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One Pastor's Perspective

"We do not wait for hope, we create hope." This line from a sermon I heard almost twenty years ago still nudges me from time to time. Nancy Hastings Sehested was preaching at Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary. She had just been called as pastor of Prescott Memorial Baptist Church in Memphis. The church has been kicked out of the Shelby Baptist Association for daring to call a woman as pastor. And Southeastern was being overtaken at that moment as part of the fundamentalist takeover of the SBC agencies and institutions. A word encouraging all of us to be about creating hope was truly a word for the day. There were many places around us that reeked of despair rather than hope. There didn't seem much of a well from which hope might spring. To be reminded that we can be the agents of hope was empowering.

There are still many places of despair in our world. War continues to plague nations and peoples. Poverty diminishes life not only for those who are poor, but also for the whole human family. Unjust systems are propped up by greed, but also by apathy. What's a follower of Jesus to do?

These days I'm learning a lot about creating hope from our young people. When the dominant voices of our day say, "We must safeguard our way of life. Being different is a threat" our young people are building relationships with their friends in Cuba, and others who are different from them. When the voices say "You are too young, you don't fully understand" our youth began a peace pole project to promote peace here in Nashville and around the world. When the voices say "What can one person do?" our young people are gathering with other peacemakers at Peace Jam and are leading a workshop on Creating a Peace-Centered Youth Group at Peace Camp, sharing what they are doing and learning with others.

Just to witness our young folks gives me hope. It also challenges me to be about creating hope in all the ways I can. We may not be able to change the whole world, but we can make a difference in part of it. I'm hopeful!

Peace, *April*

Report from the Church Council Chair

I'm sorry to report that Lane Simpson has resigned as chair of the membership division due to numerous family and work commitments. You may recall that Lane stepped in mid-year to chair the division so he had to learn a lot fast! I am grateful for his willingness to serve on the council and to help lead the membership division during one of its busiest times. I also want to thank Rosalyn Ramage, Anne-Leslie Owens, April Baker, and Amy Mears for their assistance and support of the division's work over the past few months. The nominating committee will search for a candidate to serve the remaining term for 2005-2006 and as well as a candidate for the 2006-2007 church year.

The church has finally closed on its debt restructuring with First Tennessee Bank. Kreis White, David Gooch, and Joni Elrod deserve recognition for their work in

July Camps and Conferences

July 1-7

Baptist Youth Camp at Camp Laurel Ridge in North Carolina

July 5-8

Passport Kids! Camp in Crossville

July 10-15

Peace Camp of the Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America in Atlanta

"Becoming the Beloved Community," 21st Annual Summer Conference

Go to <http://www.bpfna.org/summerconference2006>.

July 16-19

Vacation Bible School at Glendale

Contact Selena McCoy Carpenter and Molly Boyd for more information or to volunteer.



July 22

Women's Preaching Conference

Crossville, Tennessee
Sponsored by TN CBF
Contact Tammy Abee Blom at nextgen@tncbf.org or 865-777-1450.

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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.

searching for and selecting a new banking relationship. Now that the closing is behind us, work on our roof replacement and driveway resurfacing have begun.

The next church council meeting will be Tuesday, July 11, at 6 PM in the conference room. These are open meetings so any church member is welcome to attend and observe the proceedings. Should you wish to submit an agenda item, please inform Don Ramage who will be chairing the meeting in my absence in July.

With the 2006-2007 church year nearly complete, plans will soon be underway to prepare for another church year. Amidst the frenzy of summer activities, may we all look forward to our work together as a new church year approaches.

Peace, *Thomas*

Nominating Committee Report

The nominating committee is finishing up the work for the summer. There are a few committee positions yet to be filled along with the membership division chair position. If you have suggestions, please contact one of the members of the nominating committee, Julie Coulter, Sue Kinzer, Chalene Helmuth, Dave Shepherd, or Joy Smith.

Glendale a Strong Supporter of MANNA

For many of Manna's thirty years, Glendale has been a devoted supporter of its work to end hunger in the Nashville area. Stewart and Louise Clifton have been key people in past years. When Joan Yarborough moved to Ithaca, Bill Northrup took her place as a Manna board member.

An important event is the annual fall banquet to support the on-going work with food stamps, child care, school lunches, disaster relief and more. It is an excellent occasion to hear from workers and recipients, to enjoy (if we are lucky) Stewart Clifton's humor as toastmaster, and to give thanks again that our own plates remain full. Stay tuned for details.

