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One Pastor's Perspective

The month of April offers our church family opportunities to pay attention to our own spiritual needs, to our local partnership opportunities, and to a number of our national and international partners, too. In this issue of Visions, you will find articles about CropWalk, about the Alliance of Baptists Convocation in Birmingham, and about the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's General Assembly in Murfreesboro. Pay close attention, for these are events that can enhance our understanding of the role that Glendale plays when we're outside the building.

Inside the church house, in the context of worship, we also have a number of avenues for exploring our journeys together toward spiritual maturity. Our worship service on Sunday morning April 9, Palm Sunday/Passion Sunday, will lead us into Holy Week. On Wednesday, we will observe a service of footwashing and communion, as Jesus and his friends did in the upper room. Maundy Thursday offers us a chance to worship with our local ecumenical partners, as we are invited to participate in a service at First United Church, UCC.

Vine Street Christian Church is the location of a noonday service on Good Friday. And at 7pm on Good Friday, we will observe Tenebrae, a service of shadows. The Glendale choir, along with Shawn Knight and David Berry will present a dramatic dialogue, *Two Faces in the Shadows*, enacting the conversations between two of Jesus' disciples on the night when he was arrested. All of our time together during Holy Week will culminate in a joyful Easter morning breakfast and service of celebration. Check your calendar now and make plans to take advantage of each opportunity to deepen your experience as a follower of Jesus this Holy Week.

Amy

Report from Church Council Chair

We have passed the midpoint of the church year which means that the newly elected nominating committee of Julie Coulter (co-chair), Sue Kinzer (co-chair), Chalene Helmuth, Dave Shepherd and Joy Smith has begun its work to identify and name candidates for the various lay leadership position for the next church year. As the nominating committee works, please consider using the tools of "appreciative inquiry" to discern how you might fully live into the covenant that enriches the Glendale community. Church council members have recently shared with the congregation their responses to these questions: 1) Describe a time when have you felt God at work in your division. What do you value most about being a member of this division and why? 2) Considering the circumstances that made you feel like your division was at its best (when you felt God at work), write an affirmative statement (a provocative proposition) that describes the idealized future. Things to consider when writing a provocative proposition are: Does it stretch, challenge or innovate? Is it grounded in examples? Is it what we want?

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Holy Week Schedule

- 4/9: Palm Sunday/
Passion Sunday
- 4/12: Communion and
Footwashing Service
6:45 p.m.
- 4/13: Maundy Thursday
Service at First
United Church, UCC
- 4/14: Good Friday Service
at Vine Street
Christian, noon
- 4/14: Tenebrae Service
7:00 p.m., childcare
provided through
2nd grade

Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Glendalers will gather for breakfast on Easter morning, **April 16, at 9:00 a.m.** Bring a breakfast dish to share. The egg hunt will follow breakfast with preschoolers looking for eggs in the playground and K-4 hunting in the front church yard. Children should bring their Easter baskets to collect eggs. Children's Sunday School classes will meet after the egg hunt. You won't want to miss this long-time Glendale tradition!

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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.

We invite you to come and experience the Glendale that studies the scriptures and worships God together each Sunday morning-and the Glendale that gathers on Wednesday evenings for dinner, prayer, and genuine caring for one another.

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As we consider our still-new co-pastorate model and our partnership approach to leadership at Glendale, I invite you to be open to the many ways in which you can find God at work in our midst and where we can feel excited about our future.

Peace, Thomas

Stewardship Committee Report

As a church, we continue on our journey of being and becoming a congregation of generous people. This continues to happen in many different ways as we seek to be extensions of Christ in our world. On March 26, we each had the opportunity to bring to the altar our interest surveys as a symbol of our commitment to use our gifts and talents in and through Glendale Baptist Church. These surveys are indications of where we each see how God can use us as individuals to live out our church covenant. Thanks to everyone for your commitment to be a generous person and for your commitment to be used by God to bring love, justice, hope, and peace to our immediate world and beyond.

Ralph Baugh, Molly Boyd, Raye Nell Dyer, Jim Fey, Frenchie Fortenberry

New Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator

Elizabeth "Liz" Zagatta has joined the staff in the newly-created role of Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator. Liz is a second year Ph.D. student in the Graduate Department of Religion at Vanderbilt University; the focus of her studies is Psychology and Religion. She brings to us a strong educational background and broad experience working with youth, families and individuals in a variety of settings. She holds the BA in Psychology from Princeton University and the Master of Divinity in Pastoral Care and Counseling from Yale University.

