



VISIONS

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JULY IS "A SEASON OF RENEWAL"

To give some of our teachers a short sabbatical and to try something different and energizing, we will take the month of July to renew ourselves on Sundays and Wednesdays with the following changes. If you've ever wanted to sing in the choir or with younger and older family members and church friends, this summer is your opportunity!

SUNDAYS

- First Sunday **POTLUCK** Breakfast on July 5 - 9 AM Fellowship Hall. We'll start our Season of Renewal by bringing our favorite breakfast dish to share.
- Youth, children, and most adult Sunday School classes will take a break, and give everyone a chance to take part in the **intergenerational choir** which will meet at 9:30 each Sunday morning.
- Classes for preschoolers and infant care will continue throughout July.
- The "Roosters" and "Twenty-Somethings" classes will continue to meet throughout the month.

WEDNESDAYS

- No adult choir rehearsal on Wednesday nights in July (1, 8, 15, 22, 29).
- Ongoing Dinner and Programming for Preschoolers, Children and Adults.

Children's programming on Wednesday nights

"Water-U-Doing?" (missions curriculum) – June 3 to July 29

Children are learning about "Watering Malawi" (www.wateringmalawi.org) and working to raise funds for a treadle pump to water a garden in Malawi. They are also learning how Christ is the Living Water for humankind.

On **Wednesday evening, July 29**, children and adults will meet together to celebrate all the children have learned. Adults will have an opportunity to contribute money for purchasing the treadle pump.

Adult programming on Wednesday nights will include missions emphasis on Watering Malawi and many other things, too!

REMEMBRANCES OF NELL MAGEE

The memorial service on June 13 for our dear friend, Nell Magee, was truly a celebration of her life and all the ways she touched family, friends and colleagues through the years. As Raye Nell Dyer pointed out, Nell was there was in spirit and in the cookie jar that held her ashes. Nell planned the service down to where certain people would sit! Of course, the Servant Song was sung one more time before we departed with glow-in-the-dark stars in our hands to remember her by. Frenchie Fortenberry and Raye Nell made the trip to Tylertown, MS for the memorial service there and represented us well. Some of Nell's book collection is in the hallway outside the library. Give a few dollars for a book as the funds will be split between our partnerships in Cuba and Slidell, LA.

OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Baptist Youth Camp

GBC Youth and youth leaders will return on July 3

Passport Kids Camp

Dates: July 11 – 14, 2009 (Saturday-Tuesday)

Location: Clyde York 4-H Center, Crossville, TN

Theme: Heroes

Mission Emphasis: India

Website: www.passportcamps.org/2009/children

Vacation Bible School

Children will have two opportunities July to attend morning VBS at partner churches:

- **Belmont United Methodist: July 13 - 17**
- **Downtown/2nd Presbyterian: July 20 - 24**

To volunteer as a teacher, shepherd, music leader or for set-up, please contact Molly Boyd.

Glendale at the Lake – August 12

Fall Kick-Off for children's activities – August 19

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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, a "Churches Supporting Churches" partnership with Grace Church of Slidell in the New Orleans area, and a partnership with Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Diaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.

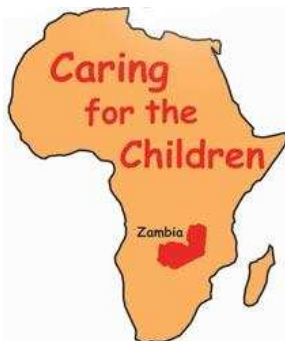
OUR CUBA PARTNERSHIP

Dear friends,

As I shared with the Cuba travel team on our first night in Havana, I don't think that our "trip" to Cuba accurately reflects what we are about. Our journey, indeed our partnership with the members of La Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Diaz in Santa Clara, has been a pilgrimage. The brief time spent with our friends there only affirms that we are sharing a journey toward something that transcends the laws of government, the economic disparities between our citizens, the geographical barriers and the obstacles of language. We are family and our time together in each other's physical presence was a joyful reunion of sisters and brothers communing in all of the best ways - playing, worshiping, singing, telling stories, sharing gifts, breaking bread and delighting in each others' company.

