



# VISIONS

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## One Pastor's Perspective

This time of year often turns our thoughts to many places -- the end of the school year, the beauty of spring, planting gardens, anticipating summer, thinking about our Baptist affiliations. Wait -- how did that get in there?! This was supposed to be a reflection about springtime, a post-Easter celebration of new life and hope, not organizational evaluation!

Actually, this isn't about organizational evaluation. It is about life and hope and anticipation with our partners in ministry in the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, the Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists, and the Alliance of Baptists. All three groups met recently and there were Glendalers present in each gathering. When we see each other face-to-face, we experience again the hope and joy of life in community with friends of kindred heart.

Through the Alliance of Baptists, we recently discovered that we have some new partners in Brazil who found themselves alienated from the Baptist bodies that had been their home for some of the same theological and ecclesiological reasons some of us have been alienated from our Baptist families. These new friends were delighted to know that there are Baptists in the US, Cuba, Zimbabwe, and other parts of the world that share similar experiences and who want to be in fellowship and engage in missions in partnership with each other. Our involvement with TNCBF is providing us with ways to support the Baptist students at Vanderbilt Divinity School by providing them with connections with local churches and local pastors, giving them some fora for raising questions concerning ordination as a Baptist, and helping them network with other students in CBF and the Alliance. The Association of Welcoming and Affirming Baptists began as a group of American Baptist Churches that supported the full inclusion of LGTB (or TGLB, as at least one of our members would say!) folks in the body of Christ and in the church. Today more than a third of the AWAB churches are also affiliated with the Alliance of Baptists and more than a tenth are in the South. The network is expanding and we are finding new connections within AWAB for ministry and partnership.

So, it is a time to celebrate our Baptist affiliations. We have friends who want to minister together in God's world, sharing the good news of new life and hope that the Easter season bring. It's good to be part of the larger family and have such a diverse group with whom to share. We can certainly do more together than we can do by ourselves, and, as we are continuing to learn, shared ministry is a lot of fun in addition to being effective. So, find the ways that you can be connected and get involved -- you never know who you'll meet along the way or what you can do together!

Peace, *April*

## Memorial Gift Honoring James Yarborough

On this Easter Sunday morning, our repainted baptistry wall held a newly-made cross placed there in memory of James Yarborough. The cross was made by George O'Neal from a pew which had been removed from the sanctuary. The stained glass windows to the baptistry will remain open throughout the Easter Season. A lectern for the right side of the platform will also be made from the remaining wood, which will become a part of this memorial to James.

This offering was made possible by a gift from his daughter Julie. Her wish is that we will remember James as a faithful member of Glendale, as an enthusiastic choir member and as our good friend.

*Cross given in memory of James Yarborough*

## New Member Dinner: An Evening at the Glendale Paladar

You are invited to an evening of fun, food, and fellowship **Cuban-style** on Sunday, May 7, 5:30-7:30, in Fellowship Hall. We will **celebrate 9 new members** and the youth will describe their **peace pole project**.

All are welcome. No charge for meal but donations are encouraged. Youth are raising funds to attend PeaceJam's 10th anniversary in Denver, CO, this September.

PeaceJam is an international education program built around leading Nobel Peace Laureates who work personally with youth to pass on their spirit, skills and wisdom. Our youth will be meeting Nobel Peace Laureates including The Dalai Lama and Archbishop



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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.

## Report from the Church Council Chair

During a special business meeting in May, prior to a worship service, our nominating committee will present a slate of proposed candidates for the 2006-2007 church council. In accordance with Glendale's bylaws, "an opportunity will be given for nominations from the floor, but these nominees must have previously given their consent to be nominated." The continued deliberations and good work of the nominating committee are greatly appreciated.

In November 2005, the church approved council motions related to proposed bank borrowing needs. We have not yet been able to close on the anticipated loans and now expect that the church will be asked to approve modified motions based on bank requirements. Further, we are inviting a few banks to consider working with Glendale to help us with our financial plans. Related to these actions, you can expect to see some capital improvements to our facilities in the coming months. As our capital needs are assessed and addressed, please be mindful of the stewardship needs that accompany the additional debt that we will be incurring to accomplish these projects.

