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**“WAY DOWN YONDER
IN NEW ORLEANS
... AND BEYOND”**

2009 NEW MEMBER DINNER WAS A NIGHT TO REMEMBER!

The New Member Dinner was held on Saturday night, April 25 in the Fellowship Hall. Due to Glendale's partner church relationships with two Louisiana churches through "Churches Supporting Churches," the theme this year was "Way Down Yonder in New Orleans... and Beyond."

New members in attendance who were introduced and celebrated were: Valerie Allmond, Claire Beck, Janet Collins, Jackson Ferrell, Heather Fowler, Kelly Greene, Nora McCook, Lauren McDuffie, Conor McGrew, Gavin McGrew, Joe McGrew, Lori McGrew, Kimber Rockey, Ginny Templeton, Lara Webb, and Jo Webster.

New members *in absentia* who were also celebrated (but not formally introduced) were: Erie Chapman, Terry Cothran, Khetta Cox, Klem-Mari Cajigas-Chimelis, Lyndsey Godwin, Brian Koho, and Trayte Peters.

Beverly Feinstein was our wonderful emcee, and she delighted us with not only her sense of humor and festive tie, but also with her lovely self-accompanied rendition of "It's a Wonderful World." Many Glendale children supplied our "Dixieland Band," under the direction of Rosalyn Ramage and Linda Ray Miller, and Cajun and Dixieland (recorded) music enhanced the New Orleans atmosphere, which was created by Anne-Leslie Owens through her superb "streetscape" artistry, which transformed the Fellowship Hall into the Glendale Café Du Monde, accented by an outdoor fountain, fleur-de-lis wrought iron, fresh ferns and flowers, and a streetlamp bearing signs that detailed the number of miles to each of our partner churches, including the one in Santa Clara, Cuba!

Anne-Leslie's decorating crew included Rosalyn Ramage, Poli Polidori, and Peggy Phelps, while meal preparations (jambalaya, red beans and rice, crusty bread and butter, French vanilla ice cream, and Glendale's version of beignets - "gleignets") were handled by Sharon Hiett, Jim Hiett, Annette Sisson, and Jimmy Davis, with additional help by Don Ramage, Peggy Phelps, and Stewart Clifton.

Leading the clean-up crew were Monica Cantrell, Brooke Coley, and Eli - with some help from the other members of the Membership Ministry. MAT Trotter greeted attendees and collected fees, and Linda Ray Miller led the whole group - ringing the Fellowship Hall in a friendship circle - in a reprise of "It's a Wonderful World." Finally, a special thanks to Alan Green, who helped Anne-Leslie with the recorded music and helped Rosalyn immensely with the programs for the dinner, along with providing the updated biographies of old and new members, as well as contact information on the new members for the Glendale Directory. Even amidst wedding planning, Alan was the unsung hero of this spring's New Member Dinner!

ANOTHER GREEN EVENT:
WALK/BIKE NASHVILLE



Walk/Bike Nashville needs volunteers for its biggest annual event, the Tour de Nash! This event is taking place on **Saturday, May 16**, and there are several volunteer opportunities ranging from 1.5 - 4 hour time commitments.

The Tour de Nash is a non-competitive, family-friendly walking and biking event that provides an opportunity to explore Nashville's networks of walkways and bikeways. 100% of proceeds from the event go towards Walk/Bike Nashville's efforts to make Nashville a healthier, greener, more bicycle- and pedestrian-friendly city. For more information about the event, visit www.tourdenash.racesonline.com. To volunteer, please contact Claire Beck.

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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



A WEDDING SHOWER FOR BEN ELSBERRY & JENNA RICE

Please join us as we celebrate **Ben Elsberry** and **Jenna Rice** on **Sunday, May 3** immediately after worship. A light lunch will be served. Ben and Jenna are registered at Macy's, Bed Bath and Beyond, and Target. They are planning a June wedding at Otter Creek Church of Christ.

