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LENTEN OPPORTUNITIES AT GLENDALE

The Lenten Season is now upon us, and with it, several special opportunities. On **Tuesday afternoons during Lent** (March 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 and April 7) there will be a chance to read together Joan Chittister's little booklet, "The Cry of the Prophet: A Call to Fullness of Life." We will meet from 1-2 PM in the conference room (or Fellowship

Hall, if we need to); if you're coming on your lunch break, by all means bring your lunch with you.

The book contains very short meditations about six of the prophets from Hebrew scripture, with many poems and quotations, photographs of artwork and meditative suggestions. The cost of the book is \$6.00, and you can purchase copies from Amy Mears.

The second opportunity is for Glendalers in 6th grade or older who are considering church membership and baptism. "**Covenant Class**" will happen after morning worship on March 22 and 29, when we will talk about Glendale's covenant, about the responsibilities and benefits of living in a covenant community, and about the role of baptism in the life of an individual and a community of faith. If you would like to participate in the Covenant class, please let Amy Mears or April Baker know of your interest.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING REPORT

On Sunday, February 15, ministries reported and the treasurer provided the 2008 year-end financial plan for ministry report at the quarterly business meeting. With pie waiting down the street at the Ramage's the meeting was over in near-record time. If you were unable to attend the meeting, the revised GBC 2008 year-end balance sheets are available on the literature table in the church foyer.



GLENDALE AT THE PARK

You may remember that in lieu of the Great Glendale Gathering last fall, we spent a day together at Shelter 5 in Edwin Warner Park. This fall's GGG will be held out of town, but since our last day at the park was such a success, we'll do that again on **Saturday, March 28**. We'll begin to gather around 10 AM and close out the day by 7 PM. You don't need to be there all day to participate, so please come out for at least a few hours if you can. There will be hiking, kickball, food, music and fellowship. Bring your bikes, Frisbees, games and knitting. Details will be forthcoming.

PRIMETIMERS POTLUCK DINNER



If you're a 55-or-over member of Glendale and are interested in celebrating St. Patrick's Day a bit early, then **Carolyn and Charles Warford** are supplying just the opportunity you need.

They are hosting a potluck dinner at their home in Bellevue, and the date for this event has been set for **Saturday, March 14 at 6:00 PM.**

Based on their previous dinner events, you won't want to miss this time of food, fellowship, and fun (wearing of green is suggested, but not required). For more information or to submit your RSVP, please contact Carolyn or Charles Warford.

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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.



TWO UPCOMING WEDDING SHOWERS AT GLENDALE

The Glendale family will celebrate with **Anne-Leslie Owens** and **Alan Green** at a wedding shower on **Sunday, March 15 at 2:00 PM** at the home of Rosalyn and Don Ramage.

Anne-Leslie and Alan are registered at Target and Amazon.com. They are also very receptive to gifts in their honor to any of Glendale's missions or special interests. Their small family wedding will be held in Kentucky on Saturday, May 9th.

Georgia Sims and **Alex Daugherty** will be married on Saturday, May 16 at Glendale. The church is invited to celebrate that day with them. We will also honor them with a wedding shower on **Sunday, March 22 after worship** in our Fellowship Hall. A light lunch will be served. Georgia and Alex are registered at Macy's, Pottery Barn, and Target, and the registries for all three of these are linked to their bridal website: <http://alexandga.brides.com>.



WELCOME TO THE WORLD, ELI!

Elijah Reese Cantrell was born to Brooke and Monica on February 13. Eli weighed 7 pounds 9 ounces and was 20 inches long at birth.

THANK YOU FROM CATHY & DAVID WOOD

We want to say thank you to everyone at Glendale for the many cards, e-mails and prayers during the illness & death of Cathy's mom and the death of David's sister-in-law. Your support has been very important to us and is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,
 David & Cathy Wood



OPPORTUNITIES TO JOIN OUR GLENDALE CHOIR

If it looks like we are having fun in the choir loft on Sunday, we are! But we would have even more fun if you would join us. We are especially in need of sopranos. Choir membership is easy - just show up on Wednesday afternoons from 5:15-6:00 for rehearsal - no audition necessary. The only requirements are a sense of humor and a willingness to lead worship through music. Questions? Contact Don Schlosser or Linda Ray Miller.

