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From the Worship Division

In a recent retreat, the Worship Division reviewed the year just past, and made some plans for the beginning of the new year. We are especially glad to have all the members returning for another year with the division. We also welcomed Eileen Campbell-Reed and Khethe Cox as new members. Khethe will be the new intern for the fall, and she will be an excellent addition to our group. We spent some time reviewing worship bulletins from a number of churches somewhat like Glendale and comparing their orders of worship with our own. We saw some points of difference but also discovered ideas which we might be able to incorporate into our formats in the future. We learned that other churches are finding their way---as we are---into new ways of doing things.

Some members of the division attended a workshop at the Second Presbyterian Church, learning from a nationally known liturgical artist, Brenda Grauer, in the hope that we can take further steps in using art to enhance worship at Glendale. We do have some new challenges in the new space.

One of our new plans centered on four workshops this fall in which church members are invited to learn about what Eileen Campbell-Reed has described as "worshipful writing." The November workshop will feature Dr. Paul Richardson, a noted expert on hymnody, who will be with us all weekend for an important emphasis on music. We will also be working toward a memorable Advent.

The church dedicated the new worship space on Sunday, August 19, with a service filled with music and words of great significance and an atmosphere of love and gratitude. It was a special day for all who gathered and participated. This has been a church-wide effort, and from the basic planning through the tearing out and building back to the finished product and the dedication, we have all participated in myriad ways. It has been a good experience, and we are grateful for every effort and every person involved.

In the autumn months, we will focus on Second Harvest Food Bank (in cooperation with the Missions Division) as we have done for several years. Start adding basic foods to your grocery list each week, especially canned foods, so you will have food items to donate each Sunday for several weeks. If you have interest in this mission opportunity, you might think of volunteering to be a drop-off person during the time we focus on food for our neighbors who need some support. We will let you know what is most needed and when to start.

We will focus on the materials we gleaned from the Appreciative Inquiry exercises this past year as we plan and work through the year ahead. Your participation in worship and feedback on the various ways we worship are always appreciated. You have been a very good congregation to work with in 2006-2007, and we look forward to an interesting, exciting and purposeful new church year.

Glendale 101 Class

If you or someone you know is interested in learning more about Glendale (who we are, how we function, where we see ourselves going in the future, etc.), the series of classes for inquirers will be a good place to start. These classes, which we refer to as Glendale 101, will begin on Friday evening, September 7th, and will continue on the next three consecutive Sundays -- September 9th, 16th, and 23rd. For any who choose to join the church, a special service for the celebration of new members will be held on September 23rd. Interested persons should contact Stewart Clifton, Lawson Patten, Rosalyn Ramage, or one of the pastors for more information.

Book Club

The Glendale Book Club has decided to read something a bit lighter for this next month, so the book is: *Welcome to the World, Baby Girl* by Fanny Flagg. We will meet at Nell Magee's home on Monday, September 10 at 7 pm.

Membership is open and we encourage you to join us. If you can't join us this time, you may want to get a head start on the book for October *Animal, Vegetable, Miracle* by Barbara Kingsolver. (Previous books read and discussed by the group have been *A Thousand Splendid Suns* by Khaled Hossieni, and *The Maytrees* by Annie Dillard.)

We typically meet the first Monday in the month. If you're interested in joining us, please contact Laura Kendall.

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A Caring Community of
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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. Díaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.

Wednesday Night Meals

Glendalers: We need some help with getting our finances in line regarding Wednesday night meals. This year we did away with the subsidy for meals and hoped that by adjusting prices of meals, we would be able to continue family discounts and provide for guests. This just hasn't been the case. To date, we are close to \$2,000.00 in the hole.

So, we will begin a different approach to meals. Starting September 1, 2007 we will no longer order any extra meals. If you have a guest coming to dinner, please let Alan know by Monday at noon and be prepared to pay for the meal. Also we will adjust the meal prices to the amount we pay the caterers. This adjustment will eliminate the family cap. The price for meals for persons aged 12 and up is \$7.00 and under 12 is \$3.50. If you order a meal, you will be expected to pay for it.

