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Two Pastors' Perspectives

In the "olden days" a congregation wrote one check to the Cooperative Program and it covered all our giving to missions and our support for institutions and theological education. Our giving life as a community of faith was much less complicated with that consolidated giving program. Today, our denominational connections are different and the onus is on us to make decisions about individual and collective gifts to support causes in which we believe. With the guidance of our Missions Division and our Stewardship Division, we strive to be good stewards in determining how the church uses its resources.

As we have looked with new and creative eyes at our involvement with our world, we have been met by a number of delightful surprises. Among the best of these has been Vanderbilt University Divinity School's willingness to partner with us in providing placement and supervision for their field education students. We are finding that this relationship is productive and enriching and it gives us a way to be involved in the ongoing process of theological education that is producing the kinds of ministers for churches like ours. Our support for theological education looks different than it did in the days of supporting seminaries through the Cooperative Program. We think the new model is working well for us and for the excellent students that join us for part of their journey.



Klem-Mari Cajigas Chimelis

This year we are fortunate to have two pastoral interns. Klem-Mari Cajigas Chimelis is in her final year of study and is looking toward doctoral studies as the next phase of her journey. She was born in Arecibo, Puerto Rico and grew up in Orlando, FL. In her work with us this year, she is exploring pastoral ministry as it relates to her calling.

Lyndsey Godwin is in her second year at Vanderbilt. Her interests and experience have played out in the areas of justice work and the intersection of faith and community life. Lyndsey is exploring her giftedness, and her intellectual and emotional connections with the church and what it means to be part of a faith community with integrity.

You'll see both Lyndsey and Klem-Mari leading in worship, teaching Sunday School, leading children's programming, and being involved in many aspects of the church's life. When you have a moment, take time to chat with them and share with them what being part of a church means to you!



Lyndsey Godwin

Molly Grisham to Share about Xtreme Team Bolivia

On July 11, the Xtreme Team arrived at a garbage community outside of Cochabamba in Bolivia. The team had no idea how they would spend the day but they soon met a local missionary named Pachi. Pachi explained that this is a community that does not have a water supply and he comes to this garbage dump once a week to give many of the children a bath. The team spent the day bathing hundreds of children who live in, on, and around a garbage dump.

To learn more about this ministry and the team's experiences this summer, **join us at 6:30 on Wednesday, November 8, in the sanctuary.** Molly Grisham will share a video and her reflections on the trip.

Climate Justice Focus of Saturday Discussion at Great Glendale Gathering

Jim Dening, interim pastor at First UCC Nashville, will present the movie *Kilowatt Ours* and lead a discussion on "Facing Environmental Issues" on November 11 during the Gathering. See page 4 for more details.

*Peace,
Amy and April*

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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.

A Word from the Church Council Chair

I want to encourage all Glendalers to attend our **quarterly business meeting** on **Sunday, November 19, at 5:30** in the fellowship hall. The November meeting is when the church adopts the council's proposed financial plan for ministry for the upcoming calendar year. Last year, we decided to stop calling this a budget. The word "budget" seems too impersonal and disconnected from what we are really attempting to do. Our financial plan for ministry is a tool to help us be a responsible community with our resources and to identify practical, effective ways to carry out our mission as a church. I hope that you will be part of this mission and join Glendalers in the work we are called to do together.

We have designated the **first Wednesday** of the month as our **division and committee meeting night**. Even if you aren't "officially" on a division or committee, most groups are able to accommodate the involvement of others so consider where your "energy" might be and join in!

Administration – Men's classroom across from Fellowship Hall
Communications - Biblestudy@Glendale.etc classroom across from Fellowship Hall
Education - Fellowship Hall
Membership - Young Adults classroom at the top of the main stairwell
Ministry/Deacons - Conference Room
Missions - Library

Worship Focuses on Stewardship

Worship through October has focused on missions, ending with an Agape Meal on the last Sunday. Thank you especially for bringing food items for Second Harvest Food Bank. Thanks, too, to deacon groups who are already making plans to host our guests for Room in the Inn, beginning in November. In worship in November, we will be underscoring the theme of stewardship in financial areas and in many other places. This will be a very important emphasis as we think of the myriad ways we can give, and we all will make some valuable discoveries. Advent promises to be a special time based on the theme, "People, Look East," with all of the implications these words suggest.

