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One Pastor's Perspective

In a recent worship service at Glendale, a five-year-old of my acquaintance made good use of her time by listing some of the things in her world that she counts as the most important. The list includes fifty-five members of the animal world. Among them: berd, bare, tertel, werme; mole, bugs, kiyody, elafint; hipoPodmis, swon, b, maws; and my personal favorite, the dubelwadel kasowarey. I confess, I don't actually know how one would correctly spell the name of that last one, but she insists that it's a huge bird "and it can kill a human!" I don't doubt it.

I don't doubt it because I know this child to be closely attuned to the facts and needs of the animal world. If she were running the universe, the needs of the "wermes" and the "berds" would come well ahead of the needs of humans—after all, she would insist, the humans are able to fend for themselves much more easily than the animals. The Glendale Green Team is doing its part to help our family of faith follow the example of our five-year-olds. They are dropping helpful hints to us via the announcement sheet in the order of worship, they're modeling good practice as they gather up the church's recycling materials, they're helping us to think about how greenly we can use our physical plant and property. The efforts of the Green Team will be highlighted in worship on Sunday, April 22—Earth Day. You won't want to miss it!

Amy

Words from the Worship Division

The first six months of the church year have been full and meaningful and have challenged us in many ways. The worship division would like to thank everyone who participated in worship in these months. We had congregants who took worship seriously, members who greeted those who came, readers who led us in worship and an excellent staff who completed the picture. Thanks to all who greeted, read, prayed, prepared the worship space, focused on missions and stewardship, sang, directed music, played instruments, preached, and many other things (lights, heat, locking up, etc.) to make everything work well. You are a good bunch of participants in the drama that is worship. There needs to be a special word for the ones who made Christmas Eve the wonderful experience it was. You know who you are, and the grateful division chair knows it would not have happened without you! The children and young people--especially those who were home from school and other places--did their parts with great enthusiasm and were the best they could have been. The other aspect of Christmas Eve--dinner with our guests at Room in the Inn (a direct outgrowth of worship!) was also a meaningful time. Since then, we have observed Epiphany and have participated in a period of ordinary time with a focus on being our best selves during our usual (ordinary) days and ways of living. We stand now at the season of Lent, with its beginning on Ash Wednesday, and then we move toward Easter and Pentecost. We hope all worshippers will find this a time of growth, new ideas, and renewed interest in areas of forgiveness, mercy, justice, and reconciliation.

A word of appreciation to Sharon Hiett and the committee which has taken the

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Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt

Glendalers will gather for breakfast on Easter morning, April 8, at 9:00 a.m. Bring a breakfast dish to share. See Annette Sisson or Rhonda Pearson for complete details. 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 their eggs. Children's Sunday School classes will meet after the egg hunt.

Easter Glendale Family Portrait

Following Easter worship service, everyone is invited to gather on our front lawn. John Laney will be taking a "Glendale Family Portrait" of all the members, visitors, and friends in attendance. We will be recreating a photograph similar to one taken around 1950.

Welcome New Staff

At the Special Called Business Meeting on March 28, we approved the recommendation from the Discernment and Search Committee. Glendalers Linda Ray Miller and Don Schlosser will serve as Co-Minister of Music and Kyle Rybczyk will be our Pianist, effective immediately.

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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 and a partnership with Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Diaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.

responsibility for planning and bringing about the changes we are seeing in the sanctuary. The space has a bright, warm new color and other changes, and there a few more changes to come. This group has worked very long and hard and is still on the job. Their work has been done in the hope of making this place more conducive to worship. Thanks to all of you.

One other word: As members of the congregation, you can make considerable contributions to worship if you let us know what you appreciate and what you would suggest we do differently. Georgia Sims is the congregational representative in the division, and will gladly take your ideas and suggestions. Thank you for paying attention and for speaking to us about your concerns. We make no radical promises, but we can only know what you think needs attention if you tell us. We also invite you to volunteer to be readers or greeters of to pray or serve in other ways in Glendale's worship services.

Worship Division

From the Church Council Chair

Thanks to the leadership of Liz Allen-Fey, we are once again taking some time to reflect on our experiences and offer some "provocative propositions" for our future. Using a process called "Appreciative Inquiry," members of the church council are reflecting on moments when they were energized by God's presence in their work. These are participatory gatherings so come, hear and share!

