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One Pastor's Perspective

Partnership: A relationship between individuals or groups that is characterized by mutual cooperation and responsibility, as for the achievement of a specified goal: Neighborhood groups formed a partnership to fight crime. (American Heritage Dictionary)

We have a brand-new opportunity to learn about “partnership,” a word that we find ourselves using often at Glendale these days. We say that we plan and engage in our mission endeavors using a partnership model. We have called leadership through a pastoral partnership. We relate locally to ecumenical partners. Were we to replace the “t” with a “d,” our conversations would surely resemble the soundtrack of an old cowboy movie!

Our new partnership is with the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church on Joliet Street in New Orleans, Louisiana. We come to this relationship through Churches Supporting Churches, an ecumenical effort to partner in “restarting, reopening, repairing or rebuilding” 36 churches in 12 New Orleans neighborhoods. These churches were selected because of their particular roles as agents for development in their communities. There are 2 information sheets about Churches Supporting Churches on the table in the church foyer.

It is important that we spend time thinking about our role in this partnership. It is important that we spend time talking together, in small groups and large, about this partnership. This is not the same relationship as we have in Cuba. Yet how is it similar? How is it different? How can we assure that this partnership is respectful? How can it be mutual? We will be partnering with Mt. Pilgrim even as they are partnering with a number of other churches in this effort. Will we, then, have second-degree partnerships with those churches? How do we approach the different cultural perspectives within this web of relationships?

One thing is certain: the more that we learn about “mutual cooperation and responsibility toward a specified goal,” the better partners we will be. Let's think about partnership. Let's talk about it. And let's do it well.

Peace,
Amy

A Word from the Stewardship Division

We will be covenanting among ourselves (pledging) to our Plan of Ministry, 2008, at the end of October. Between now and then, the Stewardship Division will share our ten reasons to give financially to a church...in this case, to Glendale, our chosen place. You will find these reasons, two at a time, on the listserv and Sundays and Wednesdays.

A Covenant to Make for Our Plan of Ministry - 2008

Giving to a church is an investment in a covenant faith community. Generous giving requires commitment to the covenant and goals that community sets for itself. Giving is an essential spiritual discipline that is part of the covenant responsibility of all who choose to be part of the community. Those who choose to enjoy and benefit from the covenant community give systematically and generously of their income to sustain and enrich its life.

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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, a partnership with Mount Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in New Orleans, LA, and a partnership with Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Díaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.



International Missions

Beyond the borders of our country, Glendale entered into a partnership with Alberto J. Diaz Baptist Church in 2000. You will recognize part of our partnership the first Sunday of each month as we pray for them as they do the same for us.

Cuba Partnership

Website: www.glendalebaptist.org/missions

Financial Sources: Glendale's missions budget, tithes from Alberto J. Diaz Baptist Church

Description: Since the summer of 2000, Glendale Baptist Church has been in partnership with Baptists at the Alberto J. Diaz Baptist Church in Santa Clara, Cuba.

Room in the Inn and Anawim

Room in the Inn will soon be in full swing at Glendale! We will host guests on the first and third Friday of each month from November to March, as well as Christmas Eve, beginning Friday, November 2, 2007. Deacon groups will soon have an opportunity to sign up for their preferred night. We are hoping to have the whole church pitch in on Christmas Eve, as well as the first Fridays of February and March.

Also, take a moment to reflect on this year's theme for the Campus for Human Development, *anawim*, which means a deep understanding of "poor." It is the concept that each of us is born poor, because each of us is born with a dependency for other humans and resources in order to succeed in surviving. So, as we develop relationships with the men who visit our church this winter, let's remember that while we may be at different places now, we all began at the same place, and therefore, have much common ground on which to walk together.

If you have questions about Room in the Inn, please contact Rand Carpenter or Kylene Dibble.

Monthly Missions Memo

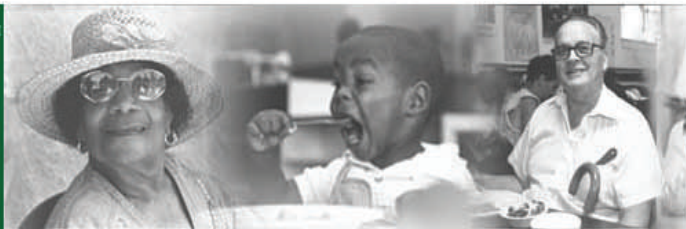
This is an exciting time for doing missions at Glendale! There are opportunities *galore* for putting your hands and hearts to work to help some folks in need.

