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One Pastor's Perspective

With the warm days and pleasant evenings of late spring, I often find myself wanting to gather on the deck, by the lake, or at an outside café with friends to enjoy good food and conversation. This summer at Glendale we will do just that – though maybe not outside when it is 90 degrees Fahrenheit and the humidity is high. The outdoors part is the cream cheese icing on the cake. Sharing a meal and good conversation with friends is the real core of that yearning in me. If you've got a bit of that yearning in you, too, come gather with Peggy Way, the pastors and fellow Glendalers to share a meal and informal conversation this summer. Bring your lunch and join us on June 24 or 26 when we will discuss the work we did on the doctrine of atonement during Lent this year. We will continue that conversation on July 15 and 17, moving toward new ways of understanding the life and death of Jesus as related to atonement. August 12 and 14 we will turn our conversation to a deepening look at sharing leadership and power in faith community.

The Sunday conversations will start following morning worship. Tuesdays we will gather at noon. Though the Tuesday conversations will be on the same topic as Sunday, you are welcome to come to both. Through these conversations we hope to deepen the covenant relationship that we hold with one another. The good, hard work of challenging the religious thought that we inherited (at least some of us!) is part of our declaration of intent to explore, build, nurture, and minister with one another.

Along those same lines, we will be looking together in worship this summer at the concept of covenant relationships, at the creation and importance of church covenants, and at the Covenant of Glendale Baptist Church in particular. As opportunities arise, grab a hymnal and read again the covenant of our family of faith. Remind yourself of what we have promised to do and be – both as individuals and as a church family. Then, come to worship prepared to enter the presence of God as covenant community and see or hear or sense what God might yet ask of us in covenant relationship.

Peace,
April

Appreciative Inquiry Continues- Special Sunday Morning Gathering on June 24

As a result of something that we started last year, our Appreciative Inquiry process was expanded this year as we committed three Wednesday evenings in March, April and May to a more extensive conversation focused on the reflection of our work as a church. Led by council members to share where God has been at work this past year, we have produced "provocative propositions" that will help us carry on with a conversation about our vision for the future. Participants in these Wednesday night sessions have shared insightful, challenging and far-reaching statements but we know

Glendale Hymn Singing Day Is Coming Soon!



After almost six years, another Covered Dish – Hymn Singing is coming to Glendale, on **June 10, 2007**.

Think back to those favorites...those golden oldies that you grew up singing...the songs you remember hearing your parents and grandparents sing around the house, at church or on Sunday afternoons in the parlor.

Lunch will be served, with a featured menu of FRIED CHICKEN, VEGETABLES, SALAD, ROLLS / BISCUITS AND DESSERT. This is covered dish, so please – bring food to feed the multitude.

Mark this day on your calendar and plan to be there, with your family and friends. You are going to love this.

Child care will be provided for nursery children.

(PS - Invite friends to come to Glendale and hear singing the way it used to be!)

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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.

that Wednesday night is not the best time for everyone. In June, we will publish and distribute comments that came out of our Appreciative Inquiry sessions.

On Sunday, June 24, we will gather at a congregation-wide breakfast meeting and work through our Sunday School time to bring as many Glendalers as we can into the full discussion about our future. No adult Sunday School classes will be held on this day and arrangements will be made for other classes to have teachers and caretakers available. Liz Allen-Fey has graciously offered her expertise in leading the process.

New Council Elected

The following members were elected to the 2007-2008 church council on May 6, beginning their terms on September 1:

Chair, Church Council	Jimmy Davis
Chair, Administration	Jim Hiatt
Co-Chairs, Communication	Beverly Feinstein & Molly Boyd
Chair, Education	Selena Carpenter
Chair, Membership	to be voted on at a later date
Co-Chairs, Ministry	Laura Kendall & Amy Wells
Chair, Missions	Martha Jo Berry
Chair, Stewardship	David Shepherd
Chair, Worship	Beth Walker

Thanks to these Glendalers who have agreed to provide leadership for the future. An election for other church leadership positions will be held on July 1, prior to the worship service.

Ice Cream Supper on June 3

It's time to wash out those ice cream churns and crank them up for Glendale's annual ICE CREAM SUPPER. Come to the church at 5:30 on Sunday afternoon, June 3, with your home-made ice cream, your favorite toppings, and anything else you enjoy with your ice cream. If you have them, bring your lawn chairs and blankets, too. Beverages will be provided.

What if it rains? No problem. We'll just go inside the fellowship hall and have a great time there.

Glendale Book Clubs Coming Down The Road!

Based on a recent Shepherd Poll (don't ask), as Glendale members get ready for sleep tonight, 99.3% will be reading! Therefore, with the Garden Group formed up, we are next going to try to form a Book Club or two.

