

## THE BIRD'S NEST

During this Lenten season through Easter, I have been or will be preaching on the last seven words or phrases Jesus uttered from the cross. In reading through some background material, I found the following pertinent passage on the "Paradoxes of Christ" and decided to share it with you. It is my prayer that it will impact you as it did me.

### THE PARADOXES OF CHRIST

He was the Light, yet He hung in darkness on the cross.

He was the Life, yet He poured out His soul unto death.

He was the Son of the God of love, yet was forsaken in death that we might have eternal life.

He was the Son of God, yet He died a felon's death.

He knew no sin, yet He took our place and suffered in our stead.

He invited the weary to come to Him for rest, yet on earth He could find none for himself.

He was the Mighty God, yet He became a servant.

He spoke, and it was done; yet He humbled himself and became obedient unto death.

He was the Desire of All Nations, yet He was despised and rejected.

He was the Fountain of Life, yet upon the cross he cried, "I thirst".

He experienced death, yet through his Resurrection He brings us life full and eternal.

Can we understand these mysteries? To the world this is nonsense. But to those with eyes of faith, it is truth incarnate...God's greatest expression of His love for us in the Easter Event.

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

April 5 – Hayley Williams  
April 6 - Tammy Martin Allison  
April 7 – Eva Lynne Crabtree  
April 8 – Barbara Henderson  
April 14 – Seth Gentry  
April 15 – Janet Lester  
April 15 – Noah Cole Hill  
April 20 – Abigail Johnston  
April 22 – Jackson Hardy  
April 22 – Elizabeth Henderson  
April 24 – Irene Ryburn  
April 26 – Sonny Porterfield  
April 28 – David Potter  
May 1 – Leslie Peterson  
May 3 – Lee Brannon  
May 12 – Darrell Cline  
May 13 – Chloe Potter  
May 19 – Mindy Miller  
May 20 – Tim Bird  
May 21 – Lucy Alexander  
May 22 – Betty Stovall  
May 22 – Kelsey Ann Capparelli  
May 23 – Daniel Cline  
May 24 – Josh Shaffer  
May 25 – Colleen Buchanan  
May 25 – Ann Bird  
May 27 – Ruth Ann Arington

**ANNIVERSARIES**

April 4 – Mr. and Mrs. Clark Hutton  
April 13 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson  
April 23 – Mr. and Mrs. Dirk Wilmoth  
April 24 – Mr. and Mrs. Don Wills  
April 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wagner  
May 16 – Mr. and Mrs. Richie Thomas  
May 24 – Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill  
May 26 – Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tallman

A nursery is provided for younger children during worship. Please ask a greeter for location.

**IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LEAD CALL TO WORSHIP, PLEASE SIGN SHEET IN NARTHEX OR CALL THE OFFICE. ALL ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE. THE CALL TO WORSHIP WILL BE PROVIDED TO YOU.**

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**Christian Education Committee – Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup> at 5:00 in parlor**

**Easter Lily Deadline – Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>.**

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service – Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.**

**Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m. Donations of candy- filled plastic eggs may be left in the office.**

**Easter Community Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 at Glade Spring Presbyterian Church with breakfast to follow.**

**Abingdon Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering – Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>, at Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol beginning at 9:30**

**Pennies for Hunger – collected during worship on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup>.**

**Circle Number 4 – Monday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Circle Number 2 – Friday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.**

**Men's Breakfast Meeting – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.**

**Board of Deacons – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 5:00 p.m.**

**Session – Sunday, May 4<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.**

**Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.**

**Choir Practice - Wednesday evenings from 7:00 – 8:00.**

**Lydia's Connection – Wednesday evenings from 6:00 – 7:30**

# Help Around the Corner



**The Outreach Committee is seeking ways to help those in our congregation who are in need of a little assistance.**

Need a ride? A button sewn on?  
Have a light bulb that you can't quite reach?  
Have some leaves you need help raking?  
Under the weather and need some soup?  
Need your grocery order picked up from the store?