Neighbors join GBC Ice Cream Supper

The Ministry Division sponsored the 32nd annual ice cream supper at the church on June 4. This year, for the first time, the division invited 30 neighborhood households to the party. Seven neighbors came to the ice cream supper, they were welcomed well and seemed to enjoy the fellowship. There was a good attendance of over 85 people and a lot of home made ice cream (17 freezers).



Thanks for the New Song, David Mears!

Beth Walker and Julie O'Neal want to thank David Mears for the excellent new lyrics (which are sung to the tune of "Fairest, Lord Jesus") to accompany our (almost) annual "Tennessee Roadside" wildflower arrangement for the Sunday after Pentecost. He overheard "the ladies" talking about their plans, he said, and so he penned the words, and we all sang them together as the first hymn on June 11. The title of his song is "Creator of All That Is." We have since introduced ourselves to him again as "Beth" and "Julie," and now we are on first-name basis! We are delighted that he wrote the words for all of us, and we hope others will also express their thanks for the new song. It was a lovely thing for him to do, and we are very grateful.

Beth & Julie

New Member Candidates

The next New Member Class will take place later in the summer. Welcome to:

- David Mears
- Poli Polidoro
- Fred Frisch
- Monica Cantrell
- Brooke Coley

History News

We are fortunate at Glendale not only to have charter members but also two former pastors who are still active members of our congregation. Plans are being discussed this summer to document their stories.

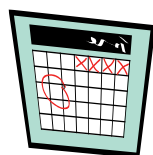
Wednesday Nights

July 5
Committee and Division

July 12
Peggy Way

July 19
Vacation Bible School

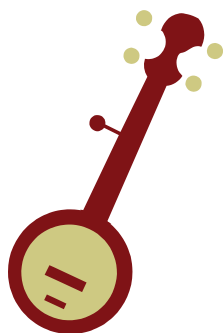
July 26
Appalachian Backpack



Mark your Calendar

August 20 Quarterly Business Meeting, 5:30 PM

Local Ecumenical Partnership Picnic



Members of the First UCC, Howard UCC, Brookmeade UCC, Vine Street Christian, and Glendale Baptist are gathering together at Edwin Warner Park on Sunday, July 23. Bring your instrument and your favorite potluck dish and meet at Shelter #11.

The schedule will be for games, fellowship and “pickin’ and strummin’ under the trees” until 5:15 or 5:30. Then we’ll eat a potluck supper. Around 6:15, we’ll gather for a Vespers service.



Glendale’s Treasure

They say one person’s trash is another’s treasure. That certainly was true a few weeks ago when a friend of Glendale, Keith Prince, was at work at the Belmont Heights campus. He noticed that they were throwing out some older items, including an old picture of Glendale Baptist. Back in 1948, Glendale was established as a mission of Belmont Heights Baptist Church. The large mounted black and white picture features the Glendale congregation standing in front of the original sanctuary entrance. This 1950s image is currently displayed on an easel in the foyer. Be sure and notice it. You may even see some Glendalers you recognize. Plans are being discussed to set a Sunday to recreate the crowd arrangement and take a photograph in the same location. Thank you to Keith Prince and Linda Ray Miller for rescuing this important record.

Covenantal Ceremonies Information Available on Website

Covenantal relationships are based on a spiritual pledge most often made in the context of a faith community. Glendale members and non-members may consider having these ceremonies at Glendale. A statement of beliefs and policy for use in the planning and celebrating of covenantal statements is now available on the GBC website at <http://www.sitemason.com/files/k/kxNC24/Covenant%20Ceremonies1.pdf>

A Defibrillator Machine

Several of the deacons have the belief that Glendale might benefit from having a defibrillator machine located on the church premises. It is a fact that they are very simple to use. They come equipped with audio/video tapes that will play upon turning the machine on. These describe when to use the machine and how to use it.

A Restricted Fund for the purchase of a defibrillator machine has been established and donations have been requested from the church council members and the deacons. Thus far over \$450 have been donated toward the \$1,700 that are needed. We are now making the appeal to the entire church. If you would like to make a contribution, please place your check in the offering place and indicate the purpose.

