

GLENDALE PRES

December

2010 Christmas Pageant

WELCOME TO GLENDALE PRESBYTERIAN'S MONTHLY BULLETIN

A NOTE FROM THE PASTOR

PEACE ON EARTH

"I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet the words repeat
Of Peace on Earth, good will to men."

During the Christmas season, we can expect the phrase "Peace on Earth" to appear in every form. We see it, hear it and sing it. We even wrap presents in assorted styles of peace themed wrapping paper.



It's important to remember what all the peace is about and why it's on earth.

On a late night in Bethlehem, a multitude of angels proclaimed to a group of shepherds, "Glory to God in the highest heaven, and peace on earth among those whom he favors!" This was to announce the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ, the peace of God on earth.

When we say, "Peace on Earth," we celebrate the peace that we have with God through Christ. We celebrate the peace we have in our hearts. We celebrate the peace we live in freedom from sin. We celebrate the peace we share with one another. The apostle Paul summed it up describing, "the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding [Phil 4:7]." The gift of this peace guards our hearts and minds.

However, Peace on Earth is much bigger than what we mean when we think of peace. It's not simply the absence of war. It's not just a nice feeling inside and it's not complete through reconciliation between God and us. Sure, it's all of these things, but Peace on Earth is a cosmic reality where God's reign is absolute over all things.

Christmas is a promise of God's eternal victory: The victory that we experience in salvation from sin, The victory that we experience in new life in Christ, The victory that we experience in the New Jerusalem,

The victory that we experience in a manger in Bethlehem.

"The wrong shall fail, the right prevail
With Peace on Earth, good will to men."

In Christ,

Pastor Chris Harrison

GROUPS AND CLASSES

Sundays

9:00 am 10:10 Class, Family Room
9:00 am Agape Sunday School Class, Room 208
9:15 am Jerusalem to Athens Class, Room 202
9:00 am Children's Sunday School, Children's Ministry Bldg
8:45 am The Route (Jr. High), Subway
8:45 am Kinetic (Sr. High), Subway
10:30 am Worship Service Sanctuary
10:30 am Children's Choir rehearsal, Stewart Hall

Mondays

7:00 pm Connections Book Club (off in December)
7:00 pm Caregivers Support Group, 2nd Monday, Room 107

Wednesdays

6:15 pm Christ Centered Stretching & Strengthening
6:00 pm Youth Wednesdays at In & Out, 7 pm Subway
7:00 pm Prayer Group, 1st Wed. of the month, Room 202

Thursdays

9:30 am Community Bible Study, Family Room
6:00 pm Handbell rehearsal
7:30 pm Choir rehearsal

Fridays

6:15 pm Celebrate Recovery, Family Room

Saturdays

9:00 am Connections Sewing & Quilting (off in December)

GLENDALE PRES PUBLICATION

If you have information you would like to appear in this monthly publication, please contact Jan Bush at jbush@glenpres.org, or ext. 225, in the church office. All articles need to be turned in by the THIRD Friday of the month.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT GPC MINISTRIES

There is an acrylic brochure holder located in the Narthex that contains information about our church. Please pick one up and take home with you.

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December calendar

GPC EVENTS

Dec. 4 Advent Workshop
Dec. 11 JAM 5/6 Christmas Giving
Dec. 18 A Victorian Christmas Worship Service with Adult and Children's Choirs, Carolers and Handbells
Dec. 24 A Christmas Pageant

Weekly sermons are available on our website

Communion is served once a month

www.glenpres.org


 Glendale Presbyterian Church presents
Advent Workshop
 Sunday, December 4
 3:30-7:30 pm in the gym
 Join us for an afternoon of arts, crafts, and Christmas cheer followed by a dinner of hearty homemade soups. Music and dancing for all ages with a special Celtic Band performance by the Praties.
 Craft prices from \$0.50 to \$15.00
 Dinner at 5:30 pm!
 All ages are welcome! Invite friends.



