



VISIONS

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MISSIONS OPPORTUNITIES AT GLENDALE

SECOND HARVEST FOOD BANK of MIDDLE TENNESSEE



FIGHTING HUNGER. FEEDING HOPE.

We will acknowledge our fall food drive on World Communion Sunday, October 4. What better way to reflect on hunger in our world than by coming to the Table together in community? We have designated October 11 as **"Bring Your Food to Church Sunday"**. Second Harvest Food Bank lists peanut butter as their most needed food item. So get the kids together and go shopping! Bring all the chunky and smooth peanut butter you can on that Sunday. On October 18, as you continue to bring your peanut butter, you will also find special offering envelopes in the pew racks. We will take your designated offerings given in these special envelopes and make a contribution to **Second Harvest Food Bank**. They have mighty purchasing power and can actually buy more food with our money than we can. So, please be as generous as you can and let's have a great food and money drive for the hungry in our community. They need us.

Glendale's have served meals to Nashville's homeless and hungry for 25 years through a local soup kitchen called **Luke 14:12**. This ministry started at Edgemoor United Methodist Church and has grown from feeding just a few to feeding close to 200 people each meal. Because of this increase in numbers, Luke 14:12 now serves its meals at the Belmont Church Fellowship Hall, 1003 16th Avenue South. Glendale is responsible for serving every month on the second Tuesday. We are in need of additional volunteers as we have lost seven volunteers in the last year. We extend our sincere thanks to Bill and Patsy Junker, Joan Yarborough and John Laney, Pat and David Elkins, and Laura Kendall for their many years of dedicated service. Six volunteers are needed to serve from Noon until 1 PM. If this is an area of service you would be interested in, please contact Joy Gooch, Mollie Vannoy, or Carolyn or Charles Warford.



Spirituality ~ Love ~ Hospitality
Respect ~ Hope
Community ~ Non-violence

We are less than 2 months away from beginning our participation in **Room In the Inn**, a program that allows us to provide housing and meals for 10 unhoused men each 1st and 3rd Friday night from November through March. There is a sign up board in the foyer of the church where you, a group in which you participate at Glendale, or even a group of your non-Glendale friends, can commit to participate. We are in need of groups willing to provide meals, and individuals willing to spend the night, drive a van, and do laundry. Also, if your family has a mini van that you'd be willing to let us use from time to time to transport the men, that would be very helpful as well. Please contact Kylene Dibble, Paul Rockey, or Rand Carpenter with any questions.



FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST OCTOBER 4

Please join us on **Sunday, October 4 at 9 AM** for our First Sunday Breakfast hosted by our Bible@Glendale.etc Class. All are welcome.



SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING ON OCTOBER 14

On Wednesday, October 14, we will have the opportunity to hear a recommendation from the Ordination Committee that Glendale Baptist Church ordain **Erie Chapman** to ministry. Following supper and sharing prayer concerns, we will gather in a Special Called Business Meeting to hear the Ordination Committee's recommendation and the covenant they have prepared on our behalf with Erie. We will also have a chance to hear from Erie, and then to engage in conversation with Erie in the tradition of the ordination council. At the close of that time, we will vote on the Ordination Committee's recommendation.

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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.

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH - FALL 2009

INFANTS

Infants are offered a safe and loving space during Sunday school and Worship where caring adults look after their needs so parents may take part in other educational and worship opportunities.

Teachers: Martha Jo Berry and Frenchie Fortenberry

Location: Main Level Education Wing, first door on left

PRESCHOOLERS

Toddlers and preschoolers meet together for Sunday school and learn Bible concepts through play, stories, songs and art. The curriculum is *Seasons of the Spirit* from Logos Productions. After Sunday school preschool children receive a snack, and a rotating group of Worship Care volunteers care for our children during Worship.

Teacher: Selena McCoy-Carpenter

Location: Main Level Education Wing, second door on left



CHILDREN

Children in kindergarten through sixth grade (K-6) learn stories from the Bible through a rotation model for Sunday school. They study the same story for a month by rotating through a cooking station, a story-telling station, an art and craft station and a music station. During the fall children will learn about "People Who Made a Difference".

Teachers: Rosalyn Ramage is the director and each month a different group of loving adults lead the children in learning.

Location: Upper Level Education Wing

YOUTH

Youth in grades seven through twelve (7-12) meet for Bible Study using *Seasons of the Spirit* curriculum from Logos Productions, which follows the lectionary and engages youth in learning through all their senses and thinking critically about their faith.

Teacher: Lyndsey Godwin

Location: Upper Level Youth Room



ADULT CLASSES

TWENTYSOMETHINGS CLASS

This class is engaged in faith exploration by reading contemporary religious writings. They are currently reading A.J. Jacobs' *The Year of Living Biblically: One Man's Humble Quest to Follow the Bible as Literally as Possible*. No homework, all reading and discussion occurs during class.

Teachers: Jimmy Davis and Annette Sisson

Location: Upper Level, door on right in short hall

MEN'S CLASS (AKA "THE ROOSTERS")

This class is studying a variety of special topics selected and taught by different members of the class. They are studying *The First Paul* by Marcus Borg and John Dominic Crossan. This book uses modern scholarship to evaluate the three Pauls who wrote the books in the NT.

