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Two Pastors' Opinions

April: So, Amy, what are your children saying about the new Sunday School set up?

Amy: Well, they're not very good, yet, with the names of all of their new teachers, but they're very impressed that they've GOT lots of new teachers. I have to guess a good bit, as "The guy who sings in the choir," and "The Green Team Lady" are doing a very good job!

April: I saw Steve Digby on Sunday morning, grinning from ear-to-ear, as though teaching our children this week was a highlight of his week.

Amy: They're teaching and learning this month about Creation, and reports are that the science-teacher lady and her microscopes for looking at ants and snails and mushrooms were "awesomely awesome." Who says that microscopes and Sunday School don't mix?

April: I'm also seeing adults with a real twinkle in their eyes, getting credit for teaching children's Sunday School even if it means disbanding their adult class for a month.

Amy: The song that they've learned to sing this month sounded great, but looked even better, as they signed and sang at the same time.

April: And that tent in the Bible Story classroom can't help but be fun. What's not to like about getting into a big Saharan tent with Jimmy Davis for a story-telling session?

Amy: Selena and the Education Ministry have really brought us something good with this model. How many Glendalers do you suppose will be involved in teaching our children before the school year ends?

April: So many more people are able to participate in that part of our church covenant. I imagine that next year when we express our gratitude in worship to all of this year's Sunday School teachers, there won't be many people seated!

The new rotation model for children's Sunday School is exciting and fun. Drop in and visit or, better yet, volunteer to help!

Peace,
April and Amy

The Nashville CROP Hunger Walk

The Nashville CROP Hunger Walk will be **Sunday, April 6, 2008**. This community walk-event benefits local food banks and food pantries, as well as the international relief and development programs of Church World Service (CWS). As in recent years, the designated local agencies are MANNA, Nashville's Table/Second Harvest Food Bank, and Luke 14:12.

Since 100% of the funds raised by walkers are allocated to the designated hunger agencies, business sponsorships are needed to underwrite the cost of the event. Business sponsorships help pay for event logistics, mailings, promotional materials, advertising, permits, and T-shirts. If your business is interested in supporting the CROP Walk, Julie Coulter or Kylene Dibble will be happy to share more information with you!

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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 partnership with Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA, and a partnership with Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Díaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.

Missions Division Update

This fall has been a busy time for everyone as we set about doing a variety of mission projects. We had a caravan to **Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church**, our partner church in New Orleans, which included a loaded rental truck and van full of folks! Of course, many Glendalers helped to load the truck with pews, a pulpit, chairs, books, cribs, high chairs, books, folding chairs, puzzles, toys, books, did I say BOOKS! As Marshall and Phil related the stories of delivery of all these items to four different churches; the one that stands out in my mind is the delivery of the pews.... folks folding up their lawn chairs, and moving the pews into the church during a short "intermission" of the Sunday service!

Rand and Kylene are busy getting Glendale deacon groups signed up for **Room in the Inn** which begins on November 2nd. The first and third Friday evenings will find our fellowship hall transformed into a welcoming place of food, fellowship and warm sleep for our guests. We always strive to make our guests feel welcome and join them for supper and conversation. Do plan to participate with your deacon group. You will be so glad you did!

Our partners in Cuba at **Alberto J. Díaz Baptist Church** will be celebrating their 5th anniversary as a church in November. As travel is currently impossible for us as a church, we will be sending our greetings, our banner and ribbons with updated names of our members for their banner (together a symbol of unity!), and a photo book about Glendale with our good friend Stan Hastey as he travels to Cuba this month. We may not be there in person, but we will certainly be there in spirit!

Put your hands to work! There are many opportunities to do something for someone such as serving food at **Luke 14:12**, hammering some nails for Habitat, bring food for our food drive supporting Second Harvest Food Bank, driving a van, cooking a meal, cleaning/stocking a closet for Room in the Inn or celebrating with our new friends at Mt. Pilgrim in New Orleans. Put your hands to work!

Great News from Zambia

Chishawasha Children's Home, Zambia, will be featured in the November issue of Smithsonian magazine. The story is about photographer Klaus Schoenwiese, who spent a month there, photographing and teaching 12 of the children to use cameras as part of the "Kids with Cameras" international program. The exhibit will also be traveling around the country, including Nashville, probably next spring (hopefully when Kathe Padilla will be in Nashville).

Also, the 12 photographer-kids, their photos and more info will be on the Kids with Cameras web site beginning Nov 1, and probably on the ZCF web site, soon.