A Christmas Carol Radio Play

 Sermon Series
 December 4
 Rev. Chris Harrison
 December 11
 Doug Schaup
 December 18
 Rev. Chris Harrison & George Ratchford
 December 25
 Rev. Chris Harrison

HAPPENINGS AT GLENDALE PRES



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

JAM 56 - Jesus and Me for 5th and 6th grades

Our oldest elementary kids are invited to a gathering once a month with food, fun and amazing games! Each JAM 56 event has a special theme with opportunities to dress up, eat delicious food and play wild, messy and crazy games all while hearing a message about God.

JAM 56 CHRISTMAS GIVING, SUNDAY, DEC. 11

Bring a sack lunch and some money (you choose how much) to buy gifts and food for the families we will be helping out this year. Come prepared to give ourselves away as we spend the day gathering and making the Christmas trimmings for a family who could not afford any this year. Then, we make a super secret delivery!!

THE LORD'S CHILDREN'S CHOIR REHEARSALS

Rehearsals take place on Sunday mornings from 10:30 to 12 noon in the gym. Contact Peggy Richmond, ext. 242.

YOUTH - JUNIOR AND SENIOR HIGH

Every Sunday we gather in the Subway from 8:45 - 10:15 am for Youth Worship.

Jr. High contact Lyndsey Deane ledeane21@yahoo.com

Sr. High contact George Ratchford geojax@mac.com

Wednesday Nights

In & Out - 6 pm, 7-9 pm - games/worship/hang-out

Events for Senior High

Jingle Bells, Jingle Bells, Jingle all the... wait a minute, that means it is Christmas already. I guess if Christmas is here, then we should celebrate! Personally this is my favorite season. Beyond all the consumerism, I think there is a "spirit" of Christmas that spills over with grace. It is a time to be reminded that in giving, we receive. For in this season, God gave the ultimate gift, Jesus Christ!

Dec. 7 Ugly Sweater Christmas Party (Subway)

Dec. 11 In Giving, We Receive Christmas Project

Dec. 14 TBA, we will do something fun:)

Dec. 18 Last Youth Meeting until after Christmas

Jan. 4 Start back into youth. Join us in the Subway.

Jan. 13 Lock-in

Mission Weekend Winter Retreat, March 2-4

COLLEGE/YOUNG ADULT

GPC's College and Young Adult ministry is a group of married and single college students and young professionals who are attempting to understand and follow the way of Jesus. We meet on Sunday mornings at 9:30 am at Starbucks located in the Marketplace. When it gets cold and rainy we meet in the prayer room at the church campus, Room 110. If you would like to be included in

the weekly update contact Ashley Myers at ashleycmymers86@gmail.com.

SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES

Agape Class

9 am Sunday mornings in Room 208

Larry Ballenger will lead us in a study of the birth narratives and O.T. passages looking forward to the coming of the Messiah through December 18 - "Looking Forward for the Kingdom." Class will take December 25 and January 1 off.

10:10 Sunday School Class

Meets on Sunday mornings at 9 am in the Family Room. Travel through the Bible with the teaching of John Karagozian and friends. No class on Christmas day.

Jerusalem to Athens Sunday School Class

Class meets at 9:15 am in Room 202. Join us for coffee and conversation as we wrestle with the big issues of life and faith. Goran Dragolovich is the teacher. To get on the email list for updates, contact Katherine Wallace at wallacesk@sbcglobal.net.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY "CONNECTIONS"

BOOK CLUB

4th Monday of the month. The January book is *Anna Karenina* by Leo Tolstoy. No December meeting.

ON GOING GROUPS

PRAYER OPPORTUNITY

Meets the first Wednesday of the month at 7 pm in Room 202. Join us in prayer and see what God will do through a church in this community and throughout the world.

CAREGIVERS SUPPORT GROUP

We extend an invitation to anyone to join our dementia/caregiver support group that meets on the second Monday of the month at 7:00 pm in Room 107. Our group offers an opportunity to discuss the frustration and bewilderment that comes with the care of a loved one and to offer suggestions in coping with a person with dementia of any form. Our group facilitator is Janet Yang. Call Marilyn McGinnis, 818.247.5488.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Meets every Friday evening in the Family Room. Dinner begins at 6:15 pm, program at 7:00 pm. This is designed to help those struggling with hurts, habits and hang-up by showing them the loving power of Jesus Christ through a recovery process.

