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SPIRITUAL PRACTICES RETREAT

Excitement is building as we approach this year's Spiritual Practices Retreat (GGG) at **NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center from Friday, June 4 - Saturday, June 5**. We are very thankful to have the Lilly grant paying the way for all Glendalers wishing to attend. If you have already confirmed your reservation but will not be present for all of the meals, please let Brooke or Monica Cantrell know.

SCHEDULE OF RETREAT ACTIVITIES:

Friday

3:00-6:00 PM - Arrive at camp
6:00 PM - Dinner
After Dinner - Sessions for all groups

Saturday

8:00 AM - Breakfast
Mid-morning - Sessions for all groups
12:00 PM - Lunch
Early afternoon - Sessions for all groups

Bring your own bed linens and towels, as none are provided. Please visit www.nacome.org to see the cabins, activities, and overview of the camp and conference center. Directions to NaCoMe are on the website as well.

The retreat will focus on learning more about various **spiritual practices** with adults led by Marcus Pomeroy, youth led by Chris Copeland (Minister for Leadership Formation, Alliance of Baptists) and children, K-6 led by Heather Harriss, Children's Pastor, Belmont UMC). Childcare for the youngest Glendalers will be provided during these sessions.

There will be three 1-hour sessions, and lots of time for visiting in rocking chairs on the porch, making music together, playing in the creek and hiking. You are welcome to stay through Saturday afternoon, enjoying the outdoors, but dinner will not be served that evening.

The following is a description from Marcus Pomeroy about what his sessions will include:

There is in the Christian churches, and in the United States as a whole, a profound spiritual hunger for something... [People] yearn for coherent, thoughtful guidance as well as fresh access to the deep veins of wisdom that at least some of them suspect are still there to be mined from historic religious traditions. (Craig Dykstra, quoted in [The Practicing Congregation](#), Diana Butler Bass).

The focus of our time together will be to gain "access to the deep veins of wisdom" by experiencing some historic practices of prayer. Our sessions will explore three forms of prayer which can open us to the experienced presence of God. *Lectio Divina* (praying with scripture), *The Examen* and *Centering Prayer* nurture the yearning of our hearts for communion with the Holy Love, in which we live and move and have our being. Through stillness, meditation, prayer and song we will seek to respond to the invitation of God to be fully present.

ICE CREAM SUPPER SUNDAY, JUNE 13

*Glendale's Ice Cream Supper will be held on the **second Sunday** of June this year since our NaCoMe retreat is scheduled for June 4-5.*

It's that wonderful time of year again - the annual **Ice Cream Supper** at Glendale. Dust off your ice-cream machines, pull out your favorite recipes, and plan to come to this delightful event on the Glendale Lawn on **Sunday, June 13 at 6 PM**.

Don't have an ice cream maker? That's fine. Just bring toppings, cookies, or cake. And a neighbor! This is a great time to introduce friends to Glendale in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

PIANIST POSITION

Kyle Rybczyk has officially completed his generous service to Glendale as our church Pianist, and your help is needed in getting the word out to find his replacement.

Please direct anyone you know who might be interested in serving as our Pianist to www.glendalebaptist.org for complete information about the position and about our church. The link can be found under "News" on our homepage. - Kris Elsberry, Worship Ministry

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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.

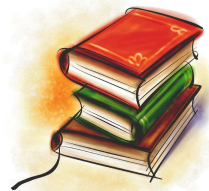
At Glendale, we value relationships and partnerships ecumenically as well as within the Baptist family. We are officially affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America. 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.

SUMMER PASTORAL INFORMATION

We welcomed **Marcus Pomeroy**, our sabbatical pastor, on May 23. His wife, Nancy, will be here by June 1. Marcus' e-mail for the summer is marcus@glendalebaptist.org. He is using Amy's extension and voicemail, so if you need to contact him by phone, you can call the church office at 615-269-0926 ext. 24.

Through a summer intern program of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, we have the good fortune of having **Claire McKeever** continue as our pastoral intern this summer. She is leading children's missions programming for the summer, leading worship, assisting with pastoral care, and continuing to be involved in the life and ministry of our community.