Thank you very much,
Ministry Division, Don Ramage, Chair

Primetimers to see “Smoke on the Mountain”

The Primetimers are planning a mid-summer outing to see "Smoke on the Mountain" at the Cumberland County Playhouse in Crossville, TN. The date for the day-trip is set for Thursday, July 20. Details re. departure and return times will be announced soon. If you haven't already contacted Rosalyn Ramage, it's not too late to sign up for this fun-filled event. Do it today! (rramage@comcast.net or 383-7696)

Kid's Corner

- The **Children's Council** held its second meeting on May 21. Linda Ray, Doug, David, Beverly, MAT, Amy, April and Liz were in attendance. The group discussed the breakdown of Sunday School classes for next year and brainstormed about community members who might like to serve as Sunday School teachers. They also put together a tentative schedule for Wednesday evenings for the summer, including a movie night and a water fun night. The next Children's Council meeting is TBA.
- For the last Wednesday in June, the children enjoyed **dinner (Thanks to the caterers!) and a movie** – including popcorn, lemonade and a viewing of *The Prince of Egypt*.
- In **Faithful Friends in June**, we heard the wonderful story of *Old Turtle*, by **Douglas Wood**. We made turtles out of bowls to remind us of the wisdom of Old Turtle who reminded the animals and all of creation that God has many names and is all things to all of creation. **Next month on July 16, the youth will teach us about peace and their plan to help build a peace pole at Glendale.**
- **Passport Kids! Camp** is just around the corner from July 5 to July 8. Alexis, Evie, Zach K., Quenton, Julie Coulter and Lane Simpson will head to Crossville for an ecumenical camp experience with the theme, "Under the Big Tree." Kenya will be the missions focus and one evening we will have an African trading post where we'll trade our treasures!
- **Children who have completed grades 3-6 are invited to help serve lunch with Luke 14:12 on Tuesday, July 11.** We will meet at Edgehill Methodist Church, where lunch is served, at 11:15AM. Amy Gallagher, the coordinator, will talk with us about our lunch guests and the problem of hunger in Nashville. Glendale provides servers the second Tuesday of each month.
- **Vacation Bible School** will be held on the evenings of **July 16-19**. Dinner will be provided for children and workers. Join us for *Adventures of the Treasure Seekers!* Details will be forthcoming from Selena McCoy Carpenter and Molly Boyd.
- Many thanks to Beverly Feinstein, Julie Coulter and others for encouraging the Glendale children to participate in service as **acolytes and readers**. The kids are doing a wonderful job.

Vacation Bible School

Adventure of the Treasure Seekers: Exploring God's Promise



Vacation Bible School will be held the evenings of **Sunday, July 16 through Wednesday, July 19**. Mark your calendars. See Selena McCoy Carpenter and Molly Boyd for more information or to volunteer.

Words of Thanks to Glendale

Your friendship and support of me during the final illness and death of my brother, Kenneth, are appreciated more than I can say. Thank you for the calls, cards, and for love.

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Needle Nuts

Needle Nuts is taking a break this summer. Our next meeting will be August 19. More details to come!

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

1 – Richard Smith
 7 – Julie Hope Fortenberry
 10 – Liza
 11 – Julie Coulter
 11 – Evie
 11 – Ryan
 12 – Nate Kerr
 12 – Anna
 13 – Reid
 15 – Paul
 21 – Zach
 22 – Beth Miller
 23 – Liza Lee
 26 – Amy Constant
 27 – Jennifer Maynard
 27 – Michelle Moorman
 30 – Becky Way
 31 – Connie Crowell
 31 – Richard Sapp



Desktop Peace Poles

Small peace poles (6.5" tall) served as decorations for the May 7 New Member Dinner. They were available for purchase and we completely sold out. More are now available. Please contact Liz Zagatta, Youth and Children Ministry Coordinator, at elizabeth.r.zagatta@vanderbilt.edu to order one.

Youth Peace Project

Individually and collectively, Glendale Youth have embarked on a journey to make the world a more peaceful place. They discussed and reflected on the issues surrounding peace, they gathered with other young peacemakers at PeaceJam in Memphis, and they led a Sunday worship service on peace. This summer they will be constructing a Peace Pole for the church grounds and inviting our partner churches to join in this effort.

This fall, their journey takes us to **PeaceJam in Denver, Colorado**. Glendale Youth will have an opportunity to meet the Dalai Lama of Tibet, Archbishop Desmond Tutu of South Africa, and ten other leading Nobel Peace Laureates as we celebrate the 10th anniversary of the PeaceJam Foundation. The goal of PeaceJam is to inspire a new generation of peacemakers who will transform their local communities, themselves, and the world.

