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One Pastor's Perspective

The lectionary readings for February include a Psalm each Sunday dealing with the people of God at worship. Taking our cue from the Psalmists, we will be spending our Sunday-morning worship times focusing on worship itself. Why do we worship? Are there different ways that we come before the Holy equally important, equally valid? What is important about our worship space? Are words our primary way to encounter sacred time together? Are there other ways to worship that deal less with word, less with thought? Are we comfortable there?

These are some of the questions that will inform our time together during the month of February. You'll want to

remember, too, that on two Wednesday nights the Worship Division will be leading us in conversation about worship: the hows and whys and wherefores. Further, our elementary-aged children will be learning about worship during Sunday School. Third and fourth graders will be led by members of the church staff and the Worship Division to discover their roles as worship participants and worship leaders.

February is full of opportunities for us as a congregation to experience worship deeply, communally, intentionally, and spontaneously, too. Don't miss it!

Amy

A Word from the Church Council Chair

The church council regretfully accepted the resignation of Lyndi Hewitt as chair of the membership division in January. While Lyndi still plans to participate in membership division activities, her professional and family obligations have brought about some schedule changes in her life that have made service on the council incompatible. We appreciate Lyndi's service for the past year and half and look forward electing a new membership division chair soon.

Our by-laws state, "On the first Sunday morning in February, each church member will be asked to nominate five

church members to serve on the nominating committee." On February 5, ballots will be distributed prior to the worship service to begin the process of selecting a new nominating committee. Members of the church council are ineligible to serve on the nominating committee. As we enter this process of seeking and identifying the leadership opportunities in the church, it is so important that we each consider our gifts and gladly offer them for the good work that is ongoing in our midst at Glendale.

Peace, Thomas

Looking Ahead.... Cuba Friends to Visit in April-May

On March 5, we will hold a church-wide potluck in the fellowship hall. As is our custom, the first Sunday of the month is "Cuba Partnership Sunday." This particular first Sunday

we will hear plans for an upcoming visit from two members of our partner church in Santa Clara, the Alberto J. Diaz Baptist Church.

Youth Participate in PeaceJam February 25-26

Recently, several youth members have committed to preparing for and participating in PeaceJam in Memphis, TN, on February 25 and 26. They will represent Glendale at this gathering of approximately 300 young people from Arkansas, Tennessee, and Mississippi.

PeaceJam is an international education program built around leading Nobel Peace Laureates who work personally with youth to pass on the spirit, skills and wisdom they embody. The goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, themselves and the world. Glendale youth will meet and interact with a human rights activist from East Timor, Mr. Jose Ramos-Horta and will present a peace/service project.

Memphis participants will be eligible to apply for the 10th annual celebration in Denver, CO. There attendees will meet other Nobel Laureates including the Dalai Lama and Bishop Desmond Tutu.

Go to www.peacejam.org for more information.



Thanks for including the "Other Sheep"

Joe O'Cain would like to express his genuine gratitude to Glendale members who are showing a generous and wonderful response to his outreach ministry "Other Sheep." This ministry provides pastoral care to those who are infected and affected by AIDS/HIV, as well as sexual minorities and other "Least of These."

Room In The Inn in February-March

Glendale is hosting gentlemen at Room In The Inn four more Fridays this winter. Overnight hosts are needed for these dates:

February 3 and 17
March 3 and 17

Please contact Lisa Lehr if you are able to help.
831-1299 - home
517-2779 - cell
902-1428 - wk

Alliance of Baptists Convocation April 21-22



Join fellow Alliance members April 21-23, 2006, at the Southside Baptist Church in Birmingham, Alabama. The program includes special programs for children and youth.

For more information, go to www.allianceofbaptists.org.

Financial Plan for Ministry: Pledge Emphasis

The Stewardship Committee is in the final stages of completing the pledge emphasis for our Financial Plan for Ministry. During Advent, we worked with Amy and April in planning a stewardship emphasis related to "What Shall We Bring To The Manger?" On January 8, Glendale members were asked to bring their pledge card to the front during the worship service and place it under the manger.

Our next step is to continue collecting these pledges during the month of January for folks who were out of town on Sunday. The final date for turning in pledges was Sunday, January 29. After that, the committee will tally the total amount pledged.

The Stewardship Committee has gotten a lot of positive feedback about their approach to stewardship during this emphasis, and especially the way it was handled on Sunday the 8th. Thanks to everyone for your kind support. We continue to meet weekly to consider other ways of calling the church to living out our commitment through being good stewards of our money, our gifts, our energies, etc.

Cooperative Baptist Fellowship: Relief Efforts

The focus of CBF's hurricane Katrina relief effort is not just gathering money or restoring buildings. It's about restoring the lives of those affected. Nevertheless, more than \$1.1 million has been contributed to the CBF's hurricane relief fund, which is being used for reconstruction and "transformational development projects."



Also more than \$2.56 million was contributed to tsunami relief in Southeast Asia. The aid in rebuilding and development projects will continue through December 2007. Some of the projects include providing clean drinking water, school supplies, livelihood kits for certain occupations, and helping with medical needs.

New Adult Study Group Forming

The Education Division is offering a new study group beginning in February. This group will meet on the first and third Tuesday evening from 6-8 PM in the library. We will be studying Living the Questions, a new resource for theological study by progressive Christians from several denominations. An informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 7. For more information, email Linda Ray Miller at lindaray_miller@yahoo.com

Worship in February: FABULOUS

The Worship Division has been planning a special February for our 3rd and 4th grade Sunday School class. For the month of February the children will be more formally introduced to the elements of worship and their meaning. An exciting curriculum has been developed and several people will be involved in teaching on each Sunday in the month. Questions will guide each week: Why Do We Worship? What Goes into Worship? How do We Lead Worship? Why Do We Celebrate Communion and Baptism? We want our children to know they are valuable members of the congregation. These classes will help to prepare them to be both active participants in worship and occasional leaders. Parents will receive a letter detailing these plans. No one will want to miss these Sundays.