Liz has worked directly with people in need as a student chaplain, as a residential counselor in a group home, and as a group facilitator in a juvenile detention facility. Her formal organizational experience also includes working as a member of teams planning and managing conferences, summer camps and colloquia, as an account executive in a PR, advertising and marketing firm, as an assistant in a college office of admissions, and as a research assistant for graduate faculty. She has significant volunteer experience, as well. Her interests include Christian ministry, music, film, dance, fitness, "the beach, and Springsteen."

In her new role at Glendale, Liz will bring all her talent, skills, experience and interests to bear in co-guiding activities related to the church's ministry to youth and children. She will work 8-10 hours per week, communicating about and attending Youth Council and Children's Council meetings, helping to implement and coordinate events, establishing more regular communication between the various groups and individuals, and publicizing the accomplishments of our young people.

Welcome Liz to Glendale.

Nominating Committee News

The newly elected nominating committee has begun meeting. Think of where you would like to serve this next church year. We will be contacting potential division chairs who will form the church council. Once elected, the division chairs will be staffing their divisions in late summer.

Julie Coulter, Chalene Helmuth, Sue Kinzer, David Shepherd, Joy Smith

New Members Welcomed Into the Fold

Please join us in welcoming our newest members who have been hard at work learning the ins and outs of Glendale membership. Over two weekends, the candidates were invited to a dinner for potential new members at the home of May Mears and David Webb followed by two sessions of learning history and inner workings and a new member led morning worship service.

Our newest members are Rand and Selena Carpenter, Myrte Veach, and Jonathan Turner. Please give them an extra-special Glendale hello.

Library Selection Keeps Growing...and Going

We are constantly adding new books and periodicals to our library, so stop by and peruse the selection. **MISSING**—One particular book went missing over two months ago. If you happen to know the whereabouts of *Christ the Lord: Out of Egypt* by Anne Rice we hope you will return it as soon as possible. The reward? Knowing that you have brought joy and relief to our Glendale librarians!

Crop Walk—April 9

It's not too late to sign-up for the Crop Walk. On **Sunday, April 9**, the Crop Walk will begin at 2:30p.m. at the bandshell in Centennial Park. Some may want to go to lunch after church; others may simply want to meet us at the park at 1:45.

All walkers (children, youth and adults) will need to complete a registration form. Julie Coulter has some extras. All walkers are encouraged to collect money from sponsors. If you won't be able to join us for the walk, there are plenty of folks looking for sponsors. Join us or support us in this wonderful event that brings awareness to our community about hunger around the corner and around the world!

Youth Xtreme Team Mission Adventure

Imagine that you are a teenager. Imagine putting your faith in action. Imagine stepping out of your comfort zone. Imagine being dropping off at the corner of 8th Avenue and Lafayette as the sun is setting on a busy Wednesday night. Imagine waving goodbye to your parents and not knowing why you are there. Imagine not seeing any of your youth leaders. Imagine being scared. Imagine interacting with three gruff looking men on this downtown street corner. Imagine feeling alone in a crowd. Imagine being offered drugs by a stranger. Imagine being confused. Imagine feeling helpless. Imagine having to trust these strangers. Imagine that these strangers become your friends. Imagine dinning with them. Imagine talking with them. Imagine loving them. Imagine discovering that what you thought you knew simply isn't true. For six of our youth this is not something they have to imagine, it is something they lived, something they chose to do. On Wednesday March 15th they participated in a modified version of the Xtreme Team Mission Adventure. The XTMA is a six-week summer mission program run by the American Baptist Churches. Our youth literally knew nothing coming into this Xperience but they walked away with a wealth of knowledge and three knew friends named Tiny, Jerry and Jimmy. On this evening they learned about the Odyssey Program at the Campus for Human Development, which included dinner, fellowship and a classroom observation. The events of the evening from start to finish were designed so that our youth could Xpand their minds, Xercise their faith and Xtend their hands in friendship and fellowship. This may have been our first XTMA but it will not be the last! I hope you will take some time to talk to our youth about their Xperiences because their stories will be much better than what you can imagine.