Youth Happenings

- Visit the youth calendar at http://my.calendars.net/glendale_youth
- On Sunday afternoon, June 4, Danika, Daniel, Peter, Corey, Davis, Will, Thomas and Molly loaded up and headed off to **Canoe the Harpeth!** It was smooth paddling, and the group was back in time for Glendale's Ice Cream Supper.
- The youth hosted **Dinner for the Celebration Singers** prior to their concert at Glendale on June 5. The group treated the choir to BBQ pulled pork and chicken, and all chipped in to provide buns, chips, drinks, desserts, and candies. April whipped up vegetarian sloppy joes, a number of parents were on hand to give a hand, and the youth mingled with the visiting choir. The youth, their families and staff helped to make the dinner a success. Thanks to the worship division at Glendale for helping to fund this event.
- Those parents looking for a night on the town were able leave their children with the youth on Friday evening, June 9, for **Parents' Night Out**. Danika, Anna, Rachel, Holly, Daniel, Carson, Paul, Peter, Jonas, Anne-Leslie and Thomas, as part of an effort to raise funds for PeaceJam, treated the kids (Patrick, Ella, Liza and Evie) to basketball, four square, playground fun, pizza, ice cream and a viewing of *Mary Poppins*. The evening ended for the kids with cake and song to wish Happy Birthday to Carson. The youth stayed on for a **Movie Night**, watching *Raising Arizona*. Special thanks to Elise Elrod for the use of her projector to enhance the "theater" experience.
- Peter, Carson, Paul, Davis and Thomas lent a hand serving lunch at **Luke 14:12**, on June 13.
- The **Silent Auction and Cake Walk** was a great success on Wednesday, June 21. The youth enjoyed planning this fund-raising event along with Anne-Leslie Owens. All proceeds went to the youth peace project fund. Much thanks to all who supported the youth in their efforts.
- A number of youth will attend **Baptist Youth Camp** in Laurel Ridge, NC, July 1-7. Some will travel to Atlanta for **Peace Camp** with the BPFNA, July 10-15.

Silent Auction and Cake Walk on June 21

Glendale's youth held a Silent Auction and Cake Walk on Wednesday, June 21. Linda Ray Miller sang and played guitar while kids and adults stepped from one number to the next. Lucky winners went home with one of nearly two dozen cakes and pies. Those interested in the auction bid on services, vacation packages, art work, books, and collectibles. Thanks to the generosity of the donors and the bidders, the event raised nearly \$1,300. Over the course of the summer, the youth intend to raise approximately \$5,000 to support their peace projects.



Youth also used this gathering as an opportunity to present a brief program on some of their recent explorations into peace and justice issues through their Xtreme Team Mission Adventures with Molly Grisham. In recent months they have spent time at the Campus for Human Development and with the Lost Boys of Sudan.

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
June 25 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	6/26	6/27	6/28 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Joe O'Cain and Other Sheep	Menu Chicken Parmesan, Pasta, Caesar Salad, Green Beans Kids: Pizza Bagels and Tater Tots	6/29	6/30	7/1 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> July 1-7 Baptist Youth Camp </div>
July 2 9:15 First Sunday Breakfast 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	7/3	7/4	7/5 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Committee/ Division Meeting	Menu Grilled Pork Loin, Rice, Vegetables, Garden Salad (all)	7/6	7/7	7/8 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> July 5-8 Passport Kids! Camp </div>
July 9 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	7/10	7/11 6:00 Church Council Meeting Luke 14:12 (Children)	7/12 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Peggy Way	Menu Chicken Strip Salad, Pasta Salad, Bean Salad, Rolls Kids: Chicken Nuggets and Fries	7/13	7/14	7/15 Wedding of Evelyn Pearson and Matthew White 5:00 PM <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> July 10-15 Peace Camp </div>
July 16 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Faithful Friends Nashville in Harmony 4-6 PM	7/17 Deadline to submit Visions info.	7/18 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px;"> July 16-19 Vacation Bible School </div>	7/19 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Vacation Bible School	Menu Pasta with Meat Marinara, Caesar Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread (all)	7/20	7/21	7/22 TN Cooperative Baptist Fellowship-Women's Preaching Conference
July 23 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 4:00 Partnership Picnic (Potluck)	7/24	7/25	7/26 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Appalachian Backpack	Menu Pasta w/Meat Marinara, Caesar Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread (all)	7/27	7/28	7/29
July 30 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	7/31						

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