La Iglesia Bautista Alberto J. Diaz is a sacred place for all of us who have been given the great privilege to be there. As we look forward to an ever flourishing partnership in new and exciting ways, please allow Alexis, Corey, Davis, Rachel, April and myself to share with you our stories and please know how grateful we are to have been entrusted as your ambassadors to share Glendale's love and messages of shalom with our family in Cuba.

- Thomas Conner



GOOD AND BAD NEWS AT ZAMBIA'S CHISHAWASHA CHILDREN'S HOME

This has been a great year for the Chishawasha Children's Home! Two more houses were finished, bringing the total to seven. A hen house was built and stocked with 130 laying hens. The new skills center began teaching sewing and carpentry skills. In May, the second and third wings of the primary school were dedicated. There are now 12 classrooms, a large dining hall and a health clinic in the school. Additionally, the school is equipped with showers so that the non-resident students may be assured of a clean bath each day.

Also, the Lusakan government has donated land to the Children's Home on which to build a secondary school... a long-time dream may materialize!

The gardens and orchard continue to thrive and supply the orphanage with most of the fruits and vegetables to feed the children. Every child is taught sustainable farming methods. This includes planting and harvesting tomatoes, onions, eggplant, corn, peanuts, spinach, mangos, bananas, and peaches. The children also tend to the hen house, where they care for 130 laying hens. Currently, Chishawasha provides all the children and staff with eggs, fruits and vegetables. The excess is sold to local villagers.

While the growth news is good, this means more support is needed. In this economically-stressed time when gifts are less, it still costs about \$2,400 a year to raise and educate each child. In an effort to remedy this problem, the Home is seeking sponsors who will pledge \$25 a month (\$75 a quarter or \$300 a year). For details, please check out the website at www.zambianchildrensfund.org or contact Joan Yarborough.

Thank you to all who contributed medical supplies, shoes and underwear in the past month. We shipped 3 boxes to Tucson for transporting to Zambia. Glendale children have collected books for the childrens' library and are sending pictures and cards to exchange with the children.

SAVE THE DATE

The Great Glendale Gathering will be at **NaCoMe Camp and Conference Center** near Centerville, TN on **September 25-26** (Friday-Saturday). Youth will spend Saturday night at the camp and return on Sunday. Lodging and meals are \$54 per youth/adult and \$36 per child with a maximum family price of \$175 for families of four or more. Children 2 and under are free. Make plans now to join us for time with friends, some relaxation, and plenty of fun!

GLENDALE SPONSORS KIDZONE

Glendale sponsored the KidZone at the annual Gay Pride Festival on June 20 at Riverside Park. Although the temperature hovered in the high 90s, Glendalers played with children, painted their faces, blew bubbles, tossed rings, and generally had fun. Thanks to all of the volunteers for their service to Glendale: MATrotter, Kelly Greene and Heather Fowler, Brooke and Monica Cantrell, Kylene Dibble and Jeremy Tuchmayer, Khette Cox, Lyndsey Godwin, Peggy Phelps, David Thacker, Alicia Fawley, and Linda Ray Miller (coordinator).



A VIEW FROM THE CHOIR LOFT

Have you ever wondered what it was like to sit in the choir and look out at everybody else? Here's your chance! From July 5-August 2, there will be an **Intergenerational Choir** in worship on Sunday mornings. All Glendalers are invited to participate, from Kindergarten on up (eight year olds and younger should be accompanied by a parent). Gather in the choir loft each week at 9:30 AM to learn an anthem and some worship service music. Once the anthem has been sung, you can join everybody else in the pews. Please see Linda Ray Miller or Don Schlosser with any questions.

DO YOU PLAY AN INSTRUMENT?

Did you know that in some churches instrumentalists have to wait to be invited to play an offertory? Not so at Glendale! We welcome everyone to share in the worship of God by playing an instrument. If you would like to play an offertory, just let Linda Ray Miller, Kyle Rybczyk, or Don Schlosser know. We would be glad to put you on the schedule.

DID YOU KNOW?