Class Coordinator: Dave Shepherd

Location: Lower Level across from Fellowship Hall

BIBLESTUDY@GLENDALE.ETC CLASS

This class is presently studying the poetry of Isaiah.

Teacher: Richard Sapp

Location: Lower Level across from Fellowship Hall

SUNDAY SCHOOL AT GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH (CONTINUED)

THE ADULT CLASS

In October, Andy Watts will lead a study “-isms”: who are we supposed to be?” They will take a look at the different beliefs we are told we should hold and what we think about them. In late October and early November Charles Warford will lead the class in studying the history and formation of the Bible. Then, during the Sundays of Advent, Eileen Campbell-Reed will lead a study of Daniel Wolpert’s *Creating a Life with God*.

Class Coordinator: Jennifer Maynard

Location: Upper Level

SPECIAL STUDIES CLASS

This class is currently discussing spiritual dreaming with guest leader, Laura Huff Hileman, who with her M. A. in English from Vanderbilt and certifications in Spiritual Direction and Dream Spirituality from the Haden Institute, is well equipped to lead wonderful discussions on the topic. Recently the class finished a discussion on Islam led by Mark Caldwell. Topics for the remainder of the year will be as varied and thought provoking as these two.

Class Coordinator: Marshall Walker

Location: Conference Room (Main Level)

GLENDALE 101

Periodically a class is offered which introduces the life of Glendale to prospective members and others interested in knowing more about the church.



NEWS FROM THE LOFT

Why is the piano sitting in the middle of the chancel area? If you have been to worship recently, you will notice that the piano is now placed between the two pulpits and the choir has spread out behind it. Our wonderful pianist, Kyle, is taking a leave of absence for the next 7-8 months while Jake, his talented son, pursues gymnastics. Unfortunately, the gymnastics sessions conflict with choir practice on Wednesday nights. Also, the gymnastics meets are on the weekends, and some of them are quite a distance away, making it impossible for Kyle to be present on Sunday mornings. So, from now until Easter, Don will pull double-duty as pianist *and* choir director. Of course, Linda Ray will direct on occasion as needed. On some Sundays, Kyle will be in attendance and can accompany. However, this arrangement allows us to be more flexible. You may have also noticed all the new choir members! We have recently welcomed Claire McKeever, Betsy Neeley, Thomas Conner, and Dan Ritter. With the return of most of our regular members this fall, we have a very full choir loft helping to lead us in worship.

New in the Glendale Choir library: *Sing Me To Heaven* by Daniel Gawthrop has been given by Linda Ray Miller in memory of Laura Kendall.



TREADLE PUMPS FOR MALAWI

This summer our children studied missions material in Water U Doing and in addition to learning about conserving water and loving our neighbors, they also raised \$275 for treadle pumps to be used in Malawi. The children at Belmont United Methodist Church also studied Water U Doing at their Vacation Bible School and raised \$382. Together this is enough money for three treadle pumps! Thanks to everyone who took part in the learning and the giving!

The **GLENDALE BOOK CLUB** will meet on Monday, October 5 at the home of Bill Northrup. We will be discussing *Leaving Church* by Barbara Brown Taylor.

Happy Birthday To You October Babies! (CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 - David Gooch
- 01 - Julie O'Neal
- 05 - Susanne Shepherd
- 06 - Daniel Collins
- 06 - Rhonda Pearson
- 07 - Ginny Templeton
- 08 - Katie Fey
- 10 - Janet Collins
- 10 - Liz Allen-Fey
- 10 - Connie Gowen
- 13 - Grayson P.
- 13 - Jake P.
- 15 - David Shepherd
- 16 - Jim Kelly
- 16 - David Wood
- 17 - Khethe Cox
- 18 - Trayte Peters
- 19 - Wim Blokland
- 20 - David Berry
- 20 - Raye Nell Dyer
- 21 - Jeff Clifton
- 23 - Louis M.
- 26 - Ren P.
- 27 - Connie Brookshire
- 28 - Carole Farmer
- 28 - Staci O'Neal
- 29 - Jim Berry
- 30 - Conor M.
- 30 - Paul Rockey

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

October 7

Ministries & Committees

October 14

Ordination Committee
Presentation of Erie
Chapman and Special Called
Business Meeting

October 21

Stewardship and Sabbatical
Grant Conversations

October 28

Financial Plan for Ministry
Discussion

OCTOBER 2009

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>October 4</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by Bible@Glendale.etc Class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	5 Glendale Book Club Meeting <i>(Northrup home)</i>	6	7 5:45 Dinner: "Simple Fare" 6:45 Ministries & Committees	8 6:30 PM Youth Leadership Meeting <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>	9	10 9 AM - 3 PM Church Council Retreat <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>
<u>October 11</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Choir Lunch & Rehearsal <i>(Fellowship Hall & Sanctuary)</i> 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	12	13 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting	14 5:45 Dinner: "Simple Fare" 6:45 Ordination Committee Presentation of Eric Chapman and Special Called Business Meeting	15	16	17
<u>October 18</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	19 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	20	21 5:45 Dinner: Hosts & Menu TBA 6:45 Stewardship and Sabbatical Grant Conversations	22	23	24
<u>October 25</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 3:00 Nashville in Harmony Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	26	27	28 5:45 Dinner: Hosts & Menu TBA 6:45 Financial Plan for Ministry Discussion	29	30	31