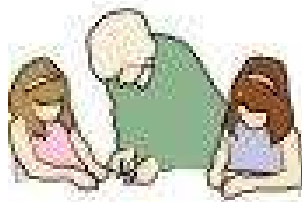
SAVE THE DATES FOR VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

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



CHILDREN'S SUNDAY SCHOOL

This month the children are learning about saints, those who have gone before us and those live among us. On May 17 when we learn about St. Nicholas (the real one!) and all he did for children,

we're going to spend some time putting together a package for our friends at the Chishawasha Children's Home. Children should bring a used book in good condition they would like to send to the children in Zambia. No Disney, please.

After learning about saints, we will celebrate the community of saints on Pentecost on May 31. Children (and children at heart!) are invited to wear red, as that is the liturgical color for this special day.

QUARTERLY BUSINESS MEETING

Please join us for our next Quarterly Business Meeting on **Sunday, May 17 at 5:30 PM**. As always, we encourage everyone to attend and participate as we gather to conduct the business of the church.





GREEN TEAM UPDATES

To celebrate **Earth Day** on Wednesday, April 22, the Green Team prepared dinner using many locally or regionally grown and produced foods. These included local eggs, milk, basil (for pesto), cheese, sweet potatoes, and broccoli. Ice cream from Purity Dairies (a local producer) rounded out the meal. Thanks so much to everyone who prepared food and helped clean up! The Carbon Project had mixed success: many of us become more aware of how much carbon we are producing and have implemented some lifestyle changes to reduce our carbon footprint, however the calculator we were using was not sensitive enough to track changes over such a short period of time.



If you are interested in participating in a **seed exchange**, please bring your seeds to church and add them to the box downstairs and/or take some seeds from the box to plant in your yard.



If you are interested in contributing funds to support the **church's purchase of green energy** through TVA's Green Power Switch, let Jimmy Davis or Peggy Phelps know. For approximately \$1000 per year we could purchase green energy to make the church's electricity "green." For more information on the Green Power Switch, please visit is available at <http://www.tva.gov/greenpowerswitch/index.htm>.



Continue to bring in your **aluminum drink CANS** for recycling! (Please, no foil or steel cans).

Happy Birthday To You May Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 02 - Monica Cantrell
- 04 - Claire Beck
- 05 - Lane Simpson
- 05 - Margie W.
- 07 - Deborah Lynn
- 08 - Laura Kendall
- 09 - Kylene Dibble
- 10 - Pauletta Mademann
- 11 - Skylar B.
- 11 - Bill Northrup
- 12 - Don Ramage
- 12 - Vince Panvini
- 19 - Kate Wheeler
- 20 - Marcy Thomas
- 21 - Linda Ray Miller
- 22 - Barbara Halbert
- 23 - Charles Warford
- 25 - Jessie Bernard
- 26 - Sienna Grace B.
- 28 - Kyle Rybczyk

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

May 6

Ministries & Committees

May 13

Program TBA

May 20

Program TBA

May 27

Program TBA

MAY 2009

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<u>May 3</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by Bible@Glendale.etc)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Wedding Shower for Ben Elsberry & Jenna Rice (Fellowship Hall)	4	5	6 5:45 Dinner: Chicken & Sides 6:45 Division & Committee Meetings	7	8	9
<u>May 10</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	11	12 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting	13 5:45 Breakfast for Dinner Night 6:45 Program TBA	14	15 5:00 PM Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)	16 2:00 PM Sims-Daugherty Wedding Ceremony (Sanctuary)
<u>May 17</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting (Fellowship Hall)	18 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	19	20 5:45 Dinner: Salad Bar 6:45 Program TBA	21	22	23
<u>May 24</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	25 Memorial Day <i>(Church Office Closed)</i>	26	27 5:45 Dinner: Burgers & Dogs 6:45 Program TBA	28	29	30
<u>May 31</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service						