Also, we will begin the process of handing out plates for the meal when you pay. This seems easier than a ticket system. It will help us ensure that all reservations will be honored. We appreciate your patience as we continue to sort this out. For many, Wednesday night is a wonderful time for fellowship and learning. As always, we appreciate your feedback!

Liz Allen Fey and Jimmy Davis, 2006-2007 Administration Co-Chairs
 Jim Hiatt, 2007-2008 Administration Chair

Local Missions

Glendale supports local organizations and ministries that provide individuals with meals and a place to sleep safely. Visit the websites listed below to learn more if you're not familiar with Luke 14:12 and Room in the Inn.

Luke 14:12

Website: www.luke1412.org

2007 Annual Budget: Unavailable at press time

Financial Sources: individuals, faith communities, foundations, businesses, government

Mission statement: Then He also said to him who invited Him, "When you give a dinner or a supper, do not ask your friends, your brothers, your relatives, nor rich neighbors, lest they also invite you back, and you be repaid. But when you give a feast, invite the poor, the maimed, the lame, the blind. And you will be blessed, because they cannot repay you; for you shall be repaid at the resurrection of the just."

Luke 14:12-14

Room in the Inn

Website: None, but www.grass-roots.org/usa/roominn provides current information.

2007 Annual Budget: \$60,000 (Glendale's line item supports Room in the Inn at our own church, as there are expenses such as transportation, clothing items, etc.)

Financial Sources: congregations, individuals

Description: Begun in 1986 by Fr. Strobel at his own parish, this has grown to involve 126 faith communities that provide shelter for an average of 174 individuals nightly, November-March. Room in the Inn maintains a building downtown with showers and a warm space. Faith communities provide transportation, two meals, a sack lunch and a warm, safe place to sleep.

Education Corner

Below you will find the Sunday School offerings are for the fall. Our official start date for the new year is September 9. Adults, feel free to visit various classes before deciding where you will land.

New! Reading the Bible for the First Time? Or the 100th?

Several Biblical 'scholars' in our midst will lead this class in a Bible Study. Charles Warford will begin the class with a 6-week study, entitled "A Brief Summary of the History and Formation of the Bible." John Laney will follow this with a 5-6 week study of the Prophets. The class will continue to follow this format studying a set of books or a book in the Bible, led by one of the more learned of our members. The class meets upstairs in the room on the right on the way to the youth room.

New! A Time of Meditation

Deborah Lynn offers a four session class on September 9, 16, 23 and October 21. The class will include at least 20 minutes of silent meditation, some possible movement, and sharing. Please note that this class meets off-site at Deborah's office (1701 Portland Avenue), begins at 9:00am and is limited to eight participants. Please contact Deborah if you would like to participate.

BibleStudy@Glendale.etc.

Bible is considered a fundamental feature of Baptist spirituality. This class, led by Richard Sapp, attempts to reclaim and renew this important Baptist fundamental. In addition to the Bible, the class uses other resources, including the internet. They meet downstairs in the third room across from the fellowship hall.

Men's Class

The Men's Class, which meets downstairs in the first room across from the fellowship hall, studies books of Biblical themes, and books particularly related to men and men's issues. David Shepherd is the facilitator.

Reflections Class

The Reflections class reads and discusses a variety of texts which focus on socially conscious living. These texts typically address how faith can interface with aspects of modern society. Annette Sisson facilitates this class that meets in the fellowship hall.

Special Studies Class

Discussion leaders in this class rotate among the members as various topics and Biblical studies are addressed. The group has recently discussed end-of-life decisions, the Beatitudes: A Way to Be, the nuances of change in both the Church and personal lives, and will soon be led by Mark Caldwell in a discussion of the philosophy of religion. Join this class in the conference room located on the first floor of the education wing.

Young Adult Class

This class, coordinated by Abby Trotter, selects and studies a variety of topics such as a survey of world religions and their calls to social justice and Biblical studies with guest speakers. You will find this class in the youth room. Go upstairs; don't turn left or right, but head straight ahead to the room at the end of the hall.

Glendale Bird Watchers Will Gather

Jim and Sharon Hiatt, internationally known "birders", have agreed to lead the formation of a Glendale Bird Watchers Flock. The first meeting will be in late September or early October, for sharing of general information.