September 29-October 1 we are off to New Orleans with Churches Supporting Churches and our new partner church, Mt. Pilgrim Baptist Church. This will be a time to stand with our partners and let the candidates for governor know that we care about this city and the rebuilding of vital areas and programs needed for the survival of families. **Much more to come about this new partnership and more travel opportunities!**

October means preparation for Room in the Inn! Start planning now to help with others in your deacon group to host a night of food, fellowship and a safe and warm night's rest for our guests. Glendale is a founding member of Room in the Inn. You will also have opportunities to clean out the clothes closet.....and refill it with men's clothing that our friends may need this winter. And don't forget to send in your favorite RITI recipes!

There are many ways to lend a helping hand. **Luke 14:12** is the second Tuesday of the month. Mark your calendar for October 9th.

SECOND HARVEST
FOOD BANK of MIDDLE TENNESSEE



FIGHTING HUNGER. FEEDING HOPE. FEEDING THE HUNGRY SINCE 1978

Have you seen the food items for Second Harvest? How many pounds of food do you think we can collect by the first Sunday in November? Bring it on!

Take a moment to remember all our Missions friends. All those we serve.... Our friends in Cuba.... Our new friends we will meet in New Orleans..... People building houses.... People feeding the hungry.... People bringing Good News.... People helping people.

How will you help during the month of October?

Calling all Musicians!



Do you play a musical instrument? Would you be willing to use your talent to enhance our worship experience? We are planning our Advent services and would like to use the musical gifts of our community.



Or if you would like to join the intergenerational handbell choir and participate in Advent and other worship services, you can come to rehearsals every Sunday morning at 8:30. If you are interested in either of these opportunities, please contact Linda Ray Miller.



Worship through Writing



If you missed the first Writing Workshop, but still wish to join, you can! It is not too late. If you would like to try out the writing exercises we did in the first gathering, please email our pastoral intern, Khethe Cox and she will send you an email attachment with the exercises.

This fall the Worship Division will offer three more opportunities to enhance your experience of worship through writing. The writing begins with personal responses to Advent themes, and proceeds toward writing that may be shared with the worshipping community.*

Workshop II: From Personal Experience to Public Worship
Saturday, October 6
10:00 am – 12:00 noon

Muffins and coffee will be provided.

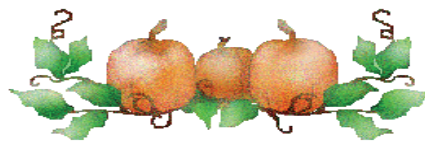
Workshop III: Varieties of Writing for Public Worship
Featuring Dr. Paul Richardson
Saturday, November 3
3:00 – 5:00 pm

Workshop IV:
Bringing It Together
Sunday, November 18
12:30 - 2:30 pm

Bring a brown bag lunch. Cookies and drinks will be provided.

* To sign up or for questions about the workshops, please contact Beth Walker, Eileen Campbell-Reed or Khethe Cox.

* * * GREAT GLENDALE GATHERING * * *



One of the favorite events of many Glendaleers in the fall is the annual, all-church fellowship known as the Great Glendale Gathering. This year the Membership Division is planning the Gathering for **Friday evening and Saturday, October 26th and 27th**. It is being held at a different location -- the NaCoMe Conference Center which is nestled in the Sulphur Creek Valley off Interstate 40, about 1.5 hours drive west of Nashville. People who attend events at NaCoMe find the excellent food, hospitality, and beautiful natural setting to be a relaxing change from their everyday lives. Its scenic location makes it ideal for outdoor events of all kinds, as well as an inviting place for indoor gatherings and fellowship. See www.nacome.org for more information about the conference center.

Due to the distance involved in getting to NaCoMe, a sheet will be circulated soon for folks who anticipate carpooling to the event. Reservations for attending and opportunities for carpooling will be available on Sundays and Wednesdays, October 3-14. **The deadline for reservations is Sunday, October 14.**

As for specifics, the prices for the various meals and overnight charges are as follows:

Adults (ages 13 and up): \$50 (includes 3 meals and overnight lodging)

Children (ages 5-12): \$35 (includes 3 meals and overnight lodging)

Children 4 and under: Free

\$175 maximum family price for families of 4 or more

Per Meal Prices for those who can attend only portions of the retreat:

Breakfast: \$6 adults; \$3 children (ages 3-12)

Lunch: \$7 adults; \$3 children (ages 3-12)

Dinner: \$9 adults; \$3 children (ages 3-12)

Flyers with the above information will be available prior to the reservation times. Please look for these as you begin your plans for attending the 2007 GGGathering. It should be an experience to remember!

