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GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

A caring community of equality and grace.

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Join us at the

ALMOST HAWAIIAN LUAU

Annual New Member Celebration Dinner

WHERE: HAWAII !! Well, actually, Fellowship Hall with lots of fake palm trees and Glendalers dressed in loud Hawaiian shirts and wearing leis.

WHEN: Sunday, May 4, 6:00

WHY: To celebrate the 23 new members who have joined Glendale over the past year

Questions? Call Anne-Leslie at 330-9263
or email at alovens@comcast.net

Mother-Daughter Tea

In celebration of Mother's Day, Glendale Youth Girls and their Mothers will be having a tea.

Laura Kendall's House
5244 Village Trace
Sunday, April 27
4 pm

Don't forget to wear a hat!!

View from the Chair. . . .

As I sat at the last council meeting enjoying a wonderful laugh, courtesy of Liz and Stewart, I realized once again how very fortunate I am to be working with this group of people. We have had some tough issues come before us, we have worked together, and we have provided leadership and visioning. If you so choose, these same people will continue to lead the church council through 2004. I marvel at the response of Glendalers, willing to serve on Church Council, Nominating Committee, the Discernment & Search Committee, and the Interim Committee. All are long-standing committees that require much time and energy. The summer will bring a time when we can all decide how we can best serve Glendale during the coming year as we begin staffing each division.

The summer is also a time when many of us are away more than usual. My concern right now is with the financial status of the church. I ask you to be sensitive to your pledge/giving patterns during the coming months, even if you are away. I challenge us to provide for the work of the two search committees, the day-to-day operation of the church, AND to begin to pay off our line of credit. *This will require the attention of every Glendaler.* This is another challenge for our church. We will recognize it, we will decide on a course of action, and together we will meet that goal! Just as Glendalers have stepped up to the plate and volunteered to lead in the work ahead of us, we will meet our financial obligations, as a church, as well. ***The view from the chair, then, is one of gratitude and optimism!***

Martha Jo Berry
Council=Chair

Charge to the Discernment and Search Committee

Discernment *the faculty of showing good or outstanding judgment and understanding; acuteness of judgment and understanding.*

Search *to inquire, investigate, examine or seek*

This committee, nominated by the church council and elected by the church, has the task of presenting a single candidate to the church for consideration. Showing good judgment and understanding, you are to inquire, investigate, and seek the best candidate for the position. The committee will determine the process by which this is accomplished. ***It is our charge to you to include the church in this process of determining the job description as well as the qualities of the candidates to be considered.*** While most of your discussion and search will be kept confidential within the members of the committee, it is our hope that you will keep the church as informed as possible. We thank you for your willingness to serve. We recognize the time and energy that will be required of you during the months ahead. We offer our assistance to the committee in any way we are needed. May God be with us as we begin this journey together. . . .

An Update from Your Discernment and Search Committee

We are working. Since you elected us in March, we have met three times and attended to matters of getting to know each other, writing a covenant together, and considering a path to take in our process. We want that path to bring us in the end to the purpose for which we were charged: to bring a single pastoral candidate to the congregation for your consideration.

We are praying. We are delighted that you assigned us both to the task of discernment and the task of searching. Each task calls for prayer. Please continue to pray with us that we can lead the church in a discernment process that opens us to God's purpose for Glendale at this time, and helps us to discover pastoral leadership fitting with that purpose.

We are listening. As well as listening to God and each other, we are listening to the church. We will make our first report on Wednesday night, May 7, around the tables following dinner. We hope you will be there to share your wisdom and to listen with us for the Spirit's guidance in our work.

Crop Walk

April 6 was a cold, wet, windy day. Nevertheless, thirteen faithful Glendalers met at Centennial Park for the Crop Walk. Due to a tornado warning, the fundraiser for world and local hunger was canceled. We all got our t-shirts, wrote letters to Congress at the Bread for the World table, and had a group picture taken with the new Glendale banner! The picture is on the church website if you'd like to see it. Thanks to all who supported Crop Walk through donations.

THANKS

There are many people who have helped plan and lead our worship experiences during Lent, Holy Week and Easter. A great word of gratitude goes to Marjorie Halbert and Karen Turner for their help planning worship, for the sense of worship and liturgy and sacredness that they bring to us and for the extra time and energy they have put into the past few weeks. Beth Walker and Julie O'Neal have spent many hours preparing the sanctuary with visual images and sacred symbols that have enhanced our ministry of worship. Each Sunday we appreciate the beauty and creativity that they share with us. Raye Nell Dyer and the Worship Division have been a strong support to the staff. Not only do they generate wonderful ideas and energy, they put feet to them and help make them happen. Also, a word of thanks to Charles Warford for preaching on Palm Sunday and to all who have shared of themselves through reading, prayers, music, greeting, making guests and members alike feel welcome at Glendale, and providing care for our little folks during the worship service. Many thanks to all of you!

Dear Glendalers,

Cecelia and I want to thank you for the wonderful send-off into retirement you gave us after worship March 16. We will treasure the book of pictures and memories the rest of our lives. The laughter and tears that Sunday afternoon speak volumes about Glendale at its most welcoming and affirming. In addition, we appreciate the monetary gift you gave us. Your thoughtfulness will remain with us always, and Glendale will occupy a special place in our hearts and minds forever. Thank you, and may God be with you now and forevermore.

Mark and Cecelia

Thanks so much for all your loving concern over all the months of my surgeries and recuperation. I really appreciate all the calls, cards, transportation, visits, food, and especially the prayers. You folks are the greatest!

Love,
Joan Yarborough

Vacation Bible School

The dates for VBS have not been set but will likely be the evenings of July 6-9 or July 27-30. The theme will be Under the Baobab Tree. This Cokesbury curriculum teaches themes of liberation and freedom through Bible stories, African traditions, and more recent U.S. history. If you are interested in helping with VBS, please contact Julie Coulter. A director and/or co-director is needed for this special event for Glendale' s children.

Kid's Corner



And a little child shall lead them...
(quotes from children around the world)

Why on earth, do we have war! Money for war but none to feed the poor.

Cheryl Workell, 17, Barbados

Faithful Friends

Due to all the special worship services during the month of April, (Pal Sunday, Easter, Kyle Matthews), there will not be Faithful Friends in April. The regular schedule (third Sunday) for Faithful Friends will resume in May with Faithful Friends on May 18.