As always, you can reach **April** at aprilbaker@glendalebaptist.org or 615-269-0926 ext. 23.



SUMMER READING GROUPS

Glendale loves to read, and Sabbatical Summer will include chances to gather for conversation around several different books. The Lilly grant is purchasing copies of the following books which are now available for check out on the table outside of Amy's office:

- Martin Laird's *Into the Silent Land* which will be helpful reading for those attending the Spiritual Practices Retreat.
- Mark Yaconelli's *Helping Teenagers Pray*, with a discussion led by Thomas Conner after morning worship on **June 13 at 1:30 PM** (don't be fooled by the subtitle - every Glendaler will benefit from learning more about these spiritual practices).
- Clyde Edgerton's *Walking Across Egypt* with Edgerton scholar Stuart Harris leading a group on July 11 at 1:30 after morning worship.
- Barbara Brown Taylor's *An Altar in the World: A Geography of Faith*, with Claire McKeever facilitating conversation on August 15 at 1:30 after morning worship.



MEARS/WEBB FAMILY TRAVEL LOG

Thomas has set up a travel log so that the Mears/Webb family can post notes or pictures to let us know about their summer adventures. You can access their log at www.glendalebaptist.org/travel_log.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL IN JUNE & JULY

Glendale is blessed to have two offers for Vacation Bible School opportunities this Summer. From **June 21-25**, our friends at **Belmont United Methodist Church** are offering VBS for ages 3-rising 7th graders from 9:30 to noon. Their curriculum is Galactic Blast (Cokesbury) and there is a suggested donation of \$20/family. From **July 19-23**, our friends at **Second Presbyterian Church** are offering VBS for ages 3-rising 5th graders from 9 to noon. Their curriculum will be Baobab Blast (Augsburg).

If you would like to participate in either of these Bible schools this summer, please go ahead and register as soon as possible at www.glendalebaptist.org under "News" and "Vacation Bible School in June and July" so that our neighbor churches can prepare to welcome our children!

WEDDING SHOWER FOR CLAIRE AND ADAM

Claire McKeever and Adam Burgett will be married in Napa, CA on July 31, so we will celebrate with them at a wedding shower after our morning worship service on **Sunday, June 27 at 12:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. They are registered at Dillards and Bed, Bath & Beyond.



NEW MEMBER CELEBRATION

The Membership Ministry recently concluded our Glendale 101 process, an orientation for potential new members and also those not necessarily seeking membership but wanting more information. At the business meeting on Sunday, May 16, we voted to accept seven new members who were officially welcomed on Sunday, May 23.

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| Monique Blackburn | Brandon Kelly |
| Lori Jene Brazier | Jeffrey London |
| Leann Crawley | Maggie Thomas |
| Abbie Culbertson | |

We are planning another 101 orientation class this summer, as we know of interest already.

Thanks to our pastors, members of our Membership Ministry, especially Rosalyn Ramage, Monica and Brooke Cantrell, and special presenters Martha Jo Berry, Joy Gooch and Claire McKeever for their good work.

- Stewart Clifton, Membership Ministry



NIA CLASSES AT GBC WITH CLAIRE MCKEEVER

Nia is a mind/body/spirit exercise experience that combines yoga, martial arts, and dance. Nia is for everyone - you don't have to be a skilled dancer or young and limber to participate and enjoy its benefits.

Claire McKeever is a Nia instructor at the Green Hills YMCA, and she has kindly offered to host several Nia classes here at Glendale this summer. The first class will be on **Sunday, June 20 from 2:00-3:00 PM** in the Fellowship Hall. Please contact Claire for more information.

A GIFT FROM NELL

The Church has received the following word: In summary, according to the last will and testament of Edith Nell Magee, who loved her church very much, Glendale Baptist Church is to receive \$20,000 to be used in the purchase and/or repair of kitchen improvements and/or kitchen equipment. In fact, a check from the estate was received last month and deposited to a newly established designated account.

