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OFF TO CUBA

Bright and early on **Wednesday, November 3**, there will be a special moment at the Nashville Airport. Three Glendaleers (Thomas Conner, Julie Coulter and David Gooch) will fly through Miami on their way to Havana, Cuba, and from there to Santa Clara, home of our partners and friends at Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Diaz. Though only three are able to make the trip in body, many Glendaleers have invested their hearts and prayers with the congregation there and will be traveling in spirit during the week of the trip.

It has been over a year since we have been able to make a visit there. We are looking forward to reconnecting with our friends, hearing the stories of their lives and ministries and telling them about our Glendale experiences and ministry since 2009. We are eager to hear about their building project and have sent prayers to be included among the roots of a tree that will be planted and dedicated during the trip. It will be good, too, to hear about their work through their mission points in Yabu and Condado.

Last week, we signed our names to ribbons to attach to the "Peace of Christ" banner that hangs in the worship space of Alberto J. Diaz. It looks just like the one in our sanctuary that has our Cuban friends' names on it and is a way to be present with one another as we gather and worship. As usual, we will be able to carry both prescription and over-the-counter medications that our friends in Cuba are unable to get and have asked us specifically to bring for their neighborhood. CrossLink continues to be an important resource for us in gathering prescription medications. In addition, there are handmade gifts for "Third Age" members of Alberto J. Diaz. This is a term used in Cuba for those who have reached a maturity of the highest order. Vanderbilt's athletic department has contributed baseball equipment which is certain to bring smiles and some bilingual games of catch. Our travelers will also be able to transport some materials from Alliance of Baptist churches in the US to their Cuban partner churches.

Pray for warm relational connections and safe travels for our group. They return on November 11. Details about their return will be sent on the listserv if you would be interested in welcoming them home at the airport.

PREVIEW OF ADVENT 2010

In much writing and song, Jesus is "The Winter Rose." This year's Advent will illumine the Rose in art, anthem, and reflection. Sermons will be based on Isaiah and a writer from among us will be providing an Advent theme interpretation each Sunday. In addition to the four Sundays of Advent, beginning November 28, we will celebrate Christmas Eve with our service of music, scripture, and the Moravian Love Feast. Please plan to be a part of this very special season at Glendale.



FIRST SUNDAY BREAKFAST

Please join us on **Sunday, November 7 at 9 AM** for our First Sunday Breakfast hosted by the Special Studies Class. All are welcome.

ALL SAINTS SUNDAY ON NOVEMBER 7

This year's All Saints Sunday will honor all those we consider saints who have taught us and still teach us what lives of worship and service should be. Our Sunday service will be a celebration through communion, music, scripture, and litany. Music will be an integral part, lacing worship with soloists, small ensembles, and choir anthems. After worship, there will be a cookies and punch reception on the patio in front of the church. If you would like to help with the reception, please contact Trayte Peters.

The **quarterly business meeting** on October 25 focused on discussion and adoption of the 2011 Financial Plan for Ministry. Copies of the 2011 FPFM are available upon request.

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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.

GLENDALE 101 IN NOVEMBER

- Are you interested in exploring membership and becoming part of our community of faith?
- Are you just in learning more about Glendale?
- If you are a member, do you know someone who might want to know about this opportunity?

The Membership Ministry is having Glendale 101 sessions on **Saturday evening, November 13 at 6:30 PM** for supper and discussion at the Mears-Webb home, and on **Sunday, November 14** after worship for lunch and discussion in the fellowship hall. These sessions provide persons interested in possible membership or just interested learning more about our church with information and a time to get to know some Glendalers as well as a little about our history and opportunities for service and community. We would like to know who is interested so that we can provide more information and directions and plan for copies, food, etc. Please contact April or Amy or one of the following members of the Membership Ministry if you are considering participating: Chris Ferrell, Rosalyn Ramage, Monica Cantrell, Brooke Cantrell, Heather Fowler, Poli Polidoro or Stewart Clifton.



