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**GLENDALE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*A caring community of equality and grace.*

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## One Pastor's Perspective

Let's face the reality before us. Some people are Spring people; some are into Fall; there are those for whom Winter is the most blessed season of the year. As for your pastors — yes, the both of us — we are unabashedly, whole-heartedly, no-questions-asked Summer people. Don't get me wrong: we love Spring wildflowers. We relish a crisp Fall apple. A silent snowfall is a spiritual experience. But, we, April and I, are Summer spirits. And so, for your August pleasure, here is our...

### "Top 10 List of Reasons why Glendale's Pastors Love the Summertime"

- 10- Teenagers, children and school teachers dropping by the church on weekdays.
- 9- Discovering which church members grow good fishing worms in their backyards.
- 8- Holding staff meetings on the swings in the new playground.
- 7- Baseball
- 6- People standing in the parking lot having conversations long after their meeting is over — because it stays light so much later.
- 5- Watching birds through the windows of our studies (the goldfinches came this week!)
- 4- It's easier to drag people to the lake in August\* than in January.
- 3- More ice cream
- 2- Making pastoral calls with the top down on the convertible!

*And the Top Reason Why Glendale's Pastors Love the Summertime:*

- 1- Watching Glendalers dance at the Red Caboose Park to fellow church members' rendition of Twist and Shout!

Enjoy the rest of the Summer! And drop by the church on a weekday!

Amy

## Check Out These "Water Opportunities"!!!!

### July 31 is the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday Outing

Bring a picnic lunch to enjoy following the service, or go out for lunch and meet back at the church at 1:30pm. Then, the fun moves to the Harpeth for a canoe ride down the river (no paddling experience necessary).

### August 10 is the final Glendale-by-the-Lake Wednesday!

Cookout supper will served at 6:00, but you may come out anytime you like - actually all day - to swim, boat, fish, play, hike ...whatever. You will need supper reservations, unless you have standing Wednesday reservations. Just call the church by noon on Monday, August 8, and then come join the fun and good food. The

event is at the Anderson Road Recreational Area on Percy Priest Lake. Because of the \$4 entrance/parking fee per car, it may be a good idea to carpool with other Glendaleers.

**\*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.

**Wednesday, August 27, is "Water Play and Watermelons on the Hill"**

This fun activity is just the thing for the end-of-summer finale.

*Got your calendar marked?*

**Listed Here Are Your Church Officers for 2005-2006 (Sept-Aug):**

**Glendale Church Council**

Chair – Thomas Conner

**Division chairs:**

Administration, Kreis White  
Communications, Anne-Leslie Owens  
Education, Linda Ray Miller  
Membership, Lyndi Hewitt  
Ministry, Don Ramage  
Missions, Chris Ferrell  
Worship, Louise Clifton

**Committees and Special Positions, 2005-06**

Church Moderator – Stewart Clifton  
Church Steward – David Gooch  
Church Clerk – Sharon Hiatt  
Treasurer-Joni Elrod  
Asst. Treasurer – Jon Neergaard  
Martha Jo Berry

**Ordination Committee** (5 members, 2 year terms, 3 rotate off in odd years, 2 in even)

'06 Mark Caldwell  
Bill Northrup  
'07 Martha Jo Berry  
Nell Magee  
Chalene Helmuth

**Budget/Finance Committee** (6 members with staggered terms from 9/1 until 12/31, 28 months later)

12/31/05 Bill Halbert  
John Hill  
12/31/06 Thom Elsberry  
Pauletta Mademann  
12/31/07 Rhonda Pearson  
Dave Shepherd

**Personnel Committee** (6 elected members + admin chair. Hereafter, 3-year terms.)

'07 Jimmy Davis  
Jim Hiatt  
'06 Liz Allen Fey  
Julie O'Neal  
'05 Connie Brookshire  
Lynn Reed

**History Committee** (5 members, 3 year terms, rotating off 2-2-1)

'08 Bill Junker  
John Laney  
'07 Mike Awalt  
Joy Smith  
'06 David Farmer

**Stewardship Committee** (5 members, 1-year term)

Molly Boyd  
Raye Nell Dyer  
Frenchie Fortenberry  
Bill Halbert  
Charles Warford

**A special privilege for Glendale, Thursday, August 18, 7:00 p.m.**

Don Beisswenger will speak at Glendale on his experience at The School of the Americas, which resulted in imprisonment. His discussion will address civil disobedience as a part of Christian witness.

Don Beisswenger is professor emeritus at Vanderbilt University Divinity School. On Oct. 1, 2004, he was released from prison, after six months as a prisoner of conscience in dissent over U.S. military policy at the Western Hemisphere Institute for Security Cooperation (better known by its former name, the School of the Americas). Beisswenger describes his calling as working on the global war against the poor.

**3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter Business Meeting**  
**August 21, 5:30 p.m. at the church**

Business will include voting on the updated version of the constitution and bylaws to recognize our new staffing positions and also correcting the list of groups with which we affiliate. Copies of the changes are available in the back of the sanctuary for those without electronic access.



**Help Glendale Find A New Secretary!**

Refer prospects to [www.glendalebaptist.org](http://www.glendalebaptist.org), click on "staff" and then on "Secretary Search."



**Needle Nuts** will not meet in August. The next meeting will be at the home of Laura Kendall on Saturday, September 17. Laura and Linda Ray Miller will host us that day.



**Summer College Sunday School Class**

Thanks to Sue Kinzer and John Halbert for leading a summer Sunday School class for college students the past few months. Evelyn Pearson, Georgia Sims, Josh White and Matthew White have been regular members of this class.