CHRISTIANS PRACTICING YOGA

Wednesday Evening Class - 6:15-7:30 pm weekly. \$15 per class. Contact Cissy at 626.823.1774.

PRESCHOOL REPORT

Please, someone tell me where the time has gone! GPC Preschool sailed into November just a few short weeks ago and now it's time for Christmas. November at the preschool was filled with Pilgrims, Native Americans, Feasting and Thanking God. We gathered in the gym for a fabulous Thanksgiving Feast together. We packed up 14 shoe-boxes for Operation Christmas Child and began collecting items for the hungry and homeless. We are looking forward to the Advent Workshop as well as our All-School Christmas Program on Dec. 16th. We will be busy little elves before then making and wrapping gifts, decorating trees and learning the story of Jesus' Birth. We are thankful for the way our school is thriving. We wish you all the joy you can handle. Merry Christmas! Alisa Edwards, GPC Preschool Director.

ADVENT - COME, LORD JESUS!

Advent starts and ends with Jesus. Christ the King Sunday at the beginning and Christmas Eve at the end, Advent is a four-week season of preparation and expectation. "Advent" comes from the Latin "adventus" which means 'coming' or 'arrival.' We look not only for the birth of Jesus as Messiah (the first coming), but we also prepare for and anticipate Jesus' second coming! During Advent we remember the prophecies and promises of the Old Testament and how God brought these promises to fulfillment in Jesus. This teaches us about perseverance and trust in God, gives us courage for our present struggles and gives us hope for the future as we look forward to the second coming. Maranatha, come Lord Jesus!



Drawn to Discover God
Serve Others
and Together Meet Jesus

2011 DEACONS

Martha Baker, Cat Bigham, Lucy Cloos, Rosa Hopkins (Moderator), Darlene Hubanks, Caryn Jacobs, Carol Jung, Gretchen Klintworth, Jeri Little, Audrey McFelea, Rob Preclaro, Shelley Staudenmeir, Carol Unger, Jorge Vazquez, Sylvester Williams.

2011 SESSION ELDERS

Shelley Abel, Will Bigham, Brian Bockelman, Chris Harper, Todd Hunt, Kari Lindman, Doug McKown, Marilyn McGinnis, Bill Myers, Joy Palmer, Phil Pirio, John Prosser, Don Riddell, Steve Staudenmeir, Brent Unger, Tom Yang, J.P. Wammack.

Rev. Chris Harrison, Pastor and Head of Staff

Please join us for
"The Word of Promise" A traditional Christmas Pageant
Saturday, December 24

The pageant will be presented on Christmas Eve during the 7 pm worship service and will end with candlelight and carols. This is for the ENTIRE CHURCH FAMILY to participate in. All ages are welcome and encouraged to join us! You don't have to speak and you don't have to be an actor - all you have to do is want to be a part of helping us remember that magical night when God's promise was kept.

Rehearsal on Wednesday, December 21, 3:30 to 7:30 pm in the sanctuary

Dinner will be provided! Under 5 year olds may come at 6:00 pm

For more info and to sign up call Lisa Patriquin

818-242-8873 ext. 238 or Rebecca Harrison at 818-661-7794

(Children under the age of 5 will need to have a parent attend rehearsal and possibly participate with them)

GIVE THE GIFT OF A PIANO!!

What is worse than a piano that is out of tune? A piano that can no longer be tuned at all!! We currently need to replace two pianos. One is for Stewart Hall where the children's choir rehearses. The other is for the Family Room where a variety of church gatherings take place. The approximate cost is \$2,500.00 for a used upright piano in Stewart Hall and \$8,000.00 for a used baby grand piano in the Family Room. If you would like to donate money for either of these pianos, please contact our Director of Worship Arts, Jeff Bonhiver jeffbonhiver@gmail.com.



PLAN AHEAD . . .

The Sunday Lunch for the hungry returns to GPC for the month of January. Can you join in to help out? Contact Suzie Szalay at sszalay@isualum.com.

Stewardship Update, October 31, 2011

2011 to Date Giving	
Actual	\$737,530
Budgeted	\$750,833

2011 to Date Expenses	
Actual	\$741,917
Budgeted	\$812,146

2011 to Date Giving less Expenses	
Actual	(\$4,387)
Budgeted	(\$61,313)