



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 Breakfast on July 5 - **POT LUCK** - 9 AM Fellowship Hall. We'll start our Season of Renewal by bringing our favorite breakfast dish to share.
- Most Adult Sunday School classes will take a break, and give Children, Youth and Adults a chance to take part in the intergenerational choir.
- Sunday mornings the choir will rehearse at 9:30 to sing easy-to-learn anthems in worship.
- Classes for preschoolers and infant care will continue throughout July.
- The "Roosters" 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 August 5

The main content will be material about "Watering Malawi" during the summer. Julie Coulter is assisting in lining up volunteers and planning children's sessions.

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



ICE CREAM SUPPER

It's that wonderful time of year again - the annual Ice Cream Supper at Glendale. Dust off your ice-cream machines, pull out your favorite recipes, and plan to come to this delightful event on the Glendale Lawn on **Sunday, June 7** at **6 PM**.

Don't have an ice cream maker? That's fine. Just bring toppings, cookies, or cake. And a neighbor! This is a great time to introduce friends to Glendale in a relaxed, fun atmosphere.

OTHER SUMMER ACTIVITIES

Baptist Youth Camp

Dates: depart June 27 and 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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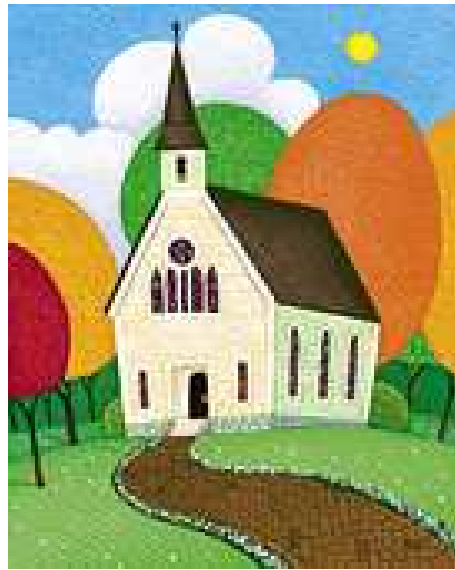
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For over 50 years, we have worked as a congregation, learning together what this mission of becoming a "caring community of equality and grace" truly means. As a result, we endeavor to celebrate all of God's creation and we welcome all persons to worship 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. Díaz in Santa Clara, Cuba.



AN UPDATE ON OUR PARTNER CHURCH IN SLIDELL, LOUISIANA

For the last few months, several of us have been disappointed because we have not had a response to our emails to Rev. Eric Rhodes, pastor of Grace Church of Slidell, our partner church in Slidell, Louisiana. Now we know why - his email address had changed! We sent an email to his new email address and received an enthusiastic reply.

The Grace Slidell Ministry is a small congregation meeting in the pastor's home. They have Bible study on Wednesday night and worship services on Sunday. Because they do not have a church building, they have had a difficult time reaching the people in their area. Everyone attending their services lives at least an hour away. Rev. Rhodes said, "It touched our hearts because we have been used by God to encourage them all spiritually, and they wanted to be here with us. It hurts when we still see the longing that they have to be back in the New Orleans area, but they have had to move on. There are many people here in Slidell that have been transplanted from other towns that were devastated by the storm. There is still much despair in the eyes of the people."

The church is now looking for a building to rent so they can get the word out about their ministry. They have asked us to pray that they will find a building soon. The Missions Ministry has made an offer to them that when they get a building rented, we will send a team down to help them convert the building into a place of worship.

The pastor's family is experiencing major transitions at this time. Their second oldest son was married in November, the oldest son has moved to Dallas where he is the keyboard player for Christian artist, Kari Jobe, and he is getting married in two weeks. Their only daughter is graduating and moving out to go to college this fall. Rev. Rhodes says they are excited and overwhelmed at the same time.

We hope it will be possible for Rev. Eric Rhodes and his wife, Jonell, to visit Glendale sometime this fall. Now that we know a little more about Grace Slidell Ministry, let's be sure we remember them in our prayers.

ONE PASTOR'S PERSPECTIVE

It occurs to me that we have observed a remarkable number of rites of passage in the sanctuary in recent months. New babies have been celebrated; couples entering into covenants of holy union and marriage have been feted; graduates of all varieties have been congratulated; youth and adults have signified their intention to be followers of Jesus as they have professed their faith through baptism; new members have been welcomed and departing members of the community have been blessed.

