

# ***THE OLD GLADE MESSENGER***

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## **THE BIRD'S NEST**

Happy New Year! Or at least we hope and pray that it will be a much happier year than the one we just completed with all its various trials and tribulations. Such events touched individuals that we love, our nation, and those around the world that have been confronted by various kinds of life-destroying tragedies. Yet, in the words of our Lord and Saviour, we are to remember that He is present with us always. This is not easy to remember when we are constantly bombarded by news of new tragedies here and abroad by a global reporting network which concentrates on the misfortune or death of God's children.

This should not dissuade or move our understanding that "His eye is on the sparrow", which comes from the passage in the Sermon on the Mount in which Christ reminds us to have no anxiety about anything for we are not more important than the birds in the air. It is important that we exercise in this upcoming year, not a resolution but a revolution of changing our spiritual life. We need to depend on words that are eternal instead of those that proclaim doom and gloom and then vanish within days. These eternal words, of course, are found in our own scriptures given to us as a gift from our Lord and God whose love is never temporal or time-sensitive.

Beloved, my wish for you in this New Year is that you might find new ways to find hope through the words, worship, fellowship and mission that our Saviour has called us to do as His church. We have many opportunities and challenges before us both as an individual church, as a denomination and the church universal. Yet, let us not be discouraged because our King is the King of Kings and our Lord is the Lord of Lords. We must not, we cannot, we should not and we will not give into the forces of evil and darkness that turn our eyes downward focusing on the negative instead of upward to discover we are in the hands of an everlasting ever loving God in heaven, whose Spirit leads us to love and care for one another.

"Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today's trouble is enough for today."  
(Matthew 6:25-27,34)

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!**

January 1 – Patrick Buchanan  
January 1 – Clark Hutton  
January 3 – Rachel Haynes  
January 6 – Hunter Copeland  
January 10 – Jay Henderson  
January 12 – Peggy Lester  
January 12 – Ramona Cline  
January 13 – Maggie Naylor  
January 13 – Neal Hutton  
January 14 – Claire Hardy  
January 18 - Bucky Hutton  
January 21 – Elizabeth DeBusk  
January 22 – John Williams  
January 23 – Nancy Hagen  
January 23 – Rachel Crabtree Coker  
January 25 – Paul Tuell  
January 28 – Campbell Buchanan  
February 1 – Courtney Brannon  
February 1 – Preston Ross Rogers Simpson  
February 1 – Eric Fleenor  
February 4 – Robert Baldwin  
February 5 – Grey Robinson  
February 9 – Sarah Bird  
February 10 – Reid Buchanan  
February 13 – Betty Wagner  
February 14 – Niz Barker  
February 15 – Kelly Thomas  
February 17 – Susan Henderson  
February 17 – Bob Hutton  
February 19 – Cathy Hutton  
February 20 – Sherrye Snapp Williams  
February 21 – Amanda Bird  
February 22 – Ina Corder Stephenson Marbury  
February 24 – Michael Colston  
February 25 – Susan Johnston  
February 29 – Debra Simpson

**ANNIVERSARIES**

January 3 – Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wallace  
January 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robinson  
February 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tuell  
February 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Wythe Hull

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY AND/OR ANNIVERSARY**  
is not included in the newsletter, please e-mail  
[tabird5@hotmail.com](mailto:tabird5@hotmail.com), or call church office (276-  
429-5731). Only the month and day is necessary.

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**Sunday School Update**

December 4 – Attendance 37, Offering \$51.10  
December 11 – Attendance 30, Offering \$33.25  
December 18 – Attendance 35, Offering \$29.00

Our Sunday School Classes meet together the first Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. We watch a short video and divide into small groups, led by a youth, for discussion. This is a wonderful time of sharing. Donuts, coffee and juice are served by our youth. Mark your calendars for our next gathering on February 5<sup>th</sup>.

*We warmly welcome our visitors*  
*Michael Green*  
*Raymond Shuler*  
*Caleb Salyer*  
*Schaap Freeman, Harper Day, Virginia*  
*Logan Nester*  
*Katie Nelson*  
*Eleanor Williams*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Youth** – Sunday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30 p.m.