Faithful Friends will not meet for the next few months as we consider new ideas and possibilities and give Julie Coulter the opportunity to rest a bit and discover some new avenues for service. She has done a faithful job and will be our ideal as we begin to explore other options or new ways to do something similar for our children in future months. We are especially interested in doing some things to help parents with ways to introduce their children to worship and to guide them in participating as much as they are able. Julie will continue to do Sermon Sacks, and they will be available in a basket families will see as they enter the sanctuary for the worship service.

Thank you Margie and Karen!

On October 15, we honored our minister of music, Marjorie Halbert, and pianist, Karen Turner, as they both "retired" from their respective positions after each had served Glendale for over 20 years as leaders in worship. What a delight it has been to have such talent and experience in our midst for so long! Glendalers can look back and fondly recall many moments during worship when music touched our souls and energized God's presence in our lives in unimaginably transforming ways. Margie and Karen, you have been at the center of a remarkable music ministry for a very long time. May your life journeys continue to see your treasured gifts at work in the world and may you always know the love of a grateful congregation that has been blessed by your music for so many years!

Letter from Cuba

As you are probably aware, The US Treasury Department, Office of Foreign Asset Control, has proposed a fine of \$34,000 on the Alliance of Baptists for alleged inappropriate use of its license to travel to Cuba by five churches. Glendale is one of the churches named in the proposed fine for “failure to conduct a full-time program of religious activities” while in Cuba. Eleven Glendalers (including six youth) made the trip in question in the summer of 2004.

The members of our partner church in Santa Clara, Cuba, learned of the news of the proposed fine through the media in Cuba and reports from fellow members of the Fraternity of Baptists Churches of Cuba. The letter below is their response to the news. It was penned by Carlos Ramos, a member of our partner church, Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Díaz (Alberto J. Díaz Baptist Church). Carlos directs the Christian Education and leadership training programs of the church and assists Pastora Niubes Montes de Oca in other areas of ministry. The church congregation endorsed the letter. Don Schlosser translated Carlos’s letter commenting, “My translation doesn’t do justice to the beauty of the original Spanish text.”

Sisters and brothers of Glendale and of the Alliance of Baptists in general

A short while ago we learned of the injustice committed against the Alliance of Baptists at having been fined for helping our country. It’s amazing that a nation that can produce persons of the stature of Abraham Lincoln and Martin Luther King, Jr., can, and at the same time, with legal impunity, penalize other persons for following the example set by Lincoln and King of brotherhood and solidarity. Nevertheless, the Cuban people have learned to admire the greatness of the North American soul, feeling it in the generosity for which you have been judged. The decisions of a government that has brought us so many deprivations will not be a shadow to dim the worthy place that you have gained in our hearts.

I want to invoke over our countries the spirit that moved Dr. King, Whitman, Thoreau, Emerson, Benjamin Franklin, JFK, our own Marti [Jose Marti was the leader of the first Cuban revolution against the Spanish] who also admired those giants, and so many others, and above all the spirit of our Lord and Master, Jesus. I want to say “We shall overcome” and “I too have a dream.” I wonder along with our poet, Villena: “Why am I stuck here where there is nothing great to do?” I want to return some of that love with which we have been blessed—to not feel, in the end, impotent in the face of injustice. But, today, I can do no more than to write this letter and pray for you, my brothers and sisters—“You” who are now “us.”

I am neither an expert in politics nor in sociological analysis, but I am sure that the great American soul and its steadfastness in the face of injustice (and of course, not the pseudo messianism of the actual government) is the best hope for today's world. If there is a messianism of love, freedom, peace, and respect, you have shown it to us. Instead of arms to kill, you have brought medicines to heal and to save lives. Instead of mercenaries, you have brought ambassadors of the Kingdom of Christ, who are paid only by their love for the needy. Instead of the evil news that the blockade has been re-enforced again and has contributed the scarcities of our people, you brought the good news, the Gospel, that the spirit of solidarity opens a gateway in the walls of hate to continue to sow hope between us.

“Blessed are those who are persecuted for righteousness sake.” (Matt. 5:10) Today we are more grateful than ever for you and for the price you pay for Him. May God allow us to do for others as you have done for us. May the Lord continue to bless you.

Sincerely and in brotherly affection,

*Carlos Alberto Ramos
Missionary and coordinator of the Master Missionaries Project
Alberto J. Diaz Church, Santa Clara, Cuba*

Glendale Calendar

Have you noticed there are a lot of things going on at Glendale? To make sure that Glendale events do not overlap in terms of space and audience, Alan Green, our church secretary is keeping a master calendar. Contact him at gbc@glendalebaptist.org or 269-0926 to register your event. He will see that it gets added to the wall calendar on the door to the copy room and to the calendar page on the Glendale website, www.glendalebaptist.org.

