seven occasions to consider two questions:

What is the character of youth ministry at GBC? How will we sustain and guide that ministry over the next six months?

It became clear that due to the timing related to the church year we should recruit leaders for the entire church year, allowing larger conversations about the future of youth ministry to unfold with the whole congregation. The following is the plan we came to and the leaders who have been recruited and agreed to serve in the upcoming year.

GUIDING PRINCIPLES:

- During the upcoming church year 2009-10, the Church Council will invite the entire congregation into a conversation about the future of youth ministry with all the staffing and financial implications of reaching a decision about how to proceed.
- Youth ministry will relate primarily to the education ministry of the congregation (in a way similar to children's ministry) during this interim time.
- The education ministry chair will help recruit and staff areas of work for youth ministry for the church year 2009-10, but once the team is assembled they will be self-directing, with leaders in each major area relating both to the youth leadership team and to the particular ministry areas of the church (i.e. missions, deacons, communications, etc.)
- Because our group of youth is small in number, they can and should be involved in the decision making related to youth ministry. The responsibility for guiding and organizing rests mainly with a team of adults who should meet regularly, share feedback and support and include the youth in planning and carrying out the youth ministry of the church.

LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND CONFIRMED LEADERS:

- 1) Sunday school teacher/team (education): Lyndsey Godwin (back-ups: Rand Carpenter, Doug Trotter)
- 2) Wednesday night teacher/team (education): Khetta Cox and Betsy Neely
- 3) Youth missions leader/team (missions): Rand Carpenter

This person/team would lead youth to participate in Room in the Inn, Luke 14:12, other missions and peace-making endeavors, and stay in touch with the missions ministry and missions chair along the way.

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LEADERSHIP STRUCTURE AND CONFIRMED LEADERS (*continued*):

- 4) Youth worship and music leader/team (worship): Thom Elsberry and Shawn Knight

This person/team would lead the youth in participating in music and worship, work with the worship ministry of the church to think about ways that youth can learn and lead in congregational worship.

- 5) Youth sponsors (deacons): Georgia Sims and Alex Daugherty

This person/team would pay special attention to how the youth are being connected to one another and the church as a whole, tend to special needs and respond if there is a major transition – death in the family, growing up rituals, like birthdays and changing schools, etc, and help the youth develop practices of care for each other.

- 6) Communications (communications): Zsa Rockey

This person will coordinate the youth calendar (and sync it with the church calendar to avoid conflicts) and keep all youth, parents and team leaders abreast of all happenings.

- 7) Baptist Youth Camp liaisons (education): Amy Mears and/or April Baker

OTHER COMPONENTS OF THE STRUCTURE TO MAKE IT WORK:

- 1) One person on the Youth Leadership Team should be designated to call the group together regularly and communicate with the Education Chair, Church Council, and rest of the congregation when appropriate.

- 2) Parents: all parents are invited and encouraged to support youth ministry events by bringing their youth to church, to special events, driving on outings and chaperoning trips and helping to provide food when needed.

- 3) Alan Green – continue to facilitate some communication, especially routine matters, if he is directed to set up such procedures (i.e. maintaining a calendar, helping line up RITI)

- 4) April Baker and Amy Mears – support with teaching on occasion, camp liaisons, preparing youth for worship leading when appropriate, and supporting the youth ministry leadership team by meeting with them and suggesting resources when needed.

- 5) Council ministry chairs (Worship, Education, Deacon, Missions, Communications): include the designated youth leaders in your ministry emails, invite them to your monthly (and other) meetings keeping in mind that his/her main task is to lead youth, but help them to do that in a way that is integrated with the whole life of the church.