**Lydia's Connection** – join us as we crochet/knit items to be donated to various mission projects. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in fellowship hall.

**Resurrection Meeting for Youth** – January 13, 14, 15.

**Congregational Meeting** – Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, prior to worship to vote on terms of call of our pastor.

**Board of Deacons** – Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00.

**Session** – Sunday, February 5<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00.

A Membership Committee has been established by the Session to develop ways our church can reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you would be willing to serve or have thoughts on how we might grow our witness and membership in the coming year, please contact the church office or chairman, Rev. Bird.

Call to Worship leaders needed. Sign up sheet in the narthex.

If you use e-mail and have not been receiving news and prayer requests from Old Glade, please contact Nancy Hagen [nhagen@embarqmail.com](mailto:nhagen@embarqmail.com) or [nhagen@oldgladepresbyterian.org](mailto:nhagen@oldgladepresbyterian.org). Also, a few emails are bouncing and Nancy would like to update the contact list with the newest addresses. If you have changed e-mail addresses, please furnish current address to Nancy.

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRAYER LIST –**

*Shirley Overbay*  
*Chris Osborne*  
*Anna Marie Smith (granddaughter of Delores Wagner)*  
*Frank Yarber*  
*David Robinson*  
*Anne LeMieux*  
*Rusty Cline*  
*Joella Barbour*  
*Dr. Lominack*  
*Daryl Phillips*  
*Jack McCarty*  
*Carol Bradley*  
*Paul Tuell*  
*Terry and Dianna Wilson (cousin of Debra Simpson)*  
*Charles Simpson (brother of Tim Simpson)*  
*Mary Dudley Porterfield*  
*John Williams*  
*Ryan Conklin*  
*Mike Blevins*  
*Ronnie Blevins*  
*Mabel Martin (mother of Tammy Allison)*  
*Shirley Bordwine*  
*Bea Mason*  
*Brion Ferratt*  
*Shrimp Buchanan*  
*Craig Taylor (in Afghanistan)*  
*Charlie and Truman Wyatt (brothers of Ruth Colston)*  
*Don Haynes (brother of Harry Haynes)*  
*Norma Arnold (friend of Carolyn Gentry)*  
*Scott Rasnake (brother-in-law of Bonnie Ballinger)*  
*Madeline Wagner*  
*Eleanor Mahaun (mother of Steve Johnston)*  
*John Mason*  
*Joe Lester*  
*Gary Long*  
*Eleanor Hutton*

***Please take note of the yellow “Repairs or Maintenance” list posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the office. If you see something that needs attention, please put it on the list.***

Please continue to collect and bring to the fellowship hall the following items:

The Presbyterian Disaster Relief group needs cleanup buckets packed with the listed cleaning supplies. These are 5-gallon buckets with lids. Some fast-food restaurants will donate these or sell for a small fee or they can be found at places like Lowes and Berry Builders.

- (1) 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes)
- 1 box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol) 12 oz.
- 1 bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn) 24-28 oz.
- 1 pkg clothespins, 48-50 clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex)
- 1 pair work gloves
- 1 24-28 count heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1 bottle insect repellent (pump, drops, or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

*Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles and send only new, unopened materials. We will be collecting these items in the next several months. Donate one item, several items or all items.*

***Thanks to Damon Lester, the new website is up and running. The address is:***  
***<http://oldgladepresbyterian.org/>***

*Please help the Shepherding Committee keep track of those who are ailing and are at home so the committee can prepare and deliver a meal. Members of the Shepherding Committee and those who have volunteered to assist with meals are listed on page 30 of the church directory.*

#### **NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED**

**DURING** our morning worship service on January 8th, the following were ordained and/or installed as officers: Board of Deacons, Class of 2014, Alice Freeman and Debra Simpson; Session, Class of 2012, Michael Colston; Session, Class of 2014, Lee Brannon, Patrick Buchanan, Clark Hutton, Dirk Wilmoth. A special thank you to Jay Henderson, Don Inazu, Bobbi Ryburn, Paul Tuell, Tom Hill, Henrietta Umberger and Stan Williams, who have faithfully served for the past three years and now rotate off the boards. Also a special thank you to Pam Hill and James S. Hutton who have served as Trustees, Class of 2012, and now rotate off. We welcome Jay Henderson and Jay Robinson as Trustees, Class of 2014.