A team composed of members of the standing Kitchen Committee and Administration Ministry members will convene to develop a proposal and plans for the use of the funds.

Let's all continue to celebrate Nell, her many gifts to the Church, and her life of service.

- Jim Hiett, Administration Ministry Chair

WWW.GLENDALEBAPTIST.ORG

Glendale's newly redesigned website includes links to our social networking pages as well as an RSS ("Really Simple Syndication") feed and email listserv subscription page. The RSS feed allows people to subscribe to our news and calendar updates in the same way you can subscribe to blog posts. A special mobile version of the site renders the most important information in an easy-to-read format on a smart phone as well.

Many people looking for a church home start their search on the internet, and we hope that these features, along with a new design, will help us attract fellow pilgrims to our community. Be sure to visit the website often to see new images, stories and events.



STAFF NOTE

Alan Green will be out of the office from Tuesday, June 1 through Friday, June 11.

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



- 01 – Colin M.
- 01 – Owen M.
- 01 – Billie Pate
- 02 – Celia T.
- 05 – Darlene Panvini
- 05 – Brooke Wheeler
- 06 – Anne-Leslie Owens
- 07 – Alexis M.
- 08 – Scott Thomas
- 09 – Carson Brock
- 09 – Dan Ritter
- 10 – Don Schlosser
- 11 – Shannon Jones
- 12 – Ben Elsberry
- 16 – Rosalyn Ramage
- 16 – Joshua White
- 17 – Jim Hiett
- 18 – Jonathan Turner
- 21 – Will Kelley
- 23 – Alicia Fawley
- 25 – David Nowlin
- 27 – Kyra T.

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

- June 2
Ministries & Committees
- June 9
Program TBA
- June 16
Program TBA
- June 23
Program TBA
- June 30
Program TBA

JUNE 2010

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Baked Potato & Salad Bar <i>(prepared by Selena Carpenter, Betsy Dooley & Trayte Peters)</i> 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Ministries & Committees	3	4 3:00 PM Spiritual Practices Retreat at NaCoMe	5 Spiritual Practices Retreat at NaCoMe <i>(continued)</i>
<u>June 6</u> 9:00 AM 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by the Twenty-Somethings and Special Studies Classes)</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service	7 Kendall-Magee Book Club Meeting	8 Luke 14:12 6:30 PM Church Council Mtg	9 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 KFC Night <i>(arranged by Stewart Clifton)</i> 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Program TBA	10	11 7:30 PM GBC Movies on the Hill: "The Muppet Movie" (G)	12
<u>June 13</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 1:30 PM Summer Reading Discussion 6:00 PM Ice Cream Supper <i>(GBC Lawn)</i>	14	15	16 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner: Menu & Crew TBA 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Program TBA	17	18 7:30 PM GBC Movies on the Hill <i>(Title TBA)</i>	19 11:00 AM Nashville Pride Festival <i>(Riverfront Park)</i>
<u>June 20</u> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 2:00 PM Nia Class <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>	21 Vacation Bible School at Belmont United Methodist Church	22 VBS at Belmont UMC <i>(cont.)</i>	23 VBS at Belmont UMC <i>(cont.)</i> 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner by Jimmy Davis & Annette Sisson (Menu TBA) 6:45 Children & Youth Programs 6:45 Program TBA	24 VBS at Belmont UMC <i>(cont.)</i>	25 VBS at Belmont UMC <i>(cont.)</i> 7:30 PM GBC Movies on the Hill <i>(Title TBA)</i>	26 Baptist Youth Camp <i>(Laurel Ridge Camp, NC)</i>
<u>June 27</u> Baptist Youth Camp <i>(continued)</i> 9:30 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Service 12:00 PM McKeever / Burgett Wedding Shower <i>(Fellowship Hall)</i>	28 Baptist Youth Camp <i>(continued)</i>	29 Baptist Youth Camp <i>(continued)</i>	30 Baptist Youth Camp <i>(continued)</i> 5:15 Choir Practice 5:45 Dinner: Menu & Crew TBA 6:45 Program TBA			