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GLENDALE'S FINANCIAL PLAN FOR MINISTRY 2011: PLANNING OVERVIEW

Throughout the fall of 2010, all Glendale members are encouraged to actively participate in ministry planning and to prayerfully consider the financial needs to support the plan. Our goal is to have a realistic plan that reflects our ministry goals and maintains our missions emphasis, and that can be achieved by the membership while paying toward the debt until that debt is resolved. The ultimate goal is for the Financial Plan for Giving to be equal to or greater than the Financial Plan for Ministry. This community of faith depends on the members to support the church by giving sacrificially when needed.

OUR COLLABORATIVE AND CREATIVE PROCESS:

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| July-August | Ministries and Committees consider needs for new church year. |
| September | Wednesday night conversations focus on giving, expenses, debt reductions, and financial planning.

Council considers Financial Plan for Ministry (FPFM) over several meetings. |
| September 26 | Council provided draft FPFM to Budget and Finance Committee who will "analyze and evaluate the proposed budget and report their findings to the church." |
| October 12 | Council Meeting, 6:30, Conference Room
Budget and Finance Committee invited to meet with Council |
| October 17 | Financial Plan for Ministry is available to the church |
| October 24 | Quarterly Business Meeting, 5:30, Fellowship Hall
Church votes on Financial Plan for Ministry |
| November-December | Stewardship Ministry determines what financial resources will be needed to fulfill the Financial Plan for Giving. |



FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join us on **Sunday, October 3 at 9 AM** for our First Sunday Breakfast hosted by the Twenty-Somethings Class. All are welcome.

CONVERSATIONS & REFLECTIONS ON SEGREGATION IN OUR SCHOOLS: YESTERDAY & TODAY

You are invited to Glendale Baptist Church on **Friday, October 29 at 5:30 PM** for a conversation featuring Richard Smith (*former GBC pastor*) and Seth Keel (*Pullen Memorial Baptist youth member/recent arrestee*). They will share their personal stories and guide a discussion about the issues of diversity and inequitable educational opportunities that we continue to face in our public schools.

Following this conversation, we will observe a time of reflection in litany, prayer, and silence led by members of our GBC youth. Please plan to join us for this special event.

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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.

BRIEF OVERVIEW OF GLENDALE'S FINANCES

The following is part of a handout that was used to facilitate discussion on a Wednesday evening last month. There will be more discussion at the quarterly business meeting on October 24 along with a vote by the church.

- Our financial year runs from January through December.
- Zero based accounting means we begin each new year with balance of -0-.
- Giving fluctuates, especially during summer, necessitating a line of credit with the bank.
- A line of credit allows us to continue programming and missions contributions on schedule.
- The Church Council approves draws on line of credit up to \$25,000; the church approves draws over \$25,000.
- Owning our building and valuable property (3 parcels) means no mortgage payment.
- Our 60-year-old building needs constant repairs and renovations.
- A term loan of \$130,000 was taken out in 2006 to consolidate debt, remaining playground expenses, and new capital projects.
- Interest is paid on the revolving line of credit and 2006 term loan amortization.
- Administration Ministry, the largest Financial Plan for Ministry commitment, includes care and maintenance of building and grounds, and salaries and benefits of pastors and staff.
- Missions Ministry, the second largest Financial Plan for Ministry commitment, includes both missions and denominational gifts made systematically each quarter, with line of credit used if needed.
- Missions gifts to local state, national, and world mission are a percentage of total FPM giving.
- Denominational giving to the Alliance of Baptist and/or Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is a percentage of the total Financial Plan for Ministry giving.
- Any end-of-year surpluses are applied to the line of credit.

CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

Do you ever wonder what our elementary children are up to each Sunday morning? Each age group has a Shepherd who travels to the classes with the children after 10 minutes of "homeroom" time, but they do not prepare lessons. They help in countless other ways! The Shepherds this year are Lynn Reed (grades K-2), MATrotter (grades 3-4), and Steve Digby (grades 5-6).

Many Glendale adults take turns planning lessons and leading the children for three Sundays out of each month. If you would like to volunteer to lead for three Sundays (a different age group each week), please email Julie Coulter, Joy Gooch, or Eileen Campbell Reed.