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

LEADERSHIP IN A CARING COMMUNITY OF EQUALITY & GRACE

The pastors have recently completed a 2 year peer learning experience with the pastoral teams from Oakhurst Baptist, Decatur, GA; Pullen Baptist, Raleigh, NC; and Central Baptist, Wayne, PA. On **Wednesday nights in March**, they will be sharing some of the insights they have gained and leading us in conversation about our experiences and expectations of ourselves and each other as leaders at Glendale.



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

WE WALK BECAUSE THEY WALK

Once again, Glendale is a sponsor in the Nashville CROP WALK which will be held on **Sunday, April 5 at 2:00 PM in Centennial Park**. One-fourth of the funds raised will 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 will be available beginning March 8 for those interested in walking the 1 mile or 5K courses. Glendale's 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 will be plenty of walkers seeking support in the weeks to come. Join us or support us in this wonderful event that brings awareness to our community about hunger around the corner and around the world!



Happy Birthday To You March Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 – Rae Ellyn Kelley
- 03 – Bill Junker
- 03 – Mark Rogers-Berry
- 03 – Devin Wells
- 04 – Erik Willem B.
- 05 – Pat Elkins
- 09 – R. Scott Smith
- 10 – Katie R.
- 11 – Klem-Mari Cajigas
- 11 – Amy Mears
- 12 – Claire Richardson
- 12 – Davis G.
- 14 – Stewart Clifton
- 15 – Matthew White
- 16 – Mark Caldwell
- 16 – Kreis White
- 17 – Patsy Junker
- 17 – Thom Elsberry
- 18 – Shawn Knight
- 20 – Theodore L.
- 20 – Samantha R.
- 21 – April Baker
- 24 – Gary Hughes
- 24 – Randy Miller
- 26 – Lara Suzanne B.
- 28 – Danika Schlosser
- 28 – Garrett Schlosser
- 31 – Jack Kelley

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

- March 4
Ministries & Committees
- March 11
Leadership in a Caring Community (Part 1)
- March 18
Leadership in a Caring Community (Part 2)
- March 25
Leadership in a Caring Community (Part 3)

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
<u>March 1</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by the Special Studies Class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	2	3	4	5	6	7
		1:00 Lenten Study Group	5:45 Dinner: Pasta Night 6:45 Ministries & Committees		Room In the Inn & Youth Lockout - hosted by Glendale Youth	
<u>March 8</u> 9:30 Sunday School / Glendale 101 10:30 Worship Service	9	10	11	12	13	14
		Luke 14:12 1:00 Lenten Study Group 6:30 Church Council Meeting	5:45 Breakfast for Dinner 6:45 Leadership in a Caring Community of Equality and Grace (Part 1)			6:00 PM Primetimers Potluck Dinner (Warford home)
<u>March 15</u> 9:30 Sunday School / Glendale 101 10:30 Worship Service 2:00 Wedding Shower for Anne-Leslie Owens & Alan Green (Ramage home)	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	1:00 Lenten Study Group	5:45 Dinner: Sloppy Joes 6:45 Leadership in a Caring Community of Equality and Grace (Part 2)		Room In the Inn – hosted by the <i>Twenty-Somethings Class</i>	
<u>March 22</u> 9:30 Sunday School / Glendale 101 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Wedding Shower for Georgia Sims & Alex Daugherty (Fellowship Hall) 1:00 Covenant Class	23	24	25	26	27	28
		1:00 Lenten Study Group	5:45 Dinner: Soup Night 6:45 Leadership in a Caring Community of Equality and Grace (Part 3)			Glendale at the Park Edwin Warner Park, Shelter 5 (All Day)
<u>March 29</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Covenant Class	30	31				<i>Upcoming Events in April:</i> Crop Walk Sunday, April 5 Earth Day Wed., April 22
		1:00 Lenten Study Group				