Peace, Molly

Wednesday Night Programs & Services

- 4/5: Division and
Committee Meetings
Youth Parent Meeting
- 4/12: Holy Week Service
- 4/19: Alex Weisendanger
and the Tennessee
Coalition to Abolish
State Killing (TCASK)
- 4/26: Reports on Alliance
of Baptists Conv. and
TN Cooperative
Baptist Fellowship
General Assembly

New Member Dinner

The time quickly approaches for the annual New Member Dinner at Glendale. We will be holding the dinner on **Sunday, May 7** with more details to come in the near future. Save the date and get ready to enjoy what promises to be great fun and entertainment for all.

Needle Nuts

Needle Nuts will not meet in April. We will resume third Saturday meetings **May 20**.

Teddy Bear Roundup

The Early Elementary Class is still collecting stuffed animals for donation to the Child Advocacy Center. We hope to learn the valuable lessons of putting our faith into action and giving to others.

On **Sunday, April 23**, we will be having a "Blessing of the Bears" prior to our donation. Please help us by donating teddy bears and stuffed animals.

Alliance of Baptists Convocation

Join fellow Alliance members **April 21-23** for the annual convocation. This year's focus is on reconciliation and will be held at the Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham, AL. The program includes special programs for children and youth. Afternoon workshop sessions include: "Reparations, Justice and Spiritual Formation," "Baptist Builders, A United Effort for the Gulf Coast," "Current Challenges in Church-State Relations," "Cross-Cultural Issues in Worship," "Dialogue on the glbt Welcoming and Affirming Movement," "Discerning God's Will for Your Church: Your Sons and Daughters Shall Prophesy," and "Understanding White Privilege." For more information, go to www.allianceofbaptists.org.

Following the convocation, all are welcome at the "**Let's Get Acquainted Luncheon**" at Southside Baptist Church, Birmingham, AL. The luncheon, sponsored by the **Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists**, is scheduled for **12:30-3pm on April 23**. Cost is \$5. For more information call 608.255.2155 or email ken@wabaptists.org.

TCBF General Assembly

The TCBF General Assembly is trying something new! Instead of the usual "travel Friday afternoon, Friday night reception and worship, followed by a reception" format, this year's General Assembly is all in one day. We will gather at FBC Murfreesboro at 9 a.m. on **Saturday, April 22**, for coffee. There will be a short time of worship led by our own Kyle Matthews (he's practically ours) with Molly Marshall bringing words of inspiration and encouragement. A morning breakout session followed by barbeque lunch and an afternoon breakout will bring us to an ice cream social. Programming and interest tracks include great offerings for children and youth, as well as adults. The afternoon will conclude with a worship service featuring Kyle and his music, Molly's preaching, and the Lord's Supper served by youth and children. Go to www.tncbf.org to make your reservations.

Glendale has an added honor that weekend. Molly Marshall, President of the Central Baptist Theological Seminary in Kansas City will be a guest in our pulpit on Sunday, April, 23. Make your plans now to attend.

BPFNA summer conference "Peace Camp"

This summer (**July 10-15, 2006**), the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America will host a conference entitled "Becoming the Beloved Community" in Atlanta, Georgia. Hundreds of folks from all around North America will gather at Oglethorpe University for a week of retreat and renewal -- inspiration and challenge -- growth and learning -- recreation and fun. To learn more about the BPFNA summer conference ("Peace Camp"), go to <http://www.bpfna.org/summerconference2006>.

Reflection on PeaceJam

Glendale youth member Garrett reflects: "I went to PeaceJam with high expectations. I envisioned long, in depth conversations with fellow PeaceJammers that would include such topics as how to make our world a more peaceful place, if peace will or could ever exist, or simply, what is peace? After having two or three meetings with my family group, I realized that this conference was more about bringing together youth with the same ideas to converse with each other, and more or less, learn from each other rather than getting into debates on what peace is and how it could be achieved."

Calling Glendale Gardeners

It's just about planting time and I'm wondering whether anybody else would be interested in doing a little gardening (food, not flowers) at Glendale. If you want to work on this project you'll need to make a **commitment** to doing your own planting, weeding, and harvesting all the way through to frost next fall. If enough of us are interested, I will determine how much space we will need and seek approval for the plan. My intention is to get the required space tilled over the few weeks, in advance of planting on Good Friday. Email me as soon as possible if you'd like to be included in the conversation about this informal Glendale Garden Club: davisj@mail.belmont.edu.

Jimmy Davis

Kid's Corner

In **Faithful Friends** on **March 19**, we learned about the **Crop Walk**. We talked about children around the world who walk to school and walk to get clean water. On April 9, we will walk because they walk!

We will not have Faithful Friends in April due to Easter.