While we're on the subject of talking about where we are and where we are heading, let us not forget that there are many tasks to which we are called to do now. Our nominating committee (Annette Sisson, Georgia Sims, Doug Trotter, Chris Ferrell, and Amy Wells) was elected on March 25 and work will soon begin on the process of seeking out and naming the lay leadership for a new church year that begins on September 1. Seriously contemplate how you can participate in the ongoing good work at Glendale. Don't be afraid to stretch yourself. Leadership should not be a scary thing and yet I hear so often, "I will serve but I won't chair," that one would think it is a favorite hymn title! Glendale is worth working for and we need everyone to be part of that work. It is in this work that we grow and learn together.

Thomas

Appreciative Inquiry Returns to Wednesday Nights

Appreciative Inquiry is a way for organizations to look to the future by reflecting on what provides energy and moves the organization forward. Rather than focusing on what is going wrong, this reflection process allows groups to expand what is going well. Appreciative Inquiry asks us to remember the occasions when we have operated our best or for Glendale, when we have experienced God at work. It is based on the belief that the future is within us and is based on the best of us.

Appreciative Inquiry has been practiced for several years, but it is new to most Glendalers. We first utilized this process on a couple of Wednesday nights last year. Understanding that it takes practice to become confident and accomplished in this process, we plan to expand our reflection time to include several Wednesday nights. If you can't be with us, go to the website, www.glendalebaptist.org/appreciative_inquiry, to provide your thoughts.

March 14 Stewardship, Membership, Education, and Worship
April Administration, Missions, Ministry, and Communications
May Co-Pastorate

Earth Day Bags Project

Earth Day is celebrated on April 22. That Sunday, kids in Sunday School will be participating in a nation-wide event called "Earth Day Bags." Children around the country 'borrow' bags from a local grocer, decorate them with healthy eating and Earth Day themes, and then take them back to the grocery store. The store then hands them out to customers on Earth Day. It's a great opportunity for our kids to celebrate our Earth along with children from all over. Please check out these websites (www.earthdaybags.org and www.earthday.net) to find more ways to celebrate Earth Day with your kids and to learn more about the Earth Day Bags project.

Community Supported Agriculture

Delvin Farms, a local organic farm, has agreed to have our neighbor, Glendale Elementary, as a drop-off site for their produce. Here's how it works. You buy a "share" in the farm before the produce comes in. The farmer then 1) has money to buy seeds and supplies and 2) knows how much s/he should plant in order to serve the customer base without any waste. A box (bushel) of produce, whatever is in season that week, is then yours. You can buy a share (every week) or a half share (every other week) or go in with another family. The season is from the beginning of May until October. *If Glendale Elementary can get 20 people signed up, the Delvins will drop off the produce (picked that morning!) at the school in the afternoon.* Contact Selena McCoy Carpenter if you have questions. Please visit the Delvin's website at: www.delvinfarms.com. You can also learn more about choosing local produce by going to Tennessee's Department of Agriculture's website: www.picktnproducts.org.

Glendale Green Team: Tips for Heat and Energy Conservation

The Glendale Green Team aims to foster environmental awareness at all levels, including personal and organizational (family, church, work). Here are some environmentally-friendly suggestions that Glendalers use to reduce energy consumption and heating bills:

- Apply weather stripping around exterior doors/windows.
- Use a digital, programmable timer on thermostats and water heaters.
- Set home thermostat to 65-70 °F.
- Change the furnace filter monthly and get annual furnace inspections.
- Utilize space heaters in small areas to avoid heating unused spaces.
- Use portable and ceiling fans to circulate warm air.
- Close off unused rooms to conserve heat.
- Open drapes on the south side of the house to let the winter sun warm rooms.
- Use microwave-heated corn bags to warm hands, feet, and bed.
- Use towels and sheets longer to conserve water and heat for water.
- Use compact fluorescent bulbs instead of incandescent bulbs.
- Set hot water heater to 120°F.
- Turn lights off when not in use.
- Wear a sweater and socks to stay warm rather than turning up the thermostat.
- Search "home energy audit" on the internet to find other ways of keeping heat in your house and energy costs low.



Perhaps you have noticed Green Team members collecting recycling after worship service on Sunday mornings? If you are interested in helping, let us know.