**Get Ready to Cakewalk for Glendale Elementary School!**

On Wednesday, August 24, Glendale Baptist will have a cakewalk and auction for the benefit of our Glendale neighborhood elementary school. So, look through your best dessert recipes — we'll need 10-12 cakes for the cakewalk — and call or email the church office so we can sign you up as a contributor. And be thinking of what you might offer for auction: a weekend at your lake house, dinner for four catered by you, babysitting, landscaping, a signed copy of your new book, a massage. We'll put those items on the auction block with proceeds going to the school library. Make plans now to be here!

## VBS Success!

Thanks to all those listed below who helped make "The Circle G Ranch" a success! The children had a good time and the adults seemed to enjoy themselves, too (even if they were a bit tired)! It definitely takes a village to produce Vacation Bible School!

April Baker  
Bev Bernard  
Molly Boyd  
Doug Brightwell  
Eileen Campbell-Reed  
Julie Coulter  
Connie Crowell  
Elise Elrod  
Joy Gooch  
Christy Halbert

John Halbert  
Jim Hiatt  
Sharon Hiatt  
Jon Hines  
Scott Hines  
Amy Mears  
Linda Ray Miller  
Anne-Leslie Owens  
Evelyn Pearson  
Rhonda Pearson

Lane Simpson  
Georgia Sims  
Annette Sisson  
Becky Way  
Margie Way  
Amy Wells  
Jennifer White  
Kreis White  
Rachel White



### Kid's Corner



- On July 17, Raye Nell Dyer led us during **Faithful Friends**. We learned that we are all ministers!
- Alexis, Evie, Jackson, Katie, Margie and Julie had a great time at Passport Kids! Camp in early July. There are lots of stories about getting wet, playing games and making new friends.
- Evie, Jackson and Lara served drinks to guests at the **Edgehill Soup Kitchen** on Tuesday, July 12. Amy Gallagher, coordinator of Luke 14:12, talked with the children about the causes of homelessness before we served lunch.
- **Children's Choir** will resume on Wednesday, September 7.

### Tales of Youth Adventure!



**Eleven youth and four adults attended the 2005 installment of Baptist Youth Camp held July 3-8.** Youth spent the week in Bible Study and worship experiences related to the story of the Exodus. Again this year, the youth came home renewed in their relationships with each other and with new understandings about God. The

youth shared their experiences during the Wednesday night program on Wednesday July 13 and went bowling together afterwards.

**The youth began discussing the formation of a youth council which would involve parents, adult leaders, and youth in shaping the social and educational activities of the youth program during a meeting at Thomas Conner's home on Friday July 22.**

**The Glendale youth joined with the youth of Oakhurst Baptist Church from Atlanta and Myers Park Baptist Church from Charlotte in an evening of food and fellowship Saturday July 23.** Oakhurst stopped in Nashville on their way back from the Heifer Ranch in Arkansas and Myers Park stopped as they were on their way to the Heifer Ranch. Myers Park Baptist spent Saturday night at Glendale. Both youth groups joined us for worship on Sunday July 24. Many thanks to Don Schlosser, Thomas Conner, Jimmy Davis, Linda Rae Miller, Danika, Garrett, and Anna for help with set up and clean up Saturday evening.

**Paul will also be participating with the Myers Park group in their trip to the Heifer Ranch.** One of the MPBC youth had to drop out at the last minute and Tim Dean, the youth minister at MPBC (and former Glendale member), asked if any of the Glendale youth would like to go. Paul stepped up to the challenge. We look forward to hearing about Paul's experience when he returns.



Attention all Collegiate Glendalers! We need your college/university/graduate school address so that we can write to you during the school year. Please call or email the church office with your address as soon as you know it. And thanks!

=====Calendar August 2005=====

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Menu	Thu	Fri	Sat
7/31	8/1 <b>Glendalers to Peace Camp</b>	8/2	8/3 5:15 Sanctuary Choir 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Division/Committee meetings .	<u>Adults</u> Chicken Strips Mixed Greens Pasta Salad Bean Salad <u>Children</u> Chicken Nuggets Tater Tots	8/4	8/5	8/6 Deliver Backpacks to Jefferson City, TN
<b>August 7</b>  <b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday Breakfast</b> 9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service	8/8	8/9 <b>Luke 14:12</b> 7-9pm <b>Church Council Meeting</b>	8/10  <b>Afternoon-8:00 Glendale By the Lake</b>  6:00 Dinner	<u>Cook Out!</u> Grilled Chicken Potato Salad Cole Slaw Chips	8/11	8/12	8/13
<b>August 14</b>  9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service	8/15	8/16	8/17  5:15 Sanctuary Choir 5:45 Dinner <b>6:30 Intergenerational Scavenger Hunt!</b>	<b>TBA</b>	8/18  7:00 – Don Beisswenger speaks at Glendale	8/19	8/20
<b>August 21</b>  9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service Faithful Friends  <b>5:30pm Quarterly Business Meeting</b>	8/22	8/23	8/24  5:15 Sanctuary Choir 5:45 Dinner <b>6:30 Cakewalk &amp; Auction to benefit Glendale Elementary Library</b>	<u>Adults</u> Pasta w/marinara sauce Caesar Salad Green Beans Garlic Break <u>Children</u> Same	8/25	8/26	8/27  8am-8pm Church Council Retreat
<b>August 28</b>  9:30 SS Classes 10:30 Worship Service	8/29	8/30	8/31  5:15 Sanctuary Choir 5:45 Dinner <b>6:30 Wet and Wild Water Wednesday with Watermelon!</b>	<u>Adults</u> Grilled Pork Loin Baked Potato Garden Salad Corn <u>Children</u> Chicken Nuggets Fries	9/1  <b><u>Welcome to New Church Council</u></b>	9/2	9/3

