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Glendale's Amazing Children—Room in the Inn

On January 19, the dinner spread was the best some of us had ever experienced at Room in the Inn! The highlight of the dinner was the blessing given by 3-year-old Sam. "Thank you for the food and our guys. Amen." There were smiles all around. Our guests will likely remember the prayer of a small child as they gather for dinner in days to come around other tables. Many of us smiled, too, when Lara and Evie picked up their plates and headed to a table to visit with a guest.

Before and after dinner, the children busied themselves in the library making a butterfly mobile for Cindy Rusek. Danny, Reid, Lara, Evie and Kimber each made butterflies and strung them on the cord. Frenchie Fortenberry, Julie Coulter, and some of the children will take the beautiful craft to Cindy and tell her of the fun we had at Room in the Inn.

Lara, Evie, Kimber, April Baker, and Julie Coulter played "Apples to Apples" at the now traditional slumber party in the foyer. April headed home before the rest of the girls settled in to watch *The Princess Bride* and fall asleep in their sleeping bags.

Our three sleepy-eyed girls seemed to wake up when they smelled the eggs and sausage Jimmy Davis was cooking. After Rand Carpenter, Tracey Fisher and our guests drove off, all three girls helped clean the fellowship hall and the kitchen before everyone headed home to hopefully take a nap!

Thanks to Tracey and Jimmy for spending the night. Rand Carpenter and Kylene Dibble's (and husband, Jeremy) constant support and presence is also appreciated.

Quarterly Business Meeting and Pie Supper

On **February 18**, please plan to attend the quarterly business meeting at 5:30 pm in the fellowship hall. The important work of the committees and divisions of the church will be reviewed and the treasurer will present an update on the status of our Financial Plan for Ministry. The attendance of all members is essential to our being faithful to our covenant of accountability. **Following the business meeting, we will gather at the home of the Ramages for the annual pie supper.** This 31-year tradition at Don and Rosalyn's is something you won't want to miss! Bring a pie (or something sweet), the kids, the in-laws, etc., and enjoy the food and fellowship. Call the church office at 269-0926 for directions or other information.

Nominate the Nominating Committee!

As is required by our by-laws, prior to the worship service on February 4, "...each church member will be asked to nominate five church members to serve on the nominating committee." Designated members of the church council will count the ballots. The Church council will contact those receiving the highest number of nominations and ask if they will be willing to serve if elected. After ten people have been identified as willing to serve, this slate will be submitted to the church by the end of March. The five candidates receiving the highest number of votes will be elected. In the event of a tie, the Church council will determine the final member with a drawing. Please carefully consider the gifts of members who can serve in this important role for the church.

A February Farewell to Fourteen (Thousand)

Sunday, **February 25**, the first Sunday of Lent, is the day that has been chosen to say goodbye to our \$14,000 bank loan... "A February Farewell to Fourteen." We are asking all of you to do the extraordinary to rid our church of this debt. Children will be decorating their own 25-cent coin collector for the special day.

How about skipping one family night out for dinner, setting that money aside for this fund raiser; doing without Starbucks for a week, and put that money in your very own Glendale sock; putting loose change in your very own February Farewell to Fourteen quarter collector; or ignoring one movie...(that's \$15 per person that can go into the collection).

You get the point. If every family unit currently giving to Glendale can give an average of \$150 on February 25, the Fourteen Thousand will be gone.

Wednesday Night Schedule

- Feb 7** Division/Committee Meetings
- Feb 14** Education Night
- Feb 21** Ash Wednesday
- Feb 28** Youth Presentation on PeaceJam

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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.

2006 Financial Report from the Church Council

Final numbers are finally in for our 2006 Financial Plan for Ministry. Thanks to everyone's hard work for responding to the call to give and support our financial plan at the end of the year.

Total Receipts: \$293,294.32

Expenses:

Administration: \$247,299.57

Communications: \$ 2,135.94

Education: \$ 6,967.94

Membership: \$ 550.25

Ministry: \$ 94.80

Missions: \$ 39,698.06

Worship: \$ 4,613.18

Total Expenses: \$301,359.74

Baptist Denominational Giving

Glendale supports two organizations through denominational giving, the Alliance of Baptists and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship. Each organization responds to God's call in similar and unique ways. Here are a few facts about the organizations. Visit the websites to learn more if you're not familiar with the Alliance of Baptists or the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Alliance of Baptists

Website: www.allianceofbaptists.org

Annual 2007 Budget: \$442,848

Financial Sources: individuals, churches

Mission Statement: To keep faith with our covenant, we: 1. Make the worship of God primary in all our gatherings; 2. Foster relationships within the Alliance and with other people of faith; 3. Create places of refuge and renewal for those who are wounded or ignored by the church; 4. Side with those who are poor; 5. Pursue justice with and for those who are oppressed; 6. Care for the earth; 7. Work for peace; 8. Honor wisdom and lifelong learning; and 9. Hold ourselves accountable for equity, collegiality, and diversity.



Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Website: www.thefellowship.info

Annual 2006-07 Budget: \$17.05 million

Financial Sources: individuals, over 1,850 churches

Mission Statement: We are a fellowship of Baptist Christians and churches who share a passion for the Great Commission of Jesus Christ and a commitment to Baptist principles of faith and practice. Our purpose is to serve Christians and churches as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission.

Core Values: 1. Baptist Principles (soul freedom, Bible freedom, church freedom, religious freedom); 2. Biblically-based global missions; 3. Resource model; 4. Justice and reconciliation; 5. Lifelong learning and ministry; 6. Trustworthiness; and 7. Effectiveness.