A Literary Book Club
 A Nonfiction Book Club
 A Mystery Book Club
 A Theology Book Club
 A Women's Book Club

These clubs can meet in homes monthly or over-achievers can meet weekly, even daily.

This will be an opportunity for Older, Newer, Long-timers, and Short-timers to get to know each other. Interested? If so, please contact Dave Shepherd for more info.

Tennessee Missions

Glendale supports numerous organizations and ministries that reach out to individuals in our state and 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 Pastoral Counseling Centers of TN and the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship.

Pastoral Counseling Centers of TN

Website: www.pastoralcounselingctr.org

Annual 2007 Budget:

Financial Sources: individuals, congregations

Mission statement: The Pastoral Counseling Centers of Tennessee is a ministry of professional care dedicated to healing and growth in human life and relationships. In partnership with local congregations the centers are committed to providing clinical and education services to all who need these services.

TN Cooperative Baptist Fellowship

Website: www.tncbf.org

2006- 2007 Budget: \$333,502

Financial Sources: congregations, individuals

Mission Statement: The mission of the Tennessee Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is to serve churches and individuals as they discover and fulfill their God-given mission. The key question we always ask in planning is, "How will this serve Tennessee churches?" In order to accomplish this mission, TCBF has adopted four priority tasks -- organizational development, missions development, leadership development and congregational development.

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!

Chishawasha Children's Home

Chishawasha Children's Home for AIDS-orphans in Lusaka, Zambia has need of items which Glendale's may be disposing of or recycling. New is okay, too. Yard-sale-goers, this is a good time to find good, inexpensive clothes and linens. Drop boxes are in the hallway downstairs and on the main floor. If you have questions, contact Joan Yarborough.

They need:

- * good, used children's clothes of natural fibers (cotton or fabric that can be ironed on "hot"), sizes 5 and up (dresses or jeans for girls - no shorts)
- * shoes, the closed kind (no sandals, open toes or heels), cloth or leather
- * extra shoestrings for tennis/sport shoes
- * towels & bath cloths
- * twin sheets, pillow cases and cotton blankets
- * any kind of garden tools for doing 4-H Club projects

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.



Membership Information Available

In case your family has not picked up your 2007 copy of the church directory and the biographical sketches which have recently been made available, you will find those stacked on the round table in the church vestibule. In addition to these documents, you might want to also pick up the latest addendum to the pictorial directory.

Wednesday Night Schedule

- June 6 Division/Committee Meetings
 June 13 Invisible Children - the movie
 June 20 Education focus
 June 27 Division/Committee meetings



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.

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.

Sanctuary Enhancement

The Task Force continues to meet as we consider accommodation of our two new pulpits for the front of the sanctuary. You may have seen the finished pulpits in the Adult Bible Class where they have been stored since their arrival. We have most recently been blessed with the help of an architect who so graciously has donated his time and talent to our project. We are now awaiting the completed drawings to see the results of our consultations, after which time we look forward to calling the congregation together for Glendale conversation.

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; two new equal-sized pulpits will say we value our co-pastors' space allowing a sense of community and intimacy with the congregation. We are looking forward to the sanctuary enhancement completion and hope everyone will join our conversation when it is scheduled.

Sharon Hiett, Chair
 Sanctuary Enhancement Task Force

Green Team Meeting

After our beautiful Earth Day service (thanks to Lyndsey and many others who contributed!) we are ready to plan our next steps for greening the church and raising awareness of earth-related issues. Please join us for a Green Team planning meeting after church on Sunday, June 3, in the fellowship hall.

Beyond The Bumper Stickers: Faith, Values and Political Life

- * Church and state – can or should we keep them separate?
- * Faith and political expression – how does that differ from church/state issues?
- * Calling – what might religious calling mean in the context of political involvement?
- * How do we publicly express faith without enacting it into civil law?

Sound interesting? Then register for the retreat Stewart Clifton will lead at Penuel Ridge on Saturday, June 16, 9am-5pm.

The fee is \$40 and includes lunch. To register, call Laura Valentine at 615-792-3734 or email retreats@penuelridge.org. For more details, visit the website, www.penuelridge.org. Penuel Ridge is an interfaith retreat center in Cheatham County.