On **April 22**, the Green Team is coordinating a special Earth Day service. Join us as we celebrate spring and God's beautiful earth!

*Darlene Panvini and Peggy Phelps
Green Team Chairs*

Holy Week Schedule

- 4/1 Palm Sunday
- 4/4 Footwashing/Communion
- 4/6 Meditations, 12:00 noon
- 4/6 Tenebrae Service, 7:00pm
- 4/7 Easter Sunday Breakfast,
Egg Hunt, and Glendale
Family Portrait

Wednesday Night Schedule

- 4/4 Footwashing/Communion
- 4/11 Division/Committee
Meetings
- 4/18 Church Council—
Appreciative Inquiry
- 4/25 Missions: Immigration

A Big Thank You

...to all of you who participated on Sunday, March 25, when Kathe Padilla came to Glendale to meet her new Ambuyas of Chishawasha (honorary grandmothers of the orphanage she founded in Zambia) and tell our membership of her experiences of joy and sorrow in a peace-loving country rampant with AIDS, death, orphans, and starving people.

Thanks for attending, responding, bringing food, welcoming our guests (partnership and others). And, a special thanks to those who helped set-up and clean up. You are great and you always come through. I am so proud to be among church member who open their arms and hearts to efforts that help to make the world a better place.

Annual New Member Dinner Celebration

At our upcoming annual New Members Dinner Celebration, we will re-introduce all the people who have joined Glendale since last May. This year we will be showcasing these newest members "In the Winners' Circle," which will be a takeoff on a Kentucky Derby theme. We're sure you will want to celebrate with us in this "run for the roses," so mark your calendars now. It is scheduled for Sunday evening, May 6, at 5:30 p.m. The 2007 membership rosters and member bios (see below) will be available for pickup at the dinner. Watch for announcements regarding further details.

Member Bios for ALL Glendalers

Many Glendalers have commented on how much they appreciate the brief biographical sketches provided on the Sundays we celebrate a new member class. Building on this great idea, we want to create a collection of biographical sketches covering everybody in the church, not just our newest members.

Membership Division is asking all members to write up a brief biographical sketch, or answer a few biographical questions, by April 16 (tax day). We will compile the sketches and have copies available for pickup along with the membership roster on Sunday, May 6, at the New Member Dinner. To participate, you can:

Write your own sketch—Use the questions below to create your own sketch of approximately 75-100 words.

Complete a questionnaire and we will write a sketch for you—Forms will be available at Wednesday night suppers and/or in the church bulletins in the near future. It will only take a few minutes to fill out the form.

Please submit your sketch by email to Rosalyn Ramage, Sue Kinzer, or Anne-Leslie Owens or give the completed form to one of them by April 16.

QUESTIONS TO BE ANSWERED (in completed sketch or as individual answers) for BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH:

- Name
- Hometown
- Family situation
- Employment
- Hobbies, interests, projects
- How long have you been at Glendale?

Optional Questions:

- What interesting fact about yourself do you want to share?
- Why did you come to Glendale?
- What do you find significant about being a part of this covenant community?

Baptist Related Giving, Part 2

We profiled the Alliance of Baptist and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in February *Visions*. Two more Baptist organizations Glendale supports are listed below. Each organization responds to God's call in similar and unique ways.

Baptist World Alliance

Website: www.bwanet.org

Annual 2007 Budget: \$2.3 million plus \$2.5 million for Baptist World Aid

Financial Sources: more than 200 Baptist conventions and unions comprising a membership of over 110 million Baptists worldwide, including churches and individuals

Vision Statement: The Baptist World Alliance is a global movement of Baptists sharing a common confession of faith in Jesus Christ, bonded together by God's love to support, encourage and strengthen one another, while proclaiming and living the Gospel of Jesus Christ in the power of the Holy Spirit to a lost world.

Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America

Website: www.bpfna.org

Annual 2007 Budget: \$300,000

Financial Sources: individuals, 79 partner congregations

Mission Statement: The BPFNA gathers, equips, and mobilizes Baptists to build a culture of peace rooted in justice. We labor with a wonderful array of peacemakers to change the world.

