



# VISIONS

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## Two Pastors' Perspective

Almost two years ago, Hurricane Katrina hit hard and the news of its devastation traveled quickly. As Glendale began to hear about specific needs of people displaced from their homes, we launched into trying to determine where our resources could meet some of those needs. We helped gather clothes and furniture. We brought our trucks and cars and helped move people from the shelter to a more permanent dwelling. We even met someone who came to Nashville from New Orleans whose roots trace to Santa Clara, Cuba, where our friends of Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Díaz live. We did what we could, but we were aware of the great needs that we couldn't begin to grasp, much less meet.

Nearly two years later, the news from New Orleans and the gulf coast region is less frequent. But the needs remain. Again as we have become aware of those needs, we have assessed our resources and responded as we could. When the call came that pastors needed to replace their libraries, we combed through the wealth of books that reside in the libraries of our congregation and we have collected a truckload of books to help with that need. The two of us had the opportunity to spend some time with two of the pastors who are working to help rebuild not only their own churches, but also the communities in which they lived and minister. Rev. Aldon Cotton and Rev. Charles DuPlessis shared clearly and eloquently about the task of pastoring congregations that are scattered across many states while trying care for their own families and work for the welfare of the city they call home.

Through Churches Supporting Churches, we are discovering a way to support them and partner with them in their work. Churches Supporting Churches is an ecumenical network designed to "assist a small number of African America congregations in twelve areas of New Orleans where Katrina destroyed or seriously damaged their facilities to 'Restart, Reopen, Repair or Rebuild the churches in order for them to be agents for Community Development and to Recreate their Community.'" CSC is built on a model of partnership that offers opportunity for developing ongoing, long-term relationships between the congregations. Its plan for support addresses what Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. called the "triple evils of racism, poverty, and militarism."

On Wednesday evening, July 11, we will spend some time learning more about the work of Churches Supporting Churches and discussing our involvement in that network of people working to care for one another and to address the issues of justice that a hurricane brought to light one more time. On Sunday July 15, we will focus during our worship on the ways in which we might be faithful partners in this network.

Amy and April

## What are you doing on July 4th?



## Why not spend the afternoon with your friends at Glendale?

Join us at Glendale, July 4<sup>th</sup>, 12 noon until 5 pm, for games and watermelon... plus a picnic of goodies each family brings to share. Tables will be ready and grills will be there for cooking hamburgers and hot dogs. Bug spray will be provided. (Bring your own sunscreen.)

Hosted by the Men's SS Class (the Roosters), we will have games of: Croquette, Horseshoes, Washers, Volleyball, and even a watermelon seed spitting contest!

The event will end in plenty of time for you to break away and make it to the fireworks show of your choice...

Invite your extended family and friends!

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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. Diaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.

**A Message from Dot Pearigen**

Dear Glendale friends,

I just want you to know what you mean to me. April, Amy, Richard and Joy came to Knoxville on Monday after my heart failure started Easter morning. April came back when I had surgery and her presence meant so much to my family.

I know now it was touch and go for several days and I firmly believe that with your prayers and prayers of friends outside of Glendale I wouldn't be with you now. I was sincerely ready to meet God but apparently He has other plans.

I had my second stent put in on Tuesday, June 12th and was back home on Wednesday. I feel even better all ready -- just a little sore.

Thank you for all the cards, food and phone calls. Most of all thank you for your love, concern and prayers.

With love,  
 Dot Pearigen



**Zambian Children's Home Update**

Thanks for the anonymous donations for the Zambian children's home. The shoes, sheets, blankets and towels are great! And greatly needed. We are packing boxes to ship to Tucson and would welcome your contributions, too.

Joan Yarborough for the Nashville Working Group



**Supper Clubs**

Friendship, fellowship and fun are what Supper Clubs are all about. Supper Clubs are open to all adults of Glendale. Names are randomly drawn into groups of 8-10 people who meet in different homes for a potluck meal. Each group sets its own schedule and determines the hosts. You do not need to commit to hosting in order to participate. The host and/or hostess provide the main course. Everyone else brings a dish. If you are unable to entertain in your home, you may suggest a brunch after church or a dinner at a restaurant. The idea is to come together and build relationships with folks of different ages and diverse backgrounds.

Supper Clubs will run September thru May and will break for the summer. Each fall new supper club will be reassigned based on who wants to participate. This is not meant to replace and/or be confused with existing deacon groups. If you are interested in participating in a Supper Club, please contact Lawson Patten before August 1.

### Appalachian Backpacks

Once again, we will provide backpacks to children in Jefferson County, TN through the ministry of Appalachian Outreach. We'll assemble the backpacks on Wednesday, July 25 and deliver them on Saturday, August 4. If you are interested in participating in the caravan to deliver the backpacks, please contact Kreis White.

### Tennessee Missions

Glendale supports numerous organizations and ministries that reach out to individuals in our city, two of which are listed below. Each organization responds to God's call in similar and unique ways. Visit the websites to learn more if you're not familiar with the Campus for Human Development and Nashville Crop Walk.