**Ecumenical Faith in Action Food Pantry  
Schedule – March 4-9, May 6-11, July 8-13,  
September 9-14, November 11-16.**

**Glade Spring Presbyterian Church  
Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting  
Sunday, December 4, 2011  
6:00pm**

The monthly stated meeting of the Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00pm in the board room. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Sonny Porterfield, Don Inazu, Jay Robinson, James Allison, Bobbi Ryburn, Steve Johnston, Rebecca DeBusk, Sara Hutton Tallman and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Elders-elect Dirk Wilmoth and Lee Brannon were present. Elders Jay Henderson, Michael Colston, Paul Tuell and Barbara Baldwin were excused. Kay Williams represented the Deacons.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order. Sonny Porterfield gave a devotional and offered a prayer.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

Don Inazu moved, and Jay Robinson seconded the motion, that the minutes be approved as written. The motion passed.

#### **Financial Report**

Sonny Porterfield presented the report.

MOTION: Sonny moved, and Don Inazu seconded the motion, that an additional \$2000 be given to the Outreach committee. The motion passed.

MOTION: Sonny moved, and Steve Johnston seconded the motion, that \$1500, used for a salary in Reverend Bird's absence, be placed back in the Harry Price Fund. The motion passed.

MOTION: Sonny moved, and Don seconded the motion, that we add \$1500 to Presbytery line item. The motion passed.

MOTION: Don Inazu moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, that the money (\$336.60) in the homecoming line item be moved to the social committee line item. The motion passed.

MOTION: Sonny moved, and Steve Johnston seconded the motion, that the Harry Price funds be designated for paving the parking lot. The motion passed

#### **Clerk's Correspondence**

The clerk presented a letter from Presbytery requesting the annual statistical report.

#### **Minute for Minister**

Ordination and installation of new officers is scheduled for January 8<sup>th</sup>.

New officers are asked to read section G in the Book of Order.

The Presbytery wishes to thank for those who worked to make the quarterly meeting held at GSPC in November a success. A newsletter will be sent out from the meeting.

Bruce Ford's term as Transitional Executive Presbyter was extended to December 2012.

#### **Old Business**

Repair of the church and re-roofing the educational building costs will be covered by insurance.

The new doors at fellowship hall did not fit. New ones will be installed.

The new website is online and we have the same email address.

MOTION: Steve brought forth a motion from the personnel committee to give a Christmas gift \$100 / person for all staff. The motion passed.

MOTION: Don moved, and James seconded the motion, to set a congregational meeting for Jan 15,

2012 to approve changes to the minister's terms of call. The motion passed.

Sonny talked with David Farris about the tombstone for those tombstones which will be buried and will be known only to God. Presbyterian Men will be involved in this project.

### **New Business**

It was suggested that the pump organ be sold. Lucy Alexander wrote up a detailed explanation of its condition. This will be studied further.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Property:**

A new frost-free faucet was installed at the back of the new fellowship hall.

All plumbing has been winterized. Tom Hill is looking for water fountains for each building.

No pews have been sold. The price will be reduced to \$200.00 for members.

#### **CE:**

No meeting. Sunday School will not be held on Christmas Day. Intergenerational Class will meet on January 1.

Youth will hold the Christmas Pageant on December 11.

#### **Worship:**

MOTION: A motion came from the committee to set Communion dates for 2012. The motion passed.

Reverend Bird asked for someone to light the Advent candles next Sunday and for the late service on Christmas Eve.

#### **Personnel:**

No report

#### **Shepherding:**

No meeting but they have reviewed the church rolls. Christine Wallace is the contact person for meals preparation.

