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GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH

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One Pastor's Perspective

My friend Ramona Shawver served as an American Baptist missionary in Mexico for 15 years. As I was preparing to preach for the Alliance of Baptists convocation this spring, I asked Ramona what missions means to her. She said that mission is less about taking what you have that someone else needs and more about knowing what you are missing in your own understanding of God. It is about learning how God reveals Godself to people who are not like you, and then sharing Christ with one another.

As our relationship with our partner church in Cuba deepens, we are experiencing missions in just this way. We have been blessed by Bernardo's gifts of shoes to support our ministry to those who are homeless in our city. And we have learned that homelessness in the U.S. is perplexing to our friends in Cuba, where everyone has a place to live. When we shared with them our mission project to provide school supplies and backpacks to children in Appalachia, we heard our friends' dismay that there are children in our state who do not have the things they need for school. We are beginning to see our situation through the eyes of our Cuban friends.

This week I've wondered how our friends would view the current crisis with TennCare. Access to health care is a guaranteed human right in Cuba. Ability to pay, insurability, pre-existing conditions just are not part of the conversation. There is a doctor in each community. She or he is accessible and will even make house calls. Access to health care is not a question in Cuba.

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Another Glendale-by-the-Lake Experience is Coming July 13!

Wednesday evening supper usually served at church, will be served by Percy Priest Lake, again on July 13. (Our wonderful caterers will provide us a scrumptious cookout meal.) If you already have standing Wed. reservations, you are all set for the cookout. If you don't have reservations, hurry and call the church by Monday noon, so that you can join the fun and good food. The event, at the Anderson Road Recreational Area, starts whenever you can get there, actually all day for fishing, swimming, canoeing, whatever. The cookout will be at 6:00. There is a \$4 entrance/parking fee per car. Fellowship/Sunday School groups may want to carpool from Glendale. We hope to see you, everyone, for some serious Holy Play!

Directions from Downtown to Anderson Road Recreational Area :

Take I-40 east for 5 miles to exit #219, Stewart's Ferry Pike. Turn right on Stewart's Ferry Pike (which becomes Bell Road) and travel 5 miles. Turn left on Smith Spgs. Road. Go one mile and turn left on Anderson Rd. Go another mile, pass the campground on the left, and go straight ahead to the Day Use Area. There is a picnic shelter and pavilion, and further down a swimming beach and place to launch kayaks and canoes. There is also a boat ramp.

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Standing with other clergy on the steps of the Tennessee Supreme Court building for a press conference on TennCare last week, I couldn't help but imagine what observations and questions Caridad or Alex or Ovier might have about the fact that 325,000 Tennesseans will be denied access to health care in the coming weeks and months. Shaking hands with some of the folks who have spent the week in the governor's office, I found myself trying to see and hear the thoughts, wisdom, and observations of our friends. The words of Alberto, our Cuban translator, echoed in my mind. He described the relationship that the Martin Luther King Center, where he works, has with the Cuban government as an "uncomfortable friendship."

I can imagine our friends advising us to have a similar relationship with our elected officials. The uncomfortable part is an easy one for us Baptists who hold tenaciously to the separation of church and state. We recognize that we have a relationship with our government -- local, state, and national -- that is uncomfortable, that is challenging, that requires us to live in a holy tension with our patriotism and our faith.

The friendship part, though, demands a relationship. It will not allow us to sit aside and by our silence imply our consent with what our government officials do. It requires that we call on them to be accountable to all citizens -- not just the ones with power and money. It means that we must confront them when we see them acting in ways that are unjust and wrong.

Cutting people with no other access to health care is wrong. Prioritizing political careers over the health and welfare of people is wrong. Making policy that accommodates the wealthy and leaves those who are poor to fend for themselves is wrong. Balancing budgets on the backs of children and those whose basic human needs are not being met is wrong. We know these things happen at all levels of our government.

I'm not sure exactly what our Cuban friends would say to us about TennCare or about health care as a national issue, for the problems are not limited to our state. I do know that our friends would stand with us in speaking out with the voice of love and compassion that Jesus has taught us. As we face the days ahead, we know that the problems with TennCare will not go away. Let us keep our voices among those calling out for accountable, compassionate, responsible solutions that show our commitment to being part of the human family and caring, as Jesus did, for all of our sisters and brothers.

Together on the Journey,
April



Appalachian Backpacks Are Ba-a-a-c-c-k!