The early elementary Sunday School class is about to round up their **Teddy Bear drive** which lasts through Lent. *(Read more on page 3)*

This is the last call for **Passport Kids! Camp** which is July 5-9 this summer. Any registration changes (additions or deletions) have to be made by May 1. See Julie or April if you have any questions.

Thanks to **David Webb** for taking on the title of **Preschool Sunday School Teacher!** David and Katie Fey are teaching the 3-4 year olds. Jennifer and Josh White moved upstairs with the 5 year olds for a class of their own. With this change, **the 5 year olds are going to Worship now**. This change occurred on March 26.

Tales of Youth Adventure

Visit the youth calendar at http://my.calendars.net/glendale_youth

Glendale youth and adult leaders planned and led the **Lenten Worship Service** on Sunday, March 12, sharing their experiences of various peace-related activities, including PeaceJam. At PeaceJam, nine Glendale youth enjoyed an apprenticeship in peacemaking with a Nobel peace laureate. *(See Garrett's reflection on Page 4)*

The youth took to the streets of downtown Nashville on Wednesday, March 15, on their first local **Xtreme Team Mission Adventure** with Molly Grisham. For more information, ask a youth group member to share with you the details of this "Xtreme" experience!

On Friday evening, March 17, the youth hosted **Room in the Inn**, sharing in a meal of chili, hotdogs, and all the fixin's with their guests. The youth also served breakfast along with Jimmy Davis and prepared sack lunches for their visitors.

The **Youth Council** met on Sunday evening, March 19, to discuss youth activities and plans for the upcoming months. Events in April will include a movie night, a parent meeting to discuss BYC and other summer activities, and Peace Pole Project planning and implementation.

"This experience served as a reminder to me that these homeless men we see on the streets truly are like you and me."

Garrett, a Glendale youth, commenting on his Xtreme Team Missions Adventure. To read more, see Molly Grisham's article on Page 3.

Children's Wednesday Night Programs

- 4/5: Rosalyn Ramage-Missions
- 4/12: Holy Week Service
- 4/19: Eileen Campbell Reed-Baptist Heritage
- 4/26: Jimmy Davis-Stewardship of Earth

Church-wide Potluck Children and Youth Sunday School Appreciation

There are fourteen Glendale youth who teach our children and youth in Sunday School each week. We're going to take some time to let these wonderful folks know of our appreciation for them as they teach and love our children. Bring a dish for lunch on **Sunday, April 30**, and join us!

Happy Birthday to You...(CHA, CHA, CHA)

- 1- Molly Boyd
- 1- Sydney
- 2- Stan Collins
- 3- David Farmer
- 5- Cecelia Caldwell
- 6- Jonas
- 9- Phillip Berry
- 13- Christy Halbert
- 13- Karen Rhodes
- 14- Jennifer White
- 16- Jackson
- 17- Bob Musgrove
- 18- Michael Bernard
- 19- Betty Mears
- 21- Theresa Collins
- 22- Meghan
- 26- Chalene Helmuth

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
							4/1 Church Yard Work Day
April 2 9:15 First Sunday Breakfast (<i>Special Studies Class Hosting</i>) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	4/3	4/4	4/5 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Division and Committee Meetings- Youth Parent Meeting	Menu Cookout- Burgers and Dogs Cole Slaw Potato Salad Chips	4/6	4/7	4/8
April 9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Palm Sunday Worship Service Crop Walk Girl Scouts 4-5:30 PM	4/10	4/11 6:00 Church Council Meeting Luke 14:12	4/12 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Communion and Footwashing Service	Menu Chicken Parmesan Rice Caesar Salad Broccoli Kid's Menu Pizza Bagels and Fries	4/13 Maundy Thursday Service at First United Church, UCC	4/14 Good Friday Service at Vine Street Christian Tenebrae Service at Glendale	4/15
April 16 9:00 Easter Breakfast and Egghunt 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Easter Worship Service	4/17 Deadline to submit Visions info.	4/18	4/19 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Program by Alex Weisendanger on TCASK	Menu Grilled Chicken Rice Garden Salad Corn	4/20	4/21	4/22 TCBF General Assembly, Murfreesboro
April 23 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service "Blessing of the Bears" Girl Scouts 4-5:30 PM	4/24	4/25	4/26 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Report on Alliance Convocation and TCBF General Assembly	Menu Pasta with Marinara Caesar Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread	4/27	4/28	

<p>Alliance of Baptist Convocation April 21-23 Birmingham</p>
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