#### Campus for Human Development

Website: [www.chd-nashville.org](http://www.chd-nashville.org)

Annual 2007 Budget:

Financial Sources: 40% individuals and congregations; 60% government

Mission statement: Emphasizing the Scriptural ideals of love and community through service to the homeless, the Campus provides faithful people of Nashville an opportunity to respond directly to the broken and disenfranchised among us. This fellowship with the poor is at the heart of our purpose.

#### Nashville Crop Walk

Website: [www.nashvillecropwalk.org](http://www.nashvillecropwalk.org)

Annual 2007 Budget:

Financial Sources: congregations, individuals

Mission Statement: The Greater Nashville area joins thousands of communities around the country in a 5k fundraising walk to fight hunger and poverty. Local agencies benefiting from the event include MANNA, Nashville's Table/Second Harvest Food Bank, and Luke 14:12. Funds supporting national and international emergency relief go through the cooperative ministry programs of Church World Service.

### Bernardo's Sandals – Silent Auction (in a fun, Glendale way!)

You know those shoes that have been in the foyer on and off for a few years? Well, they were handmade by Bernardo, the husband of Niubes, the pastor of our partner church in Cuba. He made the shoes for us to use in some way to benefit people who don't have a home in our city.

The time has come for us to raise some money for new shoes for those such as the friends we meet at Room in the Inn. There are three pairs – one for each of the summer months. You will have an opportunity to bid on these shoes. The highest bidder on the last Sunday of the month will take home the shoes. And on each of those last Sundays of the month, we'll have a theme of some sort related to shoes. We might even have a shoeless Sunday! Watch for more details!

### Room In The Inn Clothes Closet

As you clean out unneeded winter clothes this spring and summer, please keep in mind that our Glendale clothes closet needs men's winter clothing and shoes. We maintain the clothes closet for our twice monthly Room In The Inn guests, and they always look forward to picking up an item or two of warm, clean clothing or underwear.

Any of these men's clothes you would like to donate should be placed outside the clothes closet (near the piano in the fellowship hall). Also, if possible, please let Rand Carpenter or Kylene Dibble know that you are donating something.



### After-Church Reception for Visitors

After our morning worship on Sundays, all visitors within our midst are invited to linger for coffee, cookies, and fellowship outside the Pastors' studies. This time together will provide an opportunity for getting better acquainted as well as for sharing information about Glendale. Visitors, please feel welcome to attend.

### Wednesday Night Schedule

- July 4 Church Picnic  
(regular Wed. night  
activities cancelled)
- July 11 Churches  
Supporting  
Churches
- July 18 Glendale at the  
Lake
- July 25 Appalachian  
Backpacks



### Glendale Gardeners

Everyone who loves digging in mulch, planting annuals, burying bulbs, and trimming hedges, is invited to join David Shepherd. He is organizing a Gardening Club. The club will meet to share ideas, swap tips, help each other out, help tend gardens at Glendale, and make new friends with dirty fingernails. To get involved, see David or leave a message for him in church office.

### Sanctuary Enhancement

On July 1st, the congregation will have met together for our Glendale conversation regarding the final phase of the sanctuary enhancement. We look forward to the work that will complete our vision.

As chair of this group, I would like to say that the collective energies of this task force have been amazing. It has worked hard and long to bring a vision of community and flexibility to fruition. Much of the dream has been accomplished through the dedication of this group and the support and patience of the congregation. We have seen the sanctuary painted a warm and inviting color; the pews angled to make for a more inclusive feel, along with providing more accessibility spots for wheelchairs adding flexibility and caring; entry doors with beveled glass that say to everyone "Welcome, come in"; we have seen some warm new artwork added to the back wall. We await the new look to the platform that will further enhance accessibility to all in the congregation. We also look forward to seeing our two new equal sized pulpits that will say we value our co-pastors' space allowing a sense of community and intimacy with the congregation.

This will be a community project, and we invite anyone who would like to join in this work to be do so. Contact either Paul Rockey or me for further details regarding the schedule.

Sharon Hiatt, Chair  
Sanctuary Enhancement Task Force

### Book Review from the Library

Animal, Vegetable, Miracle: A Year of Food Life by Barbara Kingsolver is one of several new reads you can find in our church library. This is a non-fiction story of her family's quest to eat for one whole year food that they buy locally or grow themselves. Their story begins as they move from Arizona, where it is hard to grow grass much less the food one might eat, to their farm in southern Appalachia. One learns about the seasons of foods, the work of farms and farmers, the mishaps of raising poultry for food, and how bringing food and cooking back to the center of the family, they grow.