A Green Bite *(brought to you by the GBC Green Team)*

National Geographic Traveler magazine reports that Americans spend \$11 billion a year and use 10 million barrels of crude oil (to make the bottles) to quench their thirst for bottled water (not even counting soda and juice bottles!). According to the Container Recycling Institute, only 14 percent of the bottles are recycled annually. That means that 60 million containers become waste every day -- just inside the U.S. That's a lot of plastic to hang around our world for the 1,000 years (who really knows?) it takes to disintegrate!

What can we do to help alleviate the problem? Some ways are: 1) Filter your tap water and refill bottles that you carry. 2) Keep a filter pitcher with water in your 'fridge for home use. 3) Add a taste of lemon to tap water to help the taste. 4) When hiking, use the "backcountry" method of treating water with decontamination tablets (available at most sports stores). 5) Urge the places you patronize to provide recycle bins; and 6) **Always recycle any bottles you use.**

Are you an animal lover?

Stop by the GBC library and check out **Where the Blind Horse Sings** by Kathy Stevens, Beverly Feinstein's niece. (There's always a Glendale connection!) She co-founded and runs an animal sanctuary in upstate New York and shares the story of the birth and growth of the sanctuary. It's really wonderful!

Workshop Rotation Model Update

"We did have fun looking through the microscopes at some algae and snails from my pond and then at things we collected outside (and the shark's tooth Kimber was wearing): flowers, seeds, grass, mushrooms, but especially ants!"

That doesn't sound like your typical description of a children's Sunday School class, does it?

In October the children studied creation in the new WoRM* Sunday School. Each workshop focused on a different aspect of God's creation, and the "Reflections" adult Sunday School class did a fantastic job of leading the children.

All adults in the church have the opportunity to spend time with our children in this new Sunday School model. Please find a block of four weeks when you can teach our children. The different rotations you can take are: Arts & Crafts, Bible Story-telling, Music, and Discovery. Find a friend who you'd like to help you and sign up!

Contact the church office or Selena McCoy-Carpenter for more information.



Happy Birthday to You November Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)

- 02 - Phil Fortenberry
- 02 - Evelyn Pearson
- 05 - David Elkins
- 05 - John Kelly
- 05 - Bettie Shepherd
- 09 - Frenchie Fortenberry
- 09 - Paige Holliman
- 11 - Dot Pearigen
- 11 - Mark Simpson
- 13 - John Weatherly
- 15 - Sharon Hielt
- 18 - Joy Gooch
- 19 - Myrte Veach
- 20 - Jimmy Davis
- 20 - Lara
- 21 - Geoffrey Calaway
- 23 - Cathy Wood
- 24 - Joan Yarborough
- 25 - Mike Awalt
- 25 - Mia
- 25 - Julie Yarborough
- 27 - Phillip Clifton
- 28 - Louise Clifton
- 28 - Scott Hines
- 30 - Kris Elsberry
- 30 - Ted Mears

Wednesday Night Schedule

- 11/7 Division & Committee Meetings
- 11/14 TBD
- 11/21 Thanksgiving Week
(No Church Activities Scheduled)
- 11/28 TBD

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
					11/1	11/2	11/3 3:00 Writing for the Worshiping Community featuring Dr. Paul Richardson
November 4th 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:00 First Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by Reflections class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service / All Saints' Day led by Paul Richardson 11:30 String Ensemble 11:45 Churchwide lunch provided by the Worship Ministry (Fellowship Hall) 12:45 Singing Through Baptist Life led by Paul Richardson	11/5	11/6	11/7 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Division & Committee Meetings	Menu Meat Loaf, Rice, Garden Salad, Rolls (all)	11/8	11/9	11/10
November 11th 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:30 An Evening Discussion w/ Elise & Joni Elrod (Fellowship Hall)	11/12	11/13 Luke 14:12 7:00 Church Council	11/14 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Program TBD	Menu Pasta w/Meat Marinara, Caesar Salad, Broccoli, Garlic Bread (all)	11/15	11/16	11/17 Room In the Inn (hosted by Baugh-Mademann Deacon Group)
November 18th 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 String Ensemble 12:30 Writing for the Worshiping Community, Workshop IV 5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	11/19 Deadline to submit Visions info.	11/20	11/21 Thanksgiving Week (No Wednesday night activities scheduled)		11/22	11/23	11/24
November 25th 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	11/26	11/27	11/28 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Program TBD	Menu Grilled Chicken, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Green Beans, Rolls (all)	11/29	11/30	

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