The Missions Division voted awhile ago to repeat the backpack project to help Appalachian Outreach in Jefferson City. Almost 50% of the children in Jefferson City's seven elementary schools are on subsidized lunches and short on the basic school supplies. This year, there have been some changes in the approach we are using: 1) We are only ordering 400 backpacks. 2) They don't have to be clear this year, so that will save some money. 3) We have budgeted \$3,000 for the project, which should cover the expenses without a special offering. **4) The date to assemble them has been set for July 27; delivery is to be August 6.**

All the supplies should be on hand and ready to stuff on July 27. **We hope you'll put the dates in/on your calendar and be ready to choose a team.**

--The Appalachian Backpack Committee

Sermon CDs available

If you would like a copy of a Sunday worship service, see Stuart Harris (soundman) or email him at stuarthar@comcast.net



Needle Nuts met Saturday, June 18, at the home of Bettie Shepherd. This month will be hosted by Rosalyn Ramage on **Saturday, July 16, 10:00 a.m.** This will be Margaret McGill's last time with us before she moves to San Antonio. Novice and expert knitters and such will gather at the Ramage home at 3312 Lealand Lane.



Come out and enjoy...free!

"Boomerang" the 60's tribute band will be doing a free concert at Red Caboose Park in Bellevue. The date is July 22, (Friday evening) from 7 pm to 9 pm. Bring a lawn chair and maybe a drink or picnic, and listen to the classics from the 1960's era. This band belongs to Frank and Beverly Feinstein, some of the newest members of Glendale Baptist. Come out and enjoy!

--Frank Feinstein

Primetimers To Visit the Frist Center

A group excursion is in the works for a trip to the Frist Center for the Visual Arts on **Monday, July 18.** We will meet at Glendale at 10:30 and carpool for a group tour of Christ Church Cathedral at 11:00.

The event will include the following offerings:

- 1/2 price admission -- \$4.25
- Special Senior parking -- \$2 flat rate (but we will carpool from church)
- 15% discount in the Frist Center Cafe and Gift Shop
- Live performances of the great music of the 30s, 40s and 50s
- Tour of Christ Church Cathedral led by Don Rogers

For questions, please see Rosalyn Ramage, call her at 383-7696, or e-mail rramage@comcast.net.



Summer College Sunday School Class

Sue Kinzer and **John Halbert** will lead a Sunday School class for college students this summer. The class is slated to begin on June 5 and will continue through mid-August. See Sue or John for more details.



- HAPPY BIRTHDAY:**
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| JULY 1 Richard Smith | 21 Zachery Kelley |
| 2 Debra Woods | 22 Beth Miller |
| 7 Julie Hope Fortenberry | 23 Liza Lee |
| 10 Liza Hill | 26 Amy Constant |
| 11 Julie Coulter | 27 Jennifer Maynard |
| Evan Sisson Davis | Michelle Moorman |
| Ryan Maynard | 30 Rebecca Way |
| 12 Anna Bernard | 31 Connie Crowell |
| Nathan Kerr | Richard Sapp |
| 15 Paul Davis | |



Youth Adventures

Past Events . . .

The Youth have been very busy in June! Younger youth and parents traveled to Cuba to visit our friends at the Alberto J. Diaz Baptist Church, June 8-15.

Our older youth and college students shared a dramatic interpretation during the scripture for worship on Sunday, June 12 Thanks to Anna, Evelyn, Peter, Josh, Matthew, and also (elementary-aged) Quenton, for playing the Shunammite's son..

A group of older youth helped to serve at the Edgehill Soup Kitchen, Tuesday, June 14; Thanks to: Anna, Carson, Paul, Daniel T., and also Becky Way and Margie for serving.

A group of youth ate dinner together and attended the play "The Madwoman of Chailot" at the Belcourt Theater, Friday night, June 17.

Upcoming Events . . .

Final preparations are in full swing for travel to Laurel Springs, North Carolina for Baptist Youth Camp, July 2-8. We will be studying and creating worship experiences together around the story of the Exodus. Our theme is Stand Firm; Go Forward.

We read the camp covenant together as a church, Sunday, June 26 as a way of affirming and sending off our camp participants. Participants in BYC will include: Anna, Carson, Daniel C., Paul, Corey, Davis, Jonas, Danika, Garrett, Peter, and Rachel. Adult leaders from Glendale will be: Thomas Conner, Georgia Sims, and Stephanie Wyatt. Don Schlosser will also be traveling with us to serve, once again, as camp musician.

We will share about our camp experiences on Wednesday, July 13 when Glendalers will be gathering again at the Anderson Road Recreational Area for Glendale-by-the-Lake.