As the "going" migration gets into full swing, later in October or early November, a "Glendale Bird Sit" will take place on our hill to listen for and spot the many birds that can be seen there. Jim and Sharon assure me that this is one of the best places in Nashville for a "sit".

In the spring, another field trip will happen for the "coming" migration...site to be determined.

Please contact David Shepherd if you are interested in participating. This should be a great time of sharing, fellowship, and birding...under the watchful eyes of two experts!

Reflections Class

The Reflections Class is in the process of ordering copies of Barbara Kingsolver's Animal, Vegetable, Miracle to read together and discuss this fall. If you would like to join the discussions, please let Annette Sisson know as soon as possible so a book can be ordered for you.

Youth Sunday School

All the youth meet together in the room above the foyer. (At the top of the central stairwell, turn right.) The class is taught by rotating leaders, Rand Carpenter, Doug Trotter and Kylene Dibble. Lyndsey Godwin will also teach from time to time.

Children's Sunday School

All children's classes are on the second floor of the education wing. This month the theme is "Dig into the Bible." The inspired Word of God: written by people like you, about people like you, and for people like you!

Shepherds - Think homeroom teacher. They will be there each week to greet their age group, take them to the appropriate workshop, and help the workshop leader as needed.

Kindergarten – David Webb

1st/2nd Grade – Jennifer White

3rd/4th Grade – Beverly Feinstein (Paul Rockey - September only)

5th/6th Grade – Sharon Hiatt

September Workshop Leaders – These folks will lead the kids through the special workshop each week.

Music – Linda Ray Miller

Arts & Crafts – David Thacker

Bible Storytelling – John Halbert

Discovery Room – Beverly Feinstein

Preschool Sunday School

Babies are loved and cared for upstairs (turn right at the top of the central stairwell) by Rhonda Pearson each Sunday morning. The toddler and preschool classes meet on the first floor of the education wing. One and two year olds are across from the conference room. Lyndi Hewitt and Molly Boyd help these children experience the love of God and Glendale. Three and four year olds meet at the end of the hall on the left. These children do not have a teacher as of yet, but they're ready to give lots of hugs and smiles to anyone who wants to be a special friend each Sunday morning!

Writing for the Worshipping Community

This fall the Worship Division invites you to enhance your experience of worship through writing. The following workshops are sequential and will last two hours each. The writing will begin with personal responses to Advent themes, and proceed toward writing that may be shared with the worshipping community. Please pick up a flier in the foyer for more complete information and let Beth Walker, Eileen Campbell-Reed or Khetta Cox know if you'd like to participate. They can answer any questions you have, too.

Sunday, September 9, 12:30–2:30pm - Workshop I: Spiritual Writing as Worshipful Work (Bring a brown bag lunch. Cookies and drinks will be provided.)

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

Saturday, November 3, 3:00–5:00 pm - Workshop III: Varieties of Writing for Public Worship

Featuring Dr. Paul Richardson, a noted expert on hymnody who will be with us all weekend for an important emphasis on music.

Sunday, November 18, 12:30-2:30 pm - Workshop IV: Bringing It Together (Bring a brown bag lunch. Cookies and drinks will be provided.)

Youth Happenings

Lyndsey Godwin is the youth leader for Wednesday nights. She is also coordinating other youth activities, so if you have an idea, let Lyndsey know!

Vanderbilt Divinity Intern

Khette Cox, a second year Vanderbilt Divinity School student, joins us this year as our pastoral intern. Khette is "in care" in the United Church of Christ, one of our ecumenical partners. (That's UCC talk for "moving toward ordination".) She and her partner, Heidi Bimrose, have been attending Glendale frequently for much of the past year. They came to Nashville from Chattanooga where they were active members of Pilgrim UCC. Khette will be working with our pastors in many areas of our ministry at Glendale. She will also be assisting with youth leadership while Thomas Conner is on sabbatical.