Do you Listserv?

Glendale members and frequent visitors are encouraged to use the email listserv. The listserv is our primary method of communication between regular church gathering times. To sign up, send an email to gbcmembers@listserv.moses.com. Once signed up, you can receive and send messages. Your messages sent to gbcmembers@listserv.moses.com will be approved by the moderators and then sent on to all listserv members.

Communications Survey

Communications wants to hear from you. We will have survey forms available at church and on-line the week of Sunday, November 5-12. Thanks for your input.

Administration Division Keeps Busy

Our division has been busy repairing gutters, helping the sanctuary committee create our beautiful space, and identifying our strategy to fill the music positions. Special thanks to all those who helped arrange and re-attach our pews on October 14: Jim Fey, Stuart Harris, Doug Trotter, MAT Trotter, April Baker, Dave Shepherd, Jim Hiatt, Kreis White, and Bill Northrup.

As we continue to care for Glendale, please pay attention to our space. If you see needed repairs, let Jimmy or Liz know. If you have ideas on how to improve and enhance our space cost effectively, let us know that as well. And plan on joining us in our division meeting on the first Wednesday of the month.

Great Glendale Gathering

Plans are underway for the wonderful annual gathering of all ages for a fun-filled night and day of practicing Glendale togetherness! The event is set for Friday night, **November 10, beginning at 5:00 pm** with supper provided. It continues on **Saturday, November 11**, with breakfast, the movie *Kilowatt Ours* and discussion on climate justice (see page 1), free time, more togetherness, and lunch. The main event ends around 2:00 p.m. on Saturday, with the exception of the youth, who will be staying overnight Saturday night. Meals are \$6 each for adults/\$3 each for children. All meals AND lodging are \$28 for adults/\$14 for children. Youth meals and lodging for Saturday are \$20 per youth. Register Wednesdays and Sundays through November 8.

Peace Poles and Peace Note Cards—Great Christmas Gifts

This summer, the youth sold miniature peace poles and peace note cards made by Glendale kids. In anticipation of Christmas gift giving, we will place an order in November for distribution in early December. If you are interested in placing an order, please see Anne-Leslie. Peace poles are \$15, complete sets of note cards are \$15 (16 cards), and half sets are \$7.50 (8 cards). **Orders must be received by November 12.**

OPEN POSITIONS

Glendale Baptist Church seeks interim replacements for the positions of Minister of Music (part-time) and Church Pianist (part-time). Person will be needed, beginning in November for 3-5 months until permanent positions are filled.

Interim Minister of Music. Will assist in the design and implementation of a meaningful music program for worship during a 3-5 month interim time. Will meet with the Co-Pastors on Wednesday afternoons to collaborate on coming worship services, will rehearse with adult choir the same afternoon, will direct the choir and congregational singing during worship services and additional services within the seasons of the church, and assist in Vespers one Wednesday a month. Will meet with the Worship Division and other bodies of the church as needed. Average 6-8 hours per week.

Interim Church Pianist. Will participate in worship by playing piano at worship events and practices in preparation for worship events during a 3-5 month interim time. In collaboration with others, will choose, prepare and play offertory, prelude, and postlude music, as needed for regular music. Play for monthly (Wednesday) Vespers and Christmas Eve services. Average 4-6 hours per week.

A person filling an interim position who wishes to become a candidate for a permanent position will be given equal consideration. Complete job description and compensation information available on request. Applications will be accepted until the positions are filled.

To apply, send resume and letter of interest to Jim Hiatt, Chair Personnel Committee, Glendale Baptist Church, 1021 Glendale Lane, Nashville, TN 37204, or email to GBC@glendalebaptist.org. For additional information about the position, contact Jim Hiatt at the same address or call (615) 516-4728.

Kid's Corner

Faithful Friends will take a break for the next few months. Julie Coulter has led this monthly time of worship for our children for six years and needs a bit of rest and time to discover new avenues of service. She will stay involved with the children in other ways. The worship division will carry on Faithful Friends after the first of the year for our K-2nd grade crowd. In the meanwhile, **Sermon Sacks** are available each Sunday. Children are encouraged to participate in worship and use these during the sermon which can get a bit long for the smaller members of our congregation.