Communications Surveys Coming to Deacon Groups

On the recent communications survey, over 40 Glendale members and several frequent visitors were generous with thoughts, comments, and suggestions on what is going well and what can be improved about Glendale communications. The survey focused on newsletter, listserv, website, Wednesday night announcement sheet, Sunday night announcement sheet, and bulletin board/flyers. As a follow-up, we thought it would be effective to give groups of Glendalers a chance to discuss, clarify, and build on their comments.

In March, the Warford, Halbert, and Trotter/Wells groups met. The Ramage and Baugh deacon groups combined will meet on April 1 and the Northrup and Junker deacon groups combined will meet on April 14. A conversation with the Fortenberry/Magee deacon group is currently being scheduled.

Communication Division

Youth Happenings

Since the beginning of the year, we have: had a winter retreat; studied, planned for and attended PeaceJam; attended the play "Ordinary Heroes" at Fisk; served guests at Room in the Inn and had an all-night lock-out; and bowled for Junior Achievement.

Still to come is a progressive "favorite sitcom" dinner in mid-April and participation in the Invisible Children's "Displace Me" project. While we know that there will be a "Displace Me" in Nashville on **April 28**, we don't yet know where. Youth who wish to be part of this project are encouraged to sign up at <http://www.invisiblechildren.com/theMovement/displaceMe/>. More to come!

Check the youth website (www.glendalebaptist.org/youth) and frequently and watch for emails for after worship volleyball, special Wednesday night activities and upcoming announcements about Peace Camp in Berea, Kentucky.



**Happy Birthday
to You
April Babies
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
- 18 - Jake
- 19 - Betty Mears
- 21 - Theresa Collins
- 22 - Meghan
- 22 - Kimber
- 26 - Chalene Helmuth
- 28 - David Mears

A Call for Books

Churches Supporting Churches, a group of congregations helping to provide resources for New Orleans churches destroyed by Hurricane Katrina, are helping to rebuild the theological libraries for pastors serving 36 churches in the Deep South. The pastors being served, mostly African-American and Baptist, welcome all theological and pastoral books. **You may bring books to Amy's study through May 1.** She will Contact Churches Supporting Churches and see that they get to where they are most needed.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
April 1-PALM SUNDAY 9:00 First Sunday Breakfast (coordinated by Biblestudy@Glendale.etc 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Ramage and Baugh Deacon Groups Meeting and Potluck 2:00 Crop Walk	4/2	4/3	4/4 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children’s Choir 6:45 Holy Week Communion/ Footwashing Service Children: Choir	Menu Chicken Parmesan, Rice, Green Beans, Garden Salad (all)	4/5	4/6-GOOD FRIDAY 12 noon Meditations 7:00 Tennebrae Service	4/7
April 8-EASTER 9:00 Easter Breakfast and Egg Hunt (coordinated by Annette Sisson and Rhonda Pearson) 9:40 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service GBC Family Portrait	4/9	4/10 Luke 14:12 6:00 Church Council Meeting	4/11 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children’s Choir 6:45 Division/ Committee Meetings Children: Missions	Menu Grilled Chicken, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Glazed Carrots (all)	4/12	4/13 April 13-15 Alliance of Baptists Convocation, Washington, DC	4/14 Northrup/ Junker Deacon Groups Meeting
April 15 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	4/16 Deadline to submit Visions info.	4/17	4/18 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children’s Choir 6:45 Church Council Reflections/ Appreciative Inquiry. Liz Allen-Fey, facilitator Children: Choir	Menu Cookout: Burgers & Dogs, Slaw, Potato Salad, Chip (all)	4/19	4/20	4/21 Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship Meeting, Signal Mountain, TN
April 22-EARTH DAY 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	4/23	4/24	4/25 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children’s Choir 6:45 Immigration Program. Stephen Fotopoulos, speaker Children: Missions	Menu Stuffed Shells, Caesar Salad, Broccoli, Garlic Bread (all)	4/26	4/27	4/28 “Displace Me” event (Youth)
April 29 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	4/30	4/31	For the latest calendar listings, go to the GBC website calendar at http://www.calsnet.net/glendale_baptist . To add a calendar item, contact Alan Green in the church office at gbc@glendalebaptist.org or 269-0926. To make (or cancel) a Wednesday night dinner reservation, contact Alan Green in the church office at gbc@glendalebaptist.org or 269-0926 by noon on Monday.				

April 26-29, Amy and April facilitating retreat in NC

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