ST. AUGUSTINE'S CHAPEL & GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH PRESENT "CROSSING THE DIVIDE"

Glendale Baptist Church
Friday, November 19 at 7:00 PM

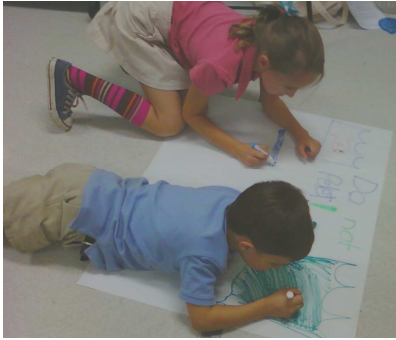
We welcome you to an evening of music and conversation with **Connye Florance and Kevin Madill**. As professional musicians for more than 25 years and together as husband and wife for nearly 13 years, Connye and Kevin have found their way across the cultural and racial boundaries that would keep them apart to embark on a journey of healing and racial reconciliation. The concert is free, and there will be a brief discussion and reception afterward. A love offering will be taken to support their ministry, and you may learn more at www.crossingthedivide.net. Please join us for this special event.

ROOM IN THE INN

On certain Friday nights during the winter, we host 10 men at our church building as part of the homeless ministry Room In The Inn (www.roomintheinn.org). We share a warm, family-style meal and provide a safe, comfortable place to sleep in our fellowship hall. Typically, two Glendalers also spend the night at church, and early the next morning, we serve breakfast and provide a sack lunch. One Glendaler will transport our guests to and from the Room In The Inn (RITI) campus in the Second Presbyterian Church van.

We have participated in RITI for over 20 years. We enjoy getting to know these fellow Nashvillians and helping them find a little comfort for the night. Please consider helping. The display board in the entry way shows jobs with a place to sign up. Don't hesitate to ask questions or discuss with Paul Rockey, Rand Carpenter, one of the pastors, or most any Glendale member. Glendale's host nights for this winter season are November 5 and 19, December 3, 17, and 24, January 7 and 21, February 4 and 18, and March 4 and 18.





STORMWATER MANAGEMENT EDUCATION

Note: To educate church members and reduce our stormwater fees by up to 20%, the Green Team is facilitating a 2010 stormwater management education program that includes programming with children and quarterly tips in the newsletter and bulletin.

What happens when you mix pesticides, motor oil, dog poop, leaves, fertilizers and trash into a stormwater drain? Just ask any of the children present for the fall discussion on stormwater management and they will tell you – a big

mess! Following up on our summer lesson about watersheds, we learned that most people do not intentionally put these items in the storm drain but that their careless actions and overuse of these items has the unintended consequences of polluting the water that goes into a storm drain and ultimately into a river, lake, or ocean. Since stormwater does not get treated before entering these bodies of water, this creates pollution harmful to plants and wildlife. The children then made posters to educate the adults in the church about good stormwater practices. Be sure to check out their posters in the fellowship hall and downstairs hallway. Here are a few additional tips to consider:

- Apply pesticides and herbicides sparingly and correctly. Use biological control methods if possible (weeding by hand, attracting ladybugs, praying mantis, and other “good bugs,” planting companion plants).
- Limit fertilizer use; get your soil tested so you know which fertilizers to use. Plant natives that have adapted to soil in this area.
- Don’t pour used motor oil down the storm drain. Take it to one of the hazardous waste sites for proper disposal.
- Keep your car maintained so that it does not leak antifreeze, oil, or other fluids.
- Eliminate soil erosion problems so that silt does not enter the storm drain. “Dirt” in a stream is not good for animals needing to “breathe” clean water.
- Compost yard waste (grass clippings, leaves) or use a mulching mower.
- Sweep up driveways and sidewalks.
- Pick up after your pet.
- Wash your car at a commercial car wash so that soaps and chemicals can be filtered and sent to a wastewater treatment facility. Remember: soap is for dishes, not fishes!
- Never dump anything down a storm drain. Only rain goes down the storm drain!



RECYCLING UPDATE

Your beverage cans continue to earn funds to support our purchase of TVA GreenPower, as well as other “green” initiatives. In June, our 85 pounds of cans brought in \$39.10 (at 46 cents/lb) but an increase in the price of aluminum in October (61 cents/lb) netted \$23.80 for 39 pounds of cans. Keep bringing in those (emptied, rinsed) beverage cans!