*Thomas*

## Easter Morning Fellowship

The Worship Division hosted a fabulous Easter morning breakfast with tasty dishes supplied by members of the congregation. Following breakfast, over twenty children hunted eggs outside. What a joy it was to have a beautiful Easter morning for the first outdoor egg hunt in at least five years!

*Easter morning breakfast potluck*



## Nominating Committee News

It is an honor for each of us to serve on the nominating committee this year. Through the use of the stewardship surveys, our knowledge of the church body and our understanding of the church council structure and functions, we are working to create a church council whose members will complement each other and also work well within their divisions. We are using many of the same tools as we seek to fill other positions within the church structure.

The church council nominees will be presented for a vote in May in a business meeting prior to the worship service. The list of names will be available in print the previous Sunday and on the listserv.

The nominating committee has been meeting an average of once a week and we clog each other's email boxes daily. We covet your prayers as we meet and discern the gifts of the congregation for these specific places of service.

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

## Crop Walk: We Walk Because They Walk!

Twenty-five Glendalers walked 5K on a beautiful Sunday afternoon last month. We joined other churches and organizations for a walk around Centennial Park and the surrounding area. **Glendalers raised \$1,165.00** to address hunger in our local community and around the world. Thanks to all who walked and their sponsors.

## Kid's Corner

- The **Children's Council** convened for the first time on March 26. Thanks to the following for all their input: Amy Mears, Annette Sisson, Beverly Feinstein, Chalene Helmuth, David Webb, Doug Trotter, Julie Coulter, Linda Ray Miller and Liz Zagatta. The group discussed Wednesday evening programming for children, the recruitment of new Sunday School teachers for next year, a system for noting attendance and birthdays and supporting worship care. The next council meeting will be Sunday, May 21, after worship.
- On Sunday, April 9, the **Children's Choir** and **Handbell Choir** helped lead worship. Thanks to the leadership of these two groups.
- Over twenty children participated in the **Easter Egg Hunt**. This was the first egg hunt held outside in nice weather in at least five years!
- Glendale's **Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Potluck** was held on April 30 after the worship service. The individuals who teach our children and youth on Sunday mornings were thanked for teaching and loving our children.
- **Faithful Friends** will meet on **Sunday, May 14**. Please note this is a change in our regular third Sunday schedule.

## Youth Happenings

- Visit the youth calendar at [http://my.calendars.net/glendale\\_youth](http://my.calendars.net/glendale_youth)
- Rachel, Danika, Paul, Peter, Carson, Daniel, Garret, Corey and Davis joined Thomas for the annual **JA Bowl-A-Thon** at Heritage Lanes on Sunday, April 2.
- A **Youth Parent Meeting** was held on Wednesday evening, April 5, to discuss upcoming events including BPC, BYC and PeaceJam. Questions pertaining to registration, transportation, funding, etc. were addressed.
- The **Youth Council** met at Thomas' house on Saturday, April 8, to discuss upcoming events, including Sunday afternoon activities, the Peace Pole Project, the next movie night, *The Lion King*, and possible fundraiser ideas for PeaceJam. The next meeting is scheduled for **May 7** following worship.
- The youth gathered at Thomas' house for **Movie Night** on Saturday, April 8, to watch and discuss "Schindler's List." A Lock-in is scheduled for **May 28**.
- Wednesday evening youth activities on April 19 and 26 focused on the development of Glendale's **Peace Pole!** The youth hope to see everyone at the **New Member Dinner: An Evening at the Glendale Paladar** on May 7, where youth will share and discuss PeaceJam and the peace pole. (see page 1)

## Vacation Bible School –

### Adventure of the Treasure Seekers: Exploring God's Promises

Vacation Bible School will be held the evenings of **Sunday, July 16 through Wednesday, July 19**. We are not only hoping for lots of Glendale kids to participate; we're counting on lots of adults to take on the adventure with us! Here's a quick list of some of the leaders we'll need---Music, Arts and Crafts, Games and Recreation, Story and Reflection Time, Snack, and Missions. Please let us know if you can help out. We're looking forward to this being a church-wide adventure!