The months of September and October are focused on learning about and using the Bible, with special attention to the Shema (Deuteronomy 6:4-9) and the great commandments of Jesus (Matt. 22:34-40) to love God and neighbor and self. In September, Thomas Connor taught about studying the bible using computers. Lori-Jene Brazier led cookery and Trayte Peters helped the children with art. This month Darlene Panvini and Abby Trotter have a science unit, Carrie Rohde is playing games with the children, and Molly Boyd is the Bible storyteller.

On Fourth Sundays Matthew Eubanks leads the children in music. He also works with them two Wednesday nights a month. They will be working on a musical and planning other ways to lead in worship during this school year.



UPCOMING CUBA TRIP

Glendalers will be traveling to Cuba during the first week of November to visit our partner church, La Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Diaz (Alberto J. Diaz Baptist Church). They will celebrate the 10th anniversary of our partnership with the church in Santa Clara, sharing in worship and communion. Before traveling to Santa Clara, Thomas Conner, Julie Coulter, and David Gooch will attend the annual meeting of the

Fraternity of Baptist Churches of Cuba in Havana. Our partner church is a member of the Fraternity.

One of the ways we support the ministry of our partner congregation is by taking them medications which are in very short supply in Cuba. The Santa Clara congregation shares the pharmaceuticals with their immediate community through the community's physician. In addition to pharmaceuticals provided by CrossLink International, the travelers will take "over-the-counter" medications and vitamins which Glendalers donate. Watch for upcoming announcement about how you can help.

Wednesday evening, August 25, we had the privilege of hearing Rev. Corita Blanco, pastor of the Fraternity Baptist church in Mariel, Cuba. During her talk she invited Glendalers to visit her church near Havana. The group plans to visit her church. They will carry and deliver a gift to the church from their partner congregation, The Baptist Church of the Covenant in Birmingham.

During their time in Cuba, the travelers plan to visit with Mark Siler (Mahan Siler's son) at the Ecumenical Seminary in Matanzas where he is teaching this year about prison ministry. Please pray for the success of the trip.



NASHVILLE IN HARMONY BENEFIT CONCERT SUPPORTING NASHVILLE CARES

the chorus cares

On **Saturday, October 2**, Nashville in Harmony will present a benefit concert in a collaborative event with Nashville CARES and in support of the Nashville AIDS Walk.

This performance will take place at the Belmont United Methodist Church Community Center at 2007 Acklen Ave., just south of the church's main building in Hillsboro Village. 50% of the net proceeds from this event will go to Nashville CARES. The event starts at 7:00 PM with a catered dessert reception, and then Nashville in Harmony will begin the concert at 8:00 PM. Each \$20 general admission ticket includes: pre-concert dessert reception, benefit concert, and a donation to Nashville CARES. Tickets on sale at www.nashvilleinharmony.org.

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
- 09 - Edith Murphy
- 10 - Liz Allen-Fey
- 10 - Janet Collins
- 10 - Connie Gowen
- 13 - Grayson P.
- 13 - Jake P.
- 15 - Asha C.
- 15 - David Shepherd
- 16 - Jim Kelly
- 16 - David Wood
- 17 - Khetta 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
- 31 - Erie Chapman

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

October 6

Ministries & Committees

October 13

A Prison Ministry Program
led by Erie Chapman

October 20

Alliance of Baptists Report
from Eileen Campbell Reed
& David Gooch

October 27

Summer Adventures Program:
Lauren McDuffie

OCTOBER 2010

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
					1	2 7:00 PM Nashville in Harmony Benefit Concert (Belmont UMC)
<u>October 3</u> 9:00 AM 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by the Twenty-Somethings Class)</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM Nia Class (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	4	5	6 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Soup Night <i>(Trayte Peters & Steve Digby)</i> 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Ministries & Committees	7	8	9
<u>October 10</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM Nia Class (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	11	12 Luke 14:12 6:30 PM Church Council Mtg	13 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner (Jim Berry - Menu TBA) 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 A Prison Ministry Program led by Eric Chapman	14	15	16
<u>October 17</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	18	19	20 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner (Menu & Crew TBA) 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Alliance of Baptists Report from Eileen Campbell Reed & David Gooch	21	22	23
<u>October 24</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary) 5:30 PM Quarterly Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	25	26	27 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner (Jim Hiatt - Menu TBA) 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Summer Adventures Program: Lauren McDuffie	28	29 5:30 PM Conversations & Reflections on Segregation in our Schools: Yesterday & Today	30 6:00 PM Dinner & Mostly Acoustic Road Show
<u>October 31</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM Nia Class (Fellowship Hall) 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal (Sanctuary)						