Thanks to Darlene Panvini, Peggy Phelps, Phil Fortenberry, MAT, and Linda Ray for their help with recycling paper, cardboard, plastics, and food cans generated at church. If you are interested in helping with recycling contact any of these folks to learn more.

CHILDREN’S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month the children are learning about Native American spirituality and culture. Lou Clifton, Darlene Panvini and David Thacker are leading the three rotations.

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



- 02 - Phil Fortenberry
- 02 - Evelyn Pearson
- 04 - Melissa Snarr
- 05 - David Elkins
- 05 - John Kelly
- 05 - Bettie Shepherd
- 09 - Frenchie Fortenberry
- 11 - Dot Pearigen
- 13 - John Weatherly
- 15 - Sharon Hiatt
- 18 - Joy Gooch
- 19 - Myrte Veach
- 20 - Jimmy Davis
- 20 - Lara W.
- 23 - Cathy Wood
- 24 - Joan Yarborough
- 25 - Mike Awalt
- 25 - Mia H.
- 25 - Julie Yarborough
- 27 - Phillip Clifton
- 28 - Louise Clifton
- 29 - Marshall Walker
- 30 - Kris Elsberry
- 30 - Ted Mears

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

November 3
Ministries & Committees

November 10
Arapaho Spirituality
(Part 1 of 2)

November 17
Arapaho Spirituality
(Part 2 of 2)

November 24
Thanksgiving Wednesday
No Church Activities
Scheduled

GLENDALE KIDS AND CUBAN KIDS

During three Wednesdays in October, Julie Coulter and the elementary children learned about Cuba, its history and culture, as well as the origins of our partnership with the Alberto J. Diaz Baptist Church. Thanks to Lori-Jene Brazier and Louise Clifton for teaching our children about Cuba and our partnership. As a follow-up to this information, Julie worked with the children making a chain of origami peace cranes as a gift to the children of our partner church. She will also help them make a similar gift to bring back to our children. When Julie returns, she and the kids will find a special place in the elementary Sunday School hallway to hang the “Cranes from Cuba” as a weekly remembrance of our friends.



In addition to the cranes, the elementary children created a book with their pictures and letters to their peers in Cuba. Don Schlosser provided the Spanish translation for each letter that was included. Again, Julie plans to do a similar thing with the Cuban children to return to us. What special things these will be to share!

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
NOVEMBER 2010	1	2	3 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Chicken Broccoli Cheese Casserole, Rice & Salad <i>(Brandi Thompson)</i> 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Ministries & Committees	4	5 Room In The Inn <i>(Way-Kiani family, Tracy Fisher)</i>	6 8:00 AM Fall Cleanup Saturday <i>(Church Grounds)</i>
<u>November 7</u> 9:00 AM 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by the Special Studies Class)</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM All Saints Reception <i>(Front of Church)</i> 2:00 PM Nia Class <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	8	9 6:30 PM Church Council Mtg	10 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner <i>(Paul Rockey - Menu TBA)</i> 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Arapaho Spirituality <i>(Part 1 of 2)</i>	11	12	13 6:00 PM Glendale 101 Dinner & Discussion <i>(Mears Webb home)</i>
<u>November 14</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 11:45 AM Glendale 101 Lunch & Discussion <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> 2:00 PM Nia Class <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i> 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	15	16	17 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Pizza Night <i>(Brooke & Monica Cantrell)</i> 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Arapaho Spirituality <i>(Part 2 of 2)</i>	18	19 Room In The Inn <i>(hosts TBD)</i> “Crossing the Divide” Concert at GBC <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	20
<u>November 21</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	22	23	24 THANKSGIVING WEEK - NO CHURCH ACTIVITIES SCHEDULED	25 GBC OFFICE CLOSED	26 GBC OFFICE CLOSED	27
<u>November 28</u> First Sunday of Advent 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 3:00 PM NiH Rehearsal <i>(Sanctuary)</i>	29	30				