Adults can also look forward to a fabulous February. Two Wednesday nights, February 8th and 15th will also be dedicated to discussions about worship. Mark your calendars now to be with us as Karen Turner and Amy Mears lead us.

Kid's Corner

Sunday School is on the move – quite literally! The children's Sunday School classes are still experiencing phenomenal growth, which means we have to make room for more children. Locations of all children's classes:

Infants (newborns and crawlers) – Upstairs, large room on the front of the church
 Toddlers (approx. 12 – 36 months) – Main floor, first door on the left
 Preschool (Three years and younger fours) – Main floor, second door on the left
 Pre-K – older fours and fives – Upstairs, last room on the left
 Younger Elementary (Kindergarten – 2nd grade) – Upstairs, second door on the left
 Older Elementary (3rd – 4th graders) – Upstairs, first door on the left
 Tweens in Transition – (5th – 7th graders) - Upstairs Youth Corridor on the right

Children's Wednesday Night Schedule for February

6:30 – 7:00 Children's Choir with Kim Sheehan and Susan Compton
 7:00 – 7:30 February 1 – Missions with Rosalyn Ramage
 February 8 – Baptist Heritage with Eileen Campbell-Reed
 February 15 – Worship Education with Pastors
 February 22 – Stewardship of the Earth with Jimmy Davis

Glendale kids hosted **Room in the Inn on January 20**. Alexis, Chandler (Jackson's friend), Evie, Jackson, Lara, and Margie spent the night in the foyer with Julie. We didn't stay up too late because we were up early in the morning for breakfast with our guests. Thanks to all the parents who pitched in!

In **Faithful Friends on January 15**, we talked about how labels and names sometimes are hurtful. We shared our experiences with Room in the Inn and heard the wonderful story, *The Lady in the Box*, by Ann McGovern.

Horton Who? Thirty-eight Glendaleers had the privilege of seeing our own Shawn Knight perform as Horton in the Nashville Children's Theatre production of *Seussical* in January. We had a wonderful time and particularly enjoyed Shawn's performance.

Youth Happenings

The **Youth Calendar** is available at http://my.calendars.net/glendale_youth.

Souper Bowl of Caring Sunday will be February 5. The youth will collect a special offering for a local organization that addresses hunger and poverty. Youth are encouraged to attend worship and to help collect cash donations.

A **Super Bowl party** will be hosted by the Sisson-Brock-Davis family on February 5.

Don't miss **Movie Night** on February 11. Details to follow.

The next **Youth Council** meeting will be held on February 19 after church.

Youth will participate in **PeaceJam** on February 25-26. (See article on page 1.)

Baptist Youth Camp is scheduled for July 1-7. Registration (\$50 deposit and registration form) for Baptist Youth Camp is due by March 15. Camp fees will be \$300 per camper this year. Please see Thomas if you are interested.

Needle Nuts Saturday, February 18

Needle Nuts will meet on Saturday, February 18 at 10:00 AM at the home of Rosalyn Ramage, 3312 Lealand Lane. Experienced and novice knitters and the like are invited to join us for fellowship and lunch.

Quarterly Business Meeting and Pie Supper Sunday, February 19

Make plans to attend the quarterly business meeting on February 19, 5:30 PM in the fellowship hall. The church council will present proposed amendments to the church by-laws. Following the meeting, head to the home of Rosalyn and Don Ramage, 3312 Lealand Lane (north on Lealand from the church, through Woodmont Blvd. past Noelton, house on right) for the annual pie supper. The pie supper is a Glendale tradition. Bring your favorite pie and don't miss this blessed event!

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

1	Quenton
4	George O'Neal
9	Pat Sapp
15	Zack
22	Stephanie Wyatt
24	Lyndi Hewitt
25	Beverly Bernard
27	Jill Webb-Hill

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
			2/1 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Program: Division and Committee Meetings	Menu Grilled Chicken Rice Salad, Corn	2/2	2/3 Room In The Inn	2/4
February 5 9:15 First Sunday Breakfast (Mens' Class Hosting) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	2/6 12 :00 noon UCC, DoC, AoB Partnership Steering Committee	2/7	2/8 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Program: Worship at Glendale I, led by Karen Turner	Menu Lasagna Caesar Salad Broccoli Garlic Bread Kids Menu Pizza Rolls PB&J Sandwiches	2/9	2/10	12/11 Nashville Family Pride 4-7 PM
February 12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Girl Scouts 4-5:30 PM	2/13	2/14 6:00 Church Council Meeting Luke 14:12	2/15 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Program: Worship at Glendale II, led by Amy Mears	Menu Fajitas Mexican Rice Refried Beans Chips & Salsa	2/16	2/17 Room In The Inn	2/18 10:00 Needle Nuts at home of Rosalyn Ramage (3312 Lealand Lane)
February 19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Faithful Friends 5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting and Pie Supper	2/20 Deadline to submit Visions info.	2/21	2/22 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Program: Renewal House	Menu Soup Mixed Greens w/ Chicken Strips Baked Potato Kids Menu Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots	2/23	2/24	2/25 PeaceJam
February 26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service PeaceJam Girl Scouts 4-5:30 PM	2/27	2/28					

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