Stewardship Update

The Stewardship Division wishes to thank all of the members of Glendale, who participated in our successful December month of giving, especially on the One Great Glendale Day of Giving. Totals for the month of almost \$60,000 enabled us to reach approximately \$292,000 for the year. Thank you, thank you!

Pledges for our Pledge Drive in November continue to trickle in. As of January 15, we have 69 pledges totaling \$222,260. That is \$3,221 per member pledging, and 81% of our Ministry Plan for 2007. We encourage you to use your pledge amount as a minimum you will give this, and plan to increase as much as possible over this number.

Youth Winter Contemplative Retreat during Epiphany

January began for the youth with a winter retreat at Henry Horton State Park from January 4-6. Entitled "In the Stillness is the Dancing," this contemplative retreat was led by Katie Cook of Waco, TX and included Matins, Vespers and Compline services, guided meditation, praying with icons and seasons of silence. The last service was a Matins/Communion that ended with a foot washing service. Youth who attended have asked that this retreat be an annual event, a sure sign that the gathering was spiritually enriching and the perfect way to start a new year together. Youth who attended were Peter, Carson, Anna, Davis, Daniel, Samantha, and recent youth graduate, Paul Davis. April Baker and Thomas Conner planned and organized the trip.

PeaceJam Is Back by Popular Demand!

By now, most Glendalers are familiar with PeaceJam, 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. Since January, Glendale youth have been spending Wednesday nights studying the PeaceJam curriculum in preparation for a trip to Memphis (February 23-25) to meet Betty Williams, 1977 co-winner of the Nobel Peace price for her grassroots efforts in ending violence in Northern Ireland. On January 31, the youth continued their efforts in building awareness of the need for peace in the world by sharing their peace pole project idea (the result of their involvement with last year's PeaceJam) with youth from Vine Street Christian Church during the ecumenical partnership gathering/mission conversation.

Helping a Soccer Team in Ethiopia

David Rivard, a friend of our daughter Kate Wheeler, is currently in Ethiopia on a mission trip. He is working with middle schoolers at a school in the capital city, Addis Ababa, teaching English and coaching softball and soccer.

Christmas week David was with our family here in Nashville. (He left for Ethiopia on Jan. 9.) I had asked a few youth if they would give David any used soccer equipment they might have outgrown. Anna, Carson, Daniel, Davis, Garrett, and Danika contributed. Molly Grisham also supplied quite a bit of equipment along with t-shirts for a team and goalie pants! David was blown away by the generosity of our church members who did not know him but were so willing to help. We received an email from David with a picture of some of his soccer team members (*photo at right*). Thank you for your generosity.

Joy Gooch

Happy Birthday to You February Babies



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

Glendale 101

During the month of February, the Membership Division is holding a series of classes for persons who have expressed interest in learning more about Glendale. A number of people are participating in these classes which will culminate in the celebration of new members on Sunday, **February 18**.

Women Primetimers to Meet in February

If you are a female Glendale Primetimer or friend (age 55 or above), plan to attend the second Tuesday luncheon on Tuesday, **February 13**. Joan Yarborough will be sharing with us about various aspects of the time she recently spent in New York. Make your plans now to be in attendance. Specific details about the event will be announced soon.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
<p>This Sunday, February 4, is Super Bowl Sunday. For youth groups all over the country, it is also "Souper" Bowl of Caring Sunday. The Souper Bowl of Caring is a youth-led, grassroots movement of caring, the result of thousands of young people joining together to fight hunger and poverty in their communities. To find out more about Souper Bowl of Caring, visit www.souperbowl.org.</p> <p>The Glendale youth have participated in Souper Bowl of Caring for the past few years by standing at the back of the sanctuary immediately after the service and collecting cash donations. Last year, the youth raised \$261 for the Luke 14:12 Soup Kitchen, a program that many youth members have contributed their time to as well. So, on February 4, be prepared to support our youth with your special offering at the end of the service for Souper Bowl of Caring. Thanks!</p>					2/1	2/2	2/3
						<p>Room In the Inn (<i>Northrup Deacon Group hosting</i>)</p> <p>Glendale 101 Class Kickoff Dinner</p>	
<p>February 4</p> <p>9:00 First Sunday Breakfast (<i>Special Studies Class coordinating</i>)</p> <p>Glendale 101 Class #1</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>Souper Bowl of Caring</p>	2/5	2/6	2/7	<p>Menu</p> <p>Pasta w/Meat Marinara, Caesar Salad, Broccoli, Garlic Bread (all)</p>	2/8	2/9	2/10
							<p>Birthday Celebration for David Wilson, Fellowship Hall</p> <p>11 am–2 pm</p>
<p>February 11</p> <p>Glendale 101 Class #2</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p>	2/12	2/13	2/14	<p>Menu</p> <p>Grilled Pork Loin, Rice, Salad, Glazed Carrots (all)</p>	2/15	2/16	2/17
						<p>Room In the Inn (<i>Junker Deacon Group hosting</i>)</p>	
<p>February 18</p> <p>Glendale 101 Class #3</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>New Member Celebration</p> <p>5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting</p> <p>Pie Supper following</p>	2/19	2/20	2/21	<p>Menu</p> <p>Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Salad, Rolls (all)</p>	2/22	2/23	2/24
						<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: auto;"> <p>Youth to PeaceJam in Memphis, Feb 23-25</p> </div>	
<p>February 25</p> <p>9:30 Sunday School</p> <p>10:30 Worship Service</p> <p>February Farewell to Fourteen (Thousand)</p>	2/26	2/27	2/28	<p>Menu</p> <p>Grilled Chicken, Baked Potato, Salad, Green Beans (all)</p>			

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