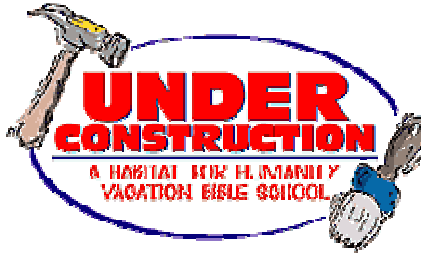
Glendale's Music Team

The Discernment and Search Committee is pleased to announce that Don Schlosser, Linda Ray Miller and Kyle Rybczyk have been called as the Music Team for Glendale. Don and Linda Ray serve as co-directors and Kyle is the pianist. These three are an exciting addition to our staff and have many gifts to share. Our worship is already enhanced and our lives blessed through them. Welcome Don, Linda Ray and Kyle!

Under Construction — A Habitat For Humanity VBS

Our VBS curriculum this year is “Under Construction,” developed by Habitat for Humanity and Smyth and Helwys Publishing. The curriculum uses a construction metaphor to help children learn about community. To teach children the value of Christian service, Under Construction also introduces them to the ministry of Habitat for Humanity International.

We’ll build something for our local Habitat ministry, learn ways that our own faiths are ‘under construction,’ and we’ll take field trips to local Habitat projects. *How* will we do this in 4 short days? *We won’t! We’ll do this through out the whole summer, on Wednesday evenings, during our normal Wednesday night activity time.*



We have lots planned, and can use all types of skills. We hope you’ll find a way to join us as we build a great VBS this summer!

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!



Youth News

Glendale youth will be working at the **Luke 14:12 Soup Kitchen** on June 12. Please plan to be at the Belmont Church at 1003 16th Ave S at 11:15. We will finish at the Soup Kitchen around 12:30 and will plan some fellowship time afterward.

Baptist Youth Camp - All the plans are made! We leave on Saturday June 30 and will be back Friday evening, July 6. Thanks to Georgia Sims and Rand Carpenter for serving as our chaperones. Thomas Conner and Don Schlosser will serve as part of the ministry team once again this year.

Youth/Parent Meeting with the Pastors - Youth and their parents are invited to join Amy and April for a cookout on June 15 at 6 pm at Amy's house. Drinks, buns, and burgers and dogs suitable for both omnivores and herbivores will be provided. Bring along a side dish to share and join us! After supper while the youth enjoy a movie or some outdoor fun, the parents and pastors will gather for conversation about youth ministry at Glendale and about Thomas' role, the pastors' role and parents' role in this part of the life of our church.

Summer plans prior to BYC will be loose and somewhat spontaneous while we transition out of the school year and into summer. Volleyball, movie nights, a lock-in (maybe), and other summer fun events will be planned as time allows. Stay tuned!



Happy Birthday to You June Babies
CHA, CHA, CHA

- 01 – Jenny Madison
- 01 – Colin
- 01 – Owen
- 01 – Diane Patalano
- 01 – Billie Pate
- 01 – Emmie
- 02 – Celia
- 03 – Ginger Newman
- 05 – Darlene Panvini
- 05 – Brooke Wheeler
- 06 – Anne-Leslie Owens
- 07 – Alexis
- 09 – Carson
- 10 – Don Schlosser
- 11 – Fred Frisch
- 12 – Benjamin Elsberry
- 14 – Darby McClendon Kennedy
- 16 – Rosalyn Ramage
- 16 – Joshua White
- 17 – Jim Hielt
- 18 – Jonathan Turner
- 21 – Will
- 22 – Nell Magee
- 23 – Alicia Fawley
- 25 – David Nowlin
- 30 – Karen Lee Turner

Summer Camps

Baptist Youth Camp (NC)
June 30-July 6

Peace Camp (Berea, KY)
July 23-28



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

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	WED MENU	THU	FRI	SAT
						6/1	6/2
June 3 9:00 First Sunday Breakfast <i>(coordinated by Reflections Class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Noon Green Team Meeting 5:30 Ice Cream Supper	6/4	6/5	6/6 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Division & Committee Meetings	Menu Pork Loin, Rice, Salad, Corn (all)	6/7	6/8	6/9
June 10 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service Noon Fried Chicken & Gospel Singing	6/11	6/12 Luke 14:12 (youth) 6:00 Church Council Meeting	6/13 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Movie: Invisible Children	Menu Chicken Strip Salad, Baked Potato, Bean Salad, Crackers (all)	6/14	6/15	6/16
June 17 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	6/18 Deadline to submit Visions info.	6/19	6/20 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Education Focus	Menu Stuffed Shells, Caesar Salad, Broccoli, Garlic Bread (all)	6/21	6/22	6/23
June 24 9:30 Breakfast/Appreciative Inquiry during Sunday School hour 10:30 Worship Service Noon Summer Conversation	6/25	6/26 Noon: Summer Conversation	6/27 5:15 Adult Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:45 Division & Committee Meetings	Menu Cookout: Burgers & Dogs, Potato Salad, Slaw, Chips (all)	6/28	6/29	6/30

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