Mark McClintock, Coordinator of Passport Kids! Camp, will visit Glendale on Sunday, October 29. After the worship service, Mark will share with Glendalers about **Passport Kids! and Passport, Inc.**

Youth Happenings: October in Review

Visit the youth calendar at http://my.calendars.net/glendale_youth

Carson, Margie, Davis, Daniel, Samantha, Liz and Thomas assembled the **Peace Basket** to be donated to the **Pastoral Counseling Centers of Tennessee (PCCT)**. The basket was sold at a silent auction on October 12 to benefit PCCT. The basket (from Ten Thousand Villages) included peace note cards, a mini peace pole, a peace candle, peace cookie ingredients and recipe, peace cranes, two books from PeaceJam, a Tibetan Freedom Bracelet, and other peace-related items that were very meaningful to the youth. Daniel composed a meaningful explanation of the basket's contents for the lucky winner.

Early Saturday morning, September 30, Jimmy Davis joined Thomas and Carson to put new holes in the ground for the **volleyball net**. The "new system" will insure that the youth are able to find the holes with little effort. Many thanks to Jimmy for his time and talents in this endeavor...and always to Thomas who keeps the cause for volleyball alive! The youth enjoyed some volleyball after worship on October 1.

On Wednesday evening, October 4, Rachel, Daniel, Davis, Carson, Samantha and Thomas welcomed **Alex Wiesendanger from the TN Coalition to Abolish State Killing (TCASK)**. The previous Friday, Carson, Daniel and Rachel joined Thomas for **Movie Night** to watch *Dead Man Walking* in preparation for Alex Wiesendanger's presentation.

Bright and early Saturday morning, October 7, PeaceJammers Garrett, Daniel, Carson, Thomas and Ginger joined Dawn Kirk live on the radio for *Wake up and Live* to discuss their PeaceJam experience.

The youth gathered to watch the documentary, *Invisible Children* on October 11 and 18. This movie was screened at PeaceJam and contributed to the youth's ongoing discussions on justice and peace. Information about the movie can be found at www.invisiblechildren.com.

The October **Youth Council Meeting** will be held after worship on October 29. The council will continue discussion on upcoming events, PeaceJam in Memphis, a winter trip/retreat, Room in the Inn and Extreme Team, as well as their interest in purchasing new furniture for the youth room.



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

Phil Fortenberry – 2
 Evelyn Pearson – 2
 Bettie Shepherd – 5
 Frenchie Fortenberry – 9
 Paige Holliman – 9
 Mia H. – 11
 Dot Pearigen – 11
 Mark Simpson – 11
 John Weatherly – 13
 Sharon Hiett – 15
 Joy Gooch – 18
 Myrte Veach – 19
 Jimmy Davis – 20
 Lara W. – 20
 Geoffrey Calaway – 21
 Cathy Wood – 23
 Joan Yarborough – 24
 Mike Awalt – 25
 Phillip Clifton – 27
 Louise Clifton – 28
 Scott Hines – 28
 Kris Elsberry – 30
 Ted Mears – 30

Sunday School Teachers Needed

If you have a hankering to help Katie with the 3-4 year olds or be the lead teacher with the 1-2 year olds, please contact Liz Zagatta, elizabeth.r.zagatta@vanderbilt.edu or 866-1361. She can answer all your questions!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
October 29 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Lunch with Mark McClintock of Passport Kids! (Fellowship Hal) Youth Council Meeting	10/30	10/31	11/1 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Division/ Committee Meetings (see page 2)	Menu Grilled Chicken, Rice, Salad, Veggie (all)	11/2	11/3 Room In the Inn (Trotter/ Wells/Hines deacon group coordinating)	11/4
November 5 9:00 First Sunday Breakfast <i>(Biblestudy@Glendale. etc Class coordinating)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	11/6	11/7	11/8 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Molly Grisham-Xtreme Team Bolivia	Menu Fajitas, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Chips & Salsa (all)	11/9	11/10 <div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 5px; display: inline-block;"> Great Glendale Gathering at Rau-Wood (see page 5) </div>	11/11
November 12 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 11:45 Warford Deacon Group Lunch (Fellowship Hall)	11/13	11/14 6:00 Church Council Meeting Luke 14:12	11/15 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Stewardship	Menu Cookout: Burgers & Dogs, Potato Salad, Slaw, Chips (all)	11/16	11/17 Room In the Inn (Fortenberry/ Magee deacon group coordinating)	11/18
November 19 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 5:30 Quarterly Business Meeting (Fellowship Hal)	11/20	11/21	11/22 NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES		11/23	11/24	11/25
November 26 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	11/27	11/28	11/29 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Children's Choir 6:45 Vespers	Menu Pasta with Meat Sauce, Salad, Broccoli, Garlic Bread (all)	11/30		

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