Did you know...?

Lyndi Hewitt and Klem-Mari Cajigas are teaching our Toddlers (Lyndi) and Preschoolers (Klem-Mari) this year in Sunday School. Not only are these two women dedicated to showing our kids God’s love at a very early age, they are both pursuing PhDs at Vanderbilt!

Lyndi is working on (and getting close to finishing) her dissertation. It will examine strategic differences among transnational feminist movements, trying to understand how shared goals (e.g., securing human rights for women) might be articulated and pursued differently by women’s and feminist organizations working in different geopolitical contexts. Next fall she will be a research associate/post-doc position with the Global Feminisms Collaborative, which is a project sponsored by the Center for Ethics at Vanderbilt.

Klem-Mari, a native of Puerto Rico and a graduate of Stetson University there, just graduated in May with her Master of Divinity from Vanderbilt. She is now pursuing a PhD in Ethics there. Klem-Mari was surprised at how much she enjoyed the pastoral role she was able to assume at Glendale last year. As she pursues her studies she will continue to discern whether her professional role will be in the church or in academia...or some combination!

How blessed are we as a church family to have these two women, busy with family and rigorous academic lives, give themselves to our youngest each Sunday! If you can, please tell them thank you, and offer your support.



Wednesday Night Children’s Programs

Elementary children, kindergarten through fifth grade, are invited to participate in music and missions each Wednesday night from 6:10pm to 7:30pm. Children are excused from dinner a bit early so they can participate.

6:10pm – 6:50pm

K-2: Choir with Joni Elrod

3-5: Missions with Amy Mears

6:50pm – 7:30pm

K-2: Missions with Amy Mears

3-5: Choir with Joni Elrod



**Happy Birthday to You
October Babies!**
(CHA, CHA, CHA)

- 01 - David Gooch
- 01 - Julie O’Neal
- 04 - Sarah Shepherd
- 05 - Randa Lopez
- 05 - Lawson Patten
- 05 - Susanne Shepherd-Frisch
- 06 - Daniel
- 06 - Rhonda Pearson
- 08 - Katie Fey
- 10 - Liz Allen-Fey
- 10 - Connie Gowen
- 13 - Lyndi Lopez
- 15 - Carolyn Bailes
- 15 - Asha
- 15 - David Shepherd
- 16 - Jim Kelly
- 16 - David Wood
- 17 - Khette Cox
- 18 - Keaton
- 19 - Wim Blokland
- 20 - David Berry
- 20 - Raye Nell Dyer
- 21 - Jeff Clifton
- 23 - Louis Mills
- 24 - Suzannah Crowell
- 27 - Connie Brookshire
- 28 - Carole Farmer
- 28 - Staci O’Neal
- 28 - Michael Shepherd
- 29 - Jim Berry
- 30 - Paul Rockey

**Wednesday Night
Schedule**

- 10/3 Division & Committee Meetings
- 10/10 TBD
- 10/17 TBD
- 10/24 TBD
- 10/31 TBD

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
	10/1	10/2	10/3 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Division & Committee Meetings	Menu Lasagna, Garden Salad, Broccoli, Olive Tray, Garlic Bread (all)	10/4	10/5	10/6 10:00 Writing for the Worshiping Community Workshop
October 7 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:00 First Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by Young Adult class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Trotter/Wells Deacon Group Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	10/8	10/9 Luke 14:12 6:00 Church Council	10/10 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Program TBD	Menu Grilled Chicken, Baked Potato, Garden Salad, Rolls (all)	10/11	10/12	10/13
October 14 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:30 Elrod Deacon Group Luncheon (Ramage Home)	10/15 Deadline to submit Visions info.	10/16	10/17 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Program TBD	Menu Chicken Parmesan, Rice, Salad, Green Beans, Rolls (all)	10/18	10/19	10/20
October 21 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Churchwide "Catch Up for Kitchen Deficit" Luncheon (Fellowship Hall)	10/22	10/23	10/24 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Program TBD	Menu Cookout: Burgers & Dogs, Potato Salad, Slaw, Chips (all)	10/25	10/26 Great Glendale Gathering at Camp NaCoMe	10/27 Great Glendale Gathering at Camp NaCoMe
October 28 Financial Plan for Ministry Covenant Sunday 8:30 Handbell Choir 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Hiatt/Owens Deacon Group Luncheon (Owens home)	10/29	10/30	10/31 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Program TBD	Menu Pork Loin, Baked Potato, Salad, Squash, Rolls (all)			

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