#### **Budget & Finance:**

MOTION: Sonny proposed 2012 budget in a motion from the committee. It is very close to the 2011 budget with the exception of adding two line items for the décor committee and Atmos and dropping the line item for the copier. The motion passed.

#### **Outreach:**

Mitten tree items will be delivered this week. Samaritan's Purse shoeboxes are being packed and will be taken to the distribution center in Boone during the week of December 12.

Tornado recovery aid continues.

#### **Membership:**

The committee will be formed.

#### **Deacons:**

Kay Williams reported that the vacuum cleaner is not working properly.

MOTION: The clerk moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, to authorize Nancy Hagen to purchase a vacuum, with a maximum of \$600.00, using the church repair and maintenance line item. The motion passed.

A list will be placed on bulletin board for needed repairs.

Sonny asked that when items are purchased, to please give the bill to Lois Buchanan and the name of the correct line item from which the funds should be deducted.

#### **Presbyterian Men:**

No report.

#### **Presbyterian Women:**

The committee has sent 20 cards to members for Christmas and delivered seven poinsettias to homebound members.

They have sewed 18 dresses for little girls in Africa.

Next meeting

January 8, 2012.

MOTION: James moved, and Steve seconded the motion, of appreciation to Don Inazu, Bobbie Ryburn, Paul Tuell and Jay Henderson for their service and to welcome new elders Lee Brannon, Patrick Buchanan, Dirk Wilmoth and Clark Hutton.

MOTION: James moved, and Bobbie seconded the motion, to adjourn.

Steve closed the meeting with prayer.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO CADENCE WILMOTH WHO ENDED HER SEASON AS THE HIGHEST SCORER IN BASKETBALL IN THE HISTORY OF PATRICK HENRY HIGH SCHOOL, BOTH BOYS AND GIRLS! WAY TO GO, CADENCE!**

***As we begin a new year in the work of the church, we are urging you to use your God-given talents by serving on a committee. Below is listed the committees and a brief description of their work. Please call the church office if you would like to know more about a particular committee. If you wish to be a part of a committee, be on the lookout for meeting times in the bulletin and newsletter.***

#### ***Property***

- ***Maintenance, repair, supply***
- ***Oversight of monthly bills in cooperation with Budget and Finance***
- ***Organize clean up days***
- ***Oversee, evaluate and recommend wages for sextons and cemetery workers***

#### ***Christian Education***

- ***Sunday School curriculum and operation***
- ***Vacation Bible School***
- ***Bible Studies***
- ***Special services and workshops***
- ***Youth/Nursery***

#### ***Worship***

- ***Sunday and special services***
- ***Workshop and liturgical services***
- ***Altar guild***
- ***Prayer meetings (when held)***
- ***Communion dates and communion for shut-ins***
- ***Works with choir director, organist and choir***
- ***Lay participation***

#### ***Personnel***

- ***Oversight of clerical and ordained staff***
- ***Policies***
- ***Evaluations***
- ***Salary recommendations***
- ***Human Resource functions***

#### ***Shepherding***

- ***Maintains directory***
- ***Cards to sick and shut-ins***
- ***Prayer chain – phone and computer***
- ***Meals for sick and grieving***
- ***Track congregational attendance***
- ***Works with groups in church***

#### ***Budget and Finance***

- ***Monitors financial status***
- ***Investigates best purchase practices***
- ***Oversight of treasurers***
- ***Stewardship promotion***

#### ***Outreach***

- ***Local, national, international needs***
- ***Support schools***
- ***Ways to network with organizations to help***
- ***Apple butter/fund raisers***
- ***Support local care (food bank/habitat, etc.)***
- ***Emergency needs church and community***

#### ***Hospitality***

- ***Set up and arrange for meetings and meals***
- ***Purchase food as necessary for events***
- ***Cook, wash, clean up following meals.***

#### ***Membership***

- ***Looks at ways to our church can reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ***

***Choir – meets Wednesday evenings***

***Presbyterian Women – Circles meet monthly***

***Presbyterian Men – meets monthly.***