Kid's Corner



- On June 19, we heard the tale of Miss Twiggley's Tree and talked about hospitality.
- **Vacation Bible School** will begin Sunday afternoon, July 17 and end on Wednesday evening, July 20. (See details in the large announcement.)
- **Passport Kids!** camp is July 6-9. Julie Coulter will accompany Alexis, Evie, Jackson, Katie and Margie to camp in Crossville, TN.
- The children will host **Edgehill Soup Kitchen** on Tuesday, July 12. Parents and older elementary children should meet at Edgehill Methodist Church at 11:30 a.m. Please let Julie know if you will attend so we can make sure we have enough help.

Playground Project Update

If you drive by the playground slowly, you can see the grass we planted coming up all over the place! David Webb had a battle with the rocks in the ground, but he won and built the frames for the two porch swings. The swings and the picnic tables will be added soon. Don Ramage reports that church neighbors are nearly as excited about the playground as we are! There's still more work to be done, so if you have some spare time, let Julie Coulter know!



Vacation Bible School: July 17-20, 2005

Sunday
4:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Monday - Wednesday
5:00 – 7:30 p.m.

Round up your friends to join us at the Circle G Ranch! There will be stories, crafts, music, play and, of course, food! On Sunday, we are hoping to have a horse or two for the children to ride. Children ages 3 to 6th grades are invited to participate.

Dinner is provided for the children Sunday - Tuesday evenings. On Wednesday, parents are invited to join us for dinner and our concluding celebration. That meal will be the regular catered meal. Children will need reservations. If you would like to make **reservations for dinner on Wednesday**, please call the church office before noon on Monday, July 26 (269-0926). The price for adults is \$6.50 and \$3.00 for children (under with a total of \$15 per family).



Peace Camp 20th Annual Summer Conference

The Baptist Peace Fellowship of North America will hold its 20th annual summer conference August 1st-6th, entitled *For the Healing of the Nations*. The conference will be held in McMinnville, Oregon, at First Baptist Church and Linfield College. The time will be one of celebration and inspiration, with Bible study, worship, music, and workshops. If you are interested, please contact April or Thomas.



Canoeing the Harpeth!!!

July has five Sundays, offering us the perfect opportunity to celebrate the good earth. On Sunday afternoon, July 31st, Glendalers will have the opportunity to canoe the Harpeth River as a church family. Our teens enjoyed this exciting and damp endeavor 2 years ago and have been encouraging a repeat performance. Information regarding time, cost, and reservations will be forthcoming.



===== Calendar July 2005 =====

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Menu	Thu	Fri	Sat
6/26	6/27	6/28	6/29		6/30	7/1	7/2 <u>Youth Leave for BYC</u>
July 3 9:15 1st Sunday Fellowship 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service <i>Communion</i>	<u>7/4</u> 4 th of July Church Office Closed	<u>7/5</u>	<u>7/6</u> 5:15 Sanctuary Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Division/Committee meetings and conversation about worship and creation <i>Campers leave for Passport Kids Camp</i>	Adults Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad Baked Potato Seasonal Veggies Dessert Children Chicken Nuggets	<u>7/7</u>	<u>7/8</u>	<u>7/9</u>
July 10 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service	<u>7/11</u>	<u>7/12</u> Luke 14:12 Glendale Children Serve Lunch 7pm Church Council Meeting	<u>7/13</u> Afternoon-8:00 Glendale By the Lake 6:00 Dinner Youth and children share about camp	Cookout!	<u>7/14</u>	<u>7/15</u>	<u>7/16</u> 10am Needle Nuts
July 17 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service Faithful Friends <i>Vacation Bible School Begins</i>	<u>7/18</u> Primitimers to Frist <u>VBS</u>	<u>7/19</u> <u>VBS</u>	<u>7/20</u> 5:15 Sanctuary Choir 5:45 Dinner <u>VBS Ends</u>	Adults Grilled Pork Loin Garden Salad Pasta Salad Season Veggies Dessert Children Chicken Nuggets	<u>7/21</u>	<u>7/22</u> 7pm-9pm Boomerang Band	<u>7/23</u>
July 24 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service	<u>7/25</u>	<u>7/26</u>	<u>7/27</u> 5:15 Sanctuary Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Appalachian Backpacks	Adults Lasagna Caesar Salad Garlic Bread Broccoli Dessert Children Pizza Bagels	<u>7/28</u>	<u>7/29</u>	<u>7/30</u>
July 31 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service Canoeing the Harpeth!	<u>Aug 1</u> Peace Camp McMinnville, Oregon Begins	<u>8/2</u>	<u>8/3</u> 5:15 Sanctuary Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Division/Committee meetings and conversation about worship and dance	TBA	<u>8/4</u>	<u>8/5</u>	<u>8/6</u> <i>Deliver Backpacks!</i>