All of this has been done in the context of our community of faith and in our worship of God. "The work of the people," as liturgy is often defined, carries with it an awareness of the things that we bring with us as we focus our attention on the Holy. Is it valid to call these rite-of-passage events "elements of worship?" Absolutely! As we express our faith and invoke the blessing of God upon one another, we act out our commitment to the covenant of which we are part.

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ONE PASTOR’S PERSPECTIVE *(continued from page 2)*

This summer, beginning with Sunday Worship on June 7, we will focus on Glendale’s covenant. We will have opportunities aplenty to read it together; you will probably want to spend some time, though, slowly turning it over in your own mind and heart. What statements of our declared mission and promise make you proud to be part of this community? Which are especially difficult for you to engage? Why do you suppose that is true? Be sure to take every opportunity to gather with the congregation for this on-going work of worship. It could be that we discover our identity afresh in the process!

Peace ~
Amy



GREEN TEAM TIP : COMPOSTING

With all of the spring rains and sunshine come many new opportunities to work in the garden and pull weeds! Surely you will put those weeds to good use by composting them. Here are some basic tips and resources on composting.

- Needed: a space in the back yard (contained with chicken wire if you desire), an old trash can (punch a few holes in the bottom so rain can drain out), or a composting bin purchased at a local garden shop.
- Needed: green stuff to provide nitrogen. This would be stuff like weeds from your garden, garden clippings, veggie/fruit cores and peelings.
- Needed: brown stuff to provide carbon. This would be dry leaves, sticks (though not too many) and shredded newspaper (in small amounts).
- Can also add: coffee grounds, egg shells, tea bags, dryer lint.
- Don’t add to the compost: pet wastes, meat scraps, oils/fats, dairy products.
- To get a good hot pile, an ideal mix is 30:1 carbon to nitrogen, though any mixture will decompose with sufficient time.
- You can also add a shovelful of dirt containing earthworms if you are using a closed container.

Stir it all up and let it be. Add water occasionally or leave container open to let rain in. You can stir it every now and then if you want faster compost. Soon you will discover at the bottom of your pile or bin a beautiful mulch-like soil. Spread it around your plants and mix it in with your garden soil. Then give thanks for fungi, bacteria, earthworms, beetles, and all the wonderful creatures that play a role in decomposition and recycling!



If you want to see a composting demonstration, discover the difference between digesters and composters, or learn more about composting then check out this website at Metro Public Works:

<http://www.nashville.gov/beautification/compost/index.htm>

Happy Birthday To You June Babies!

(CHA, CHA, CHA)



- 01 – Jenny Madison
- 01 – Colin
- 01 – Owen
- 01 – Billie Pate
- 01 – Emmie
- 02 – Celia
- 03 – Ginger Newman
- 05 – Darlene Panvini
- 05 – Brooke Wheeler
- 06 – Anne-Leslie Owens
- 07 – Alexis
- 09 – Carson Brock
- 10 – Don Schlosser
- 12 – Ben Elsberry
- 16 – Rosalyn Ramage
- 16 – Joshua White
- 17 – Jim Hiett
- 18 – Jonathan Turner
- 21 – Will Kelley
- 22 – Nell Magee
- 23 – Alicia Fawley
- 25 – David Nowlin

Wednesday Night Program Schedule

June 3

Ministries & Committees

June 10

Program TBA

June 17

Program TBA

June 24

Program TBA

JUNE 2009

Sunday	Mon	Tue	Wednesday	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2 <i>Cuba Travelers Depart</i>	3 5:45 Dinner: Menu TBA 6:45 Ministry & Committee Meetings	4	5	6 1:30 PM Elsberry-Rice Wedding Ceremony (Otter Creek Church of Christ) 5:30 PM Allmond- Templeton Union Ceremony (Sanctuary)
<u>June 7</u> 9:00 1st Sunday Breakfast <i>(hosted by the Men's Class)</i> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service 6:00 Ice Cream Supper (Church Lawn)	8	9 Luke 14:12 6:30 Church Council Meeting <i>Cuba Travelers Return</i>	10 5:45 Dinner: Menu TBA 6:45 Program TBA	11	12	13
<u>June 14</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	15	16	17 5:45 Dinner: Menu TBA 6:45 Program TBA	18	19	20
<u>June 21</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service	22 Deadline to submit <i>Visions</i> info	23	24 5:45 Dinner: Menu TBA 6:45 Program TBA	25	26	27 <i>Glendale Youth Depart for Baptist Youth Camp</i>
<u>June 28</u> 9:30 Sunday School 10:30 Worship Service BYC (continued)	29 BYC (continued)	30 BYC (continued)				