The Choir is so thankful to the many hours of work contributed by **Brian Koho**. He took up the work begun last year by Linda Ray Miller of cataloguing every piece of music in the Music Office. He then put all of that information into an Access Database on a computer donated by MAT Trotter. Now when we need to find a piece of music based on a particular piece of scripture, we need only type that scripture reference into the computer, and up pops a list of all anthems, hymns, or responses that we can use. This has streamlined the hours that Don and Linda Ray used to spend looking through boxes for particular pieces of music. Brian also donated a desk and a filing cabinet to the Music Office. Each Sunday morning during the Sunday school hour, you will find him working, cataloging new music, filing music that the choir has finished, and organizing all of the music for each worship hour. Thank you, Brian, for using your gifts to keep the choir organized and ready to go.

GIFTS TO THE HANDBELL FUND

- In honor of Linda Ray Miller by her children: Kevin, Mary Beth, and Margaret Miller
- In honor of Poli Polidoro by her sister, Janice Gray
- In honor of Poli Polidoro by her parents, Lucille and Bud Johnson
- In honor of Alan Green and Anne-Leslie Owens by Linda Ray Miller and MAT

The Handbell Fund is for the eventual purchase of a third octave as well as needed supplies (mallets, stands, gloves). Most handbell music is written for 3 octaves. Adding a third octave will allow more folks to play and will open up our ability to play additional material.



Happy Birthday To You July Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 – Sharon Green
- 01 – Richard Smith
- 07 – Julie Hope Fortenberry
- 10 – Liza H.
- 11 – Evie D.
- 11 – Ryan M.
- 11 – Terry Cothran
- 11 – Julie Coulter
- 11 – Joe O’Cain
- 11 – Essie Sappenfield
- 12 – Anna Bernard
- 12 – Steve Digby
- 13 – Reid C.
- 15 – Paul Davis
- 16 – Alex Daugherty
- 21 – Zach K.
- 22 – Beth Miller
- 27 – Jennifer Maynard
- 28 – Gavin M.
- 29 – Doug Phelps
- 30 – Becky Way
- 31 – Connie Crowell
- 31 – Richard Sapp

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

- July 1
Ministries & Committees
- July 8
Program TBA
- July 15
Program TBA
- July 22
Program TBA
- July 29
Watering Malawi

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Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:45 Dinner hosted by Zsa Rockey & Frenchie Fortenberry 6:45 Ministry & Committee Meetings	2	3 <i>Youth return from BYC</i>	4
<u>July 5</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Potluck Breakfast 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:30 Worship Service	6 <i>Independence Day Observance - GBC Office Closed</i>	7	8 5:45 Dinner hosted by April Baker & Amy Mears 6:45 Program TBA	9	10	11 <i>Passport Kids! Camp Crossville, TN</i>
<u>July 12</u> 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:30 Worship Service <i>Passport Kids! Camp (continued)</i>	13 <i>VBS at Belmont UMC</i> <i>Passport Kids! Camp (cont.)</i>	14 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting <i>VBS at Belmont UMC</i> <i>Passport Kids! Camp (cont.)</i>	15 5:45 Dinner - BBQ, salad, etc. hosted by Jim & Sharon Hiett 6:45 Program TBA <i>VBS at Belmont UMC</i>	16 <i>VBS at Belmont UMC</i>	17 <i>VBS at Belmont UMC</i>	18
<u>July 19</u> 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:30 Worship Service <i>BPFNA Peace Camp, Ogden, UT</i>	20 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info <i>VBS at Downtown & Second Presbyterian Churches</i> <i>BPFNA Peace Camp (cont.)</i>	21 <i>VBS at Downtown & Second Presbyterian Churches</i> <i>BPFNA Peace Camp (cont.)</i>	22 5:45 Dinner hosted by Louise Clifton & Connie Crowell 6:45 Program TBA <i>VBS at Downtown & Second Presbyterian Churches</i> <i>BPFNA Peace Camp (cont.)</i>	23 <i>VBS at Downtown & Second Presbyterian Churches</i> <i>BPFNA Peace Camp (cont.)</i>	24 <i>VBS at Downtown & Second Presbyterian Churches</i> <i>BPFNA Peace Camp (cont.)</i>	25 <i>BPFNA Peace Camp (cont.)</i>
<u>July 26</u> 9:30 Intergenerational Choir 10:30 Worship Service	27	28	29 5:45 Dinner—Calypso Café hosted by Jim & Sharon Hiett 6:45 Watering Malawi	30	31	<i>Upcoming Events: Glendale at the Lake on August 8</i>