*Selena McCoy Carpenter and Molly Boyd*

*I was very impressed with my Xtreme Xperience at the Campus for Human Development. I learned how to look for the good in a scary situation and that all people deserve to be treated like human beings. It is so easy for people to be discriminatory to others due not only to race, but also due to economics. During this Xperience I learned to look past the sheer outer layer of people and to see what makes that person who they really are.*

Reflection from GBC youth member Rachel on her Xtreme Team Mission Xperience

## Special Called Business Meeting

On May 3 we will vote to approve an affirmation letter for the ordination of Ellen Sims on May 21 at First Baptist Church, Granville, OH.

## Needle Nuts

Needle Nuts will meet on Saturday, **May 13**, 10:00 a.m. at the home of Connie Crowell on Granny White Pike. Please let Connie or Julie Coulter know if you plan to attend.

## Attention Primetimers!

Have trouble remembering things? Just in case, this is a reminder that many of us have already purchased tickets for the "voices of today," a performance by Minton Sparks (Jill Webb-Hill) at Johnson Theater (TPAC) on **May 13** at 6:30 p.m. Pre-show reception begins at 6:30 with the doors opening at 7:00 and show time at 7:30. Oh, and don't forget to bring your tickets!

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

- 1 Margaret McGill
- 5 Lane Simpson
- 5 Margie
- 7 Deborah Lynn
- 8 Elizabeth Wright
- 8 Laura Kendall
- 10 Pauletta Mademann
- 11 Bill Northrup
- 12 Don Ramage
- 13 Randal Lopez
- 19 Heather Caldwell
- 19 Kate Wheeler
- 21 Linda Ray Miller
- 23 Charles Warford
- 23 Melinda Bailes
- 25 Jessie Bernard

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>April 30</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:30 <b>Sunday School Teachers Appreciation Potluck</b>	5/1	5/2	5/3 15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir <b>6:45 Division and Committee Meetings —Special Called Business Meeting</b>	<b>Menu</b> Slow Cooked Pork Roast Baked Potato Garden Salad Honeyed Carrots	5/4	5/5	5/6
<b>May 7</b> <b>9:15 First Sunday Breakfast</b> ( <i>Young Adults Class Hosting</i> ) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Youth Council  <b>5:30 New Member Dinner</b>	5/8	5/9  <b>6:00 Church Council Meeting</b>  Luke 14:12	5/10 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir <b>6:45 Joe O'Cain and Other Sheep</b>	<b>Menu</b> Pasta w/ Meat Marinara Caesar Salad Green Beans Garlic Bread	5/11	5/12	5/13  <b>10:00 Needle Nuts</b>  <b>6:30 Minton Sparks Performance—Primetimers</b>
Amy and April at Convergence May 8-11							
<b>May 14</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <b>Faithful Friends</b>  Girl Scouts 4-5:30 PM	5/15  <b>Deadline to submit Visions info.</b>	5/16	5/17 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir <b>6:45 Appreciative Inquiry</b>	<b>Menu</b> Slow Cooked Chicken Glazed Carrots Baked Potato Caesar Salad  <b>Kid's Menu</b> Chicken Nuggets and Fries	5/18	5/19	5/20
<b>May 21</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  Nashville in Harmony 4-5:30 PM <b>5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting</b>	5/22	5/23	5/24 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir <b>6:45 Appreciative Inquiry</b>	<b>Menu</b> Lasagna Garden Salad Broccoli Garlic Bread	5/25	5/26	5/27
<b>May 28</b> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service  <b>Youth Lock-In</b>	5/29  <i>Memorial Day</i>	5/30	5/31 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir <b>6:45 Vespers</b>				

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