Deacon Groups

We Glendalers have a tradition of reorganizing ourselves every year into small groups so that we can get to know one another better and minister to each other's special needs. We offer everyone the opportunity to choose who their deacon will be, and now is the time for you to make your selection. We are happy to announce who our deacons are for this coming year:

- * Harold and Connie Crowell
- * Elise and Joni Elrod
- * Ralph Baugh and Pauletta Mademann
- * Doug and Abby Trotter/Amy Wells
- * Raye Nell Dyer and David Webb
- * Sharon Hiett and Anne-Leslie Owens
- * Charles and Carolyn Warford

If you have a preference, please indicate your first and second choices for deacons by calling or sending a note to Laura Kendall or Amy Wells by Sunday, September 2.

Glendale Green Team News

Want to know how environmental issues can be influenced by the political process and how you can make a significant difference? Then join the Green Team for a lunch discussion with Stewart Clifton on Sunday, September 23, 2007 immediately following the church service. We will carpool to a nearby restaurant to learn how to have a positive impact on upcoming legislation that affects the environment.

Needed: recycling volunteers! It is easy and only takes a few minutes each week! We need volunteers to adopt a month to gather the recycling from various locations in the church building. The recyclable materials can then be dropped off at a local recycling center (near Hillsboro High School) or taken home to be added to a Curby cart. Volunteers are needed starting in September, so pick a month and be extra green!

Recycle those red cups! Other materials that we can recycle include: paper, cardboard, aluminum and steel cans, all plastic containers labeled 1-7 (except black plastic, baskets, clamshells from fast food take out), and glass (dropped off at a local recycling center but not placed in a Curby cart).

Have an idea for the Green Team? Then join members of the Green Team during the First Sunday Breakfast on September 1 as we sit together for discussion and planning.

E-mail Darlene Panvini or Peggy Phelps to let us know if you are interested in either the lunch discussion or helping with the recycling project.



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

- 01 - Lynn Reed
- 03 - Paul Wheeler
- 05 - Sam
- 06 - Danny
- 07 - Hope Collins
- 08 - Jon Neergaard
- 09 - John Laney
- 12 - Sarah
- 12 - John Hill
- 12 - Chris Ferrell
- 12 - Jacob
- 16 - Spencer Thornton
- 16 - Lisa Lehr
- 17 - Marjorie Halbert
- 17 - Lucy Lopez
- 19 - David Carlisle
- 19 - Betty Clifton
- 19 - Rhonda Finerty
- 23 - Lee Miller
- 24 - Mollie Vannoy
- 25 - Rob Crowell
- 25 - Karen Nowlin
- 25 - David Reeves
- 25 - Amy Wells
- 26 - Sandy Hardaway
- 27 - Georgia Sims
- 30 - Zsa Rockey
- 30 - Mia

**Wednesday Night
Schedule**

- 9/5 Division & Committee Meetings
- 9/12 Room In the Inn
- 9/19 Defibrillator Training
- 9/26 Churches Supporting Churches

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
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September 2 9:00 First Sunday Breakfast & Green Team Meeting (<i>hosted by Bible@Glendale.etc</i>) 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	9/3 Labor Day (GBC Office Closed)	9/4	9/5 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Division & Committee Meetings	Menu Fajitas, Mexican Rice, Refried Beans, Chips & Salsa (all)	9/6	9/7 Glendale 101 Kickoff Dinner	9/8
September 9 9:30 New Year Sunday School Kickoff 10:30 Worship Service 12:30 Writing for the Worshipping Community (Workshop I)	9/10 GBC Book Club (Magee home)	9/11 Luke 14:12 6:00 Church Council Meeting	9/12 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Room In the Inn	Menu Chicken Parmesan, Garden Salad, Corn, Rolls (all)	9/13	9/14	9/15
September 16 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	9/17 Deadline to submit Visions info.	9/18	9/19 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Defibrillator Training	Menu Cookout: Burgers & Dogs, Potato Salad, Chips (all)	9/20	9/21	9/22
September 23 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 12:00 Green Team Lunch Discussion	9/24	9/25	9/26 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Churches Supporting Churches	Menu Pasta Dinner, Caesar Salad, Green Beans, Garlic Bread (all)	9/27	9/28	9/29
September 30 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service							

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