Kingsolver's husband Steven Hopp, a professor of environmental studies, adds articles on how agriculture has gone wrong in the United States or how one might find locally grown foods to how to impress your wife by using a bread-making machine. Kingsolver's oldest daughter Camille, who studies nutrition, adds her essays along with recipes to each chapter giving another perspective to their year-long adventure. If you are growing some of your own food this summer, this book will inspire and make you chuckle as you too weed and try to slip a sack of extra zucchini into a neighbor's car. We are what we eat and this book helps us look at that reality while providing hope for a greener future.

## Under Construction — A Habitat For Humanity VBS

On the last Wednesday of June, VBS kids & volunteers visited Providence Park, Nashville's Habitat for Humanity neighborhood. It was exciting to see the houses; we actually were able to go inside one of the homes. It was also neat to see some of the folks from the Habitat video we watched, and to see them actually living in, and enjoying their new home.

During the month of July, we will have VBS only on July 11. We will join the rest of the church for Glendale at the Lake on the 18th, and we will help with the backpacks for Appalachian Outreach on the 25th.

In August, we'll meet on Wednesdays, the 1st and 8th, and our big end-of-the-summer VBS Celebration will be Sunday, August 12th during the worship service. During that time we'll perform our music for the congregation, and have a "Blessing of the Bird Houses" that we've been building all summer long.



## Passport Kids! Camp

**Passport Kids! Camp!** is just around the corner from July 14 to July 17. Evie, Jackson, Kimber, Lara, Patrick, Quenton, Camille (Evie's friend), Julie Coulter and Lane Simpson will head to Crossville for an ecumenical camp experience with the theme, "Rock & Roll." We'll hear the cry for protest and the call for change through music that has bridged races and classes and shaped the rhythm of our lives. And there will be voices of the Prophets calling out for justice. It's gonna be a grand time!



## Elementary News

Elementary children are invited to help serve lunch with Luke 14:12 on **Tuesday, July 10th**. We will meet at Belmont Church (fellowship hall storefront; red brick bldg.; 16th and Grand), where lunch is served, at 11:15a.m. 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.



## Happy Birthday to You July Babies

CHA, CHA, CHA)

- 01 – Richard Smith
- 07 – Julie Hope Fortenberry
- 10 – Liza
- 11 – Evie
- 11 – Ryan
- 11 – Julie Coulter
- 11 – Joe O'Cain
- 11 – Essie Sappenfield
- 12 – Anna
- 12 – Steve Digby
- 12 – Nate Kerr
- 13 – Reid
- 15 – Paul Davis
- 17 – Kim Sheehan
- 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

## Summer Camps

**Passport Kids Camp**  
(Crossville, TN)  
July 14-17

**Peace Camp (Berea, KY)**  
July 23-28



BPFNA Summer Conference 2007  
Berea College, Berea, Kentucky, USA  
July 23-28, 2007

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>July 1</b> <b>9:00 First Sunday Breakfast &amp; Worship Space Enhancement Presentation</b> <i>(hosted by Special Studies Class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service <b>2:00 Wedding Shower at the Ramages for David Berry &amp; Emily Cummings</b>	7/2	7/3	7/4  <i>Church Office Closed</i>  <b>12:00 Church Picnic</b> <i>(All other Wednesday night activities cancelled)</i>		7/5	7/6  <i>Youth return from Baptist Youth Camp</i>  <b>5:00 Wedding Rehearsal (Sanctuary)</b>	7/7  <b>4:00 Wedding Ceremony &amp; Reception</b> <b>(Sanctuary &amp; Fellowship Hall)</b>
<b>July 8</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	7/9	7/10  <b>Luke 14:12 (children)</b>  <b>6:00 Church Council Meeting</b>	7/11  5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner <b>6:45 Churches Supporting Churches</b>	<b>Menu</b>  Grilled Chicken, Baked Potato, Salad, Corn (all)	7/12	7/13	7/14  <i>Passport Kids! Camp, Crossville TN</i>
<b>July 15</b> <i>Passport Kids! Camp</i>  9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Noon <b>Fried Chicken &amp; Gospel Singing</b>	7/16  <i>Passport Kids! Camp</i>	7/17  <i>Passport Kids! Camp</i>	7/18  5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner <b>6:45 Glendale at the Lake</b>	<b>Menu</b>  Cookout: Burgers & Dogs, Slaw, Potato Salad, Chips (all)	7/19	7/20	7/21
<b>July 22</b>  9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	7/23  <i>Peace Camp Berea, KY</i>  <b>Deadline to submit Visions info.</b>	7/24  <i>Peace Camp</i>	7/25  <i>Peace Camp</i>  5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner <b>6:45 Appalachian Backpacks</b>	<b>Menu</b>  Grilled Pork Loin, Rice, Salad, Broccoli (all)	7/26  <i>Peace Camp</i>	7/27  <i>Peace Camp</i>	7/28  <i>Peace Camp</i>
<b>July 29</b>  9:30 <b>Breakfast/Appreciative Inquiry during Sunday School hour</b> 10:30 Worship Service Noon <b>Summer Conversation</b>	7/30	7/31  Noon: <b>Summer Conversation</b>					

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