**If you are willing to help a friend, there's job for you.**

**Request and volunteer forms will be available at the church and may be placed in the offering plate.**



## From the Outreach Committee...

We are working on a new mission for our church. **“Help Around the Corner”** is based on the belief that we are all here to help care for each other. So...if you need help accomplishing a task, we will do our best to assist you.

The flyer announcing that program is attached.

If you have time to change out a smoke detector battery or dust a ceiling fan, we appreciate your willingness to give that time. The **request forms** and the **volunteer forms** are available in the Narthex. This a program in which all members can participate. If everyone pitches in, we can accomplish many good works. Please see any Outreach Member if you have questions.

*‘Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.’* ‘Matthew 25:40



As an update, here are some things the outreach committee is involved in:

- We helped pay for a hot water heater for a family whose tank exploded and flooded their trailer.
- We worked with the congregation to collect school supplies for children whose families don't have money to purchase them.
- We coordinated with Meadowview Methodist to serve a free community Thanksgiving meal.
- An outreach member serves on the board of directors for Ecumenical Faith in Action.
- We contributed to the Mary's Lunchbox program, which serves Meadowview Elementary students who live in homes where there isn't enough food.
- We volunteer at Faith in Action and the Glade Food Pantries and we collected soup for both food pantries.
- We will help families with Christmas needs.

We are letting you know these things not to “toot our horn”, but to invite you to join us.

*Please save Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup labels for Niz Barker. Place in basket in narthex.*

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**We would like to have pictures and addresses of our college students and home-bound members that can be posted on bulletin board outside offices. Please leave pictures and addresses in office.**

**Graduation time is coming soon. Please write the name of any graduate from our church on the bulletin board by the office by the last Sunday in April.**

**Easter Egg Hunt will be at 2:00 on April 19<sup>th</sup>. If anyone would like to donate candy-filled plastic eggs, we would greatly appreciate it. Please leave them in the church office or in the narthex. Contact Colleen Buchanan at 451-8534 if you have questions.**

**LONNIE AND CHRISTINE WALLACE would like to thank each one of their friends and church family for all the expressions of concern shown them during Lonnie's recovery from surgery.**

**The 26<sup>th</sup> Annual Spring Gathering of Presbyterian Women will be held at Central Presbyterian Church on Saturday, April 26<sup>th</sup>. Registration begins at 9:30. The guest speaker will be speaking on "The Mission Experience in Appalachia by Presbyterian Church". Please note that this gathering is for all Presbyterian women, not just those attending a circle.**

**COMMUNITY EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE will be held on Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 at Old Glade. Following worship, breakfast will be served in the fellowship hall.**

**ON MARCH 30<sup>TH</sup>, DURING OUR MORNING WORSHIP, Jeane Hutton was ordained and installed to the Board of Deacons, Class of 2016.**

**Thank you to all those who came out on April 5<sup>th</sup> to clean the cemetery!**

EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you would like to order a lily, at a cost of \$10 for a single, \$20 for a double, \$30 for a triple, to be displayed in the sanctuary on Easter Sunday, please complete the form below. Place the form along with your check payable to the Glade Spring Presbyterian Church, in the basket in the narthex. If you prefer, you may call the church office to place your order. Please submit all orders by April 14<sup>th</sup>. Lilies may be picked up following worship on Easter Sunday.

Your Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your Phone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Number/Kind of Lily  
Single \_\_\_\_\_ Double \_\_\_\_\_ Triple \_\_\_\_\_  
\$10) (\$20) \$(30)

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

(or)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

*We warmly welcome our visitors  
Tammy Holmes  
The Zachary Carpenter family  
Vicki Myers  
Sue Billings  
Michael Stovall  
John and Jane Martin  
Adrienne Griggs  
Linda and Barry Curtis*

**Sunday School Report**

March 2, Attendance 23, Offering \$21.96  
March 9, Attendance 18, Offering \$22.00  
March 16, Attendance 22, Offering \$21.00  
March 23, Attendance 22, Offering \$37.00  
March 30, Attendance 18, Offering \$40.00

*If you, a friend or loved one is shut in and would like communion to be served, please contact the church office or Rev. Bird.*

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**FAITH IN ACTION FOOD BANK** – Our week to work is Monday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 – 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday April 8<sup>th</sup>, from 4:30-7:00 p.m.; Friday, April 11<sup>th</sup>, from 9:30 – 1:00.

We wish to thank Rev. Kevin Campbell and those who helped with refreshments and lunch for our recent officers' retreat. The officers felt it was so helpful in providing a solid Biblical and policy base of what the vision for the church can be in the next five years and beyond, they decided to continue them annually and invite all members of our congregation as well.

LYDIA'S CONNECTION meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 in the fellowship hall. Please join us as we knit and/or crochet items for various mission projects. This is a wonderful time to get to know one another while helping others.

An Ecumenical Good Friday Service will be held at Central Presbyterian Church on April 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m.

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST –**

*Eleanor Davis  
Jane Coulthard  
Lindsay Surber (niece of Tammy Allison)  
Seth Gentry  
Zac Gentry  
Elizabeth Osborne  
Chris Osborne  
Jewel Osborne  
Brenda Street  
Sara Beth and Polly Heffinger  
John Worley  
Rev. Jerry Williams  
Bob and Carol Creasy (Tina Gentry's parents)  
Bob Green (father of Lisa Green)  
Jim Smith  
Johnny Williams (friend of the Lester girls)  
Robin Sweat  
Alice Porterfield  
Eleanor Hutton  
Jeff Sweat  
Daryl Henegar  
Jennifer Thompson  
Nola Ann Rosenbaum  
Jason Waters (nephew of Alice Porterfield)  
Verna Elizabeth Stephenson Schmidt  
Margaret Orr  
Shirley Overbay  
Jacob Ritchie  
Michele Wagner (daughter of Betty and Willis Wagner)  
Juanita Baggett  
Carolyn Gentry  
Kathy Dohman  
Gary Wallace  
Linda Parsons  
Anna Marie Smith (granddaughter of Delores Wagner)  
Daryl Phillips  
Bea Mason  
Brion Ferratt  
Craig Taylor (in Afghanistan)  
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)*

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## **SESSION MEETING**

### **JOINT MEETING OF SESSION AND BOARD OF DEACONS**

A joint meeting of the Session and Board of Deacons of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in the old fellowship hall on March 16, 2014. The following elders, constituting a quorum, were present: Clark Hutton, Dirk Wilmoth, Michael Colston, Irene (Bobbi) Ryburn, Patrick Buchanan, Lee Brannon, Jay Henderson, Isaac Freeman, and Reverend Tim Bird, moderator. Pam Hill was absent from the Session. Deacons present were Damon Lester, Susan Johnston, Jeane Hutton, Anita Robinson, Debra Simpson, and Alice Freeman. Jim F. Hutton, Bob Stanberry, and Daniel Cline were absent from the Board of Deacons.

#### **Call to Order**

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

#### **Devotional**

Bobbi Ryburn offered a devotion.

#### **Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Jay Henderson seconded, that the minutes of the stated meeting on February 9, 2014, the called meeting on February 23, 2014, and the congregational meeting on March 16, 2014 be approved as printed. The motion passed.

MOTION: Alice Freeman moved, Damon Lester seconded, that the minutes of the Board of Deacons meeting on February 9, 2014 be approved as printed.

#### **Financial Report**

Clark Hutton presented a financial report on current expenses.

A statement of the Trustee accounts was presented.

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

The Contact Sheet for Shut-In and Sick Members was updated for the month of February.

#### **Deacon's Items**

- We need to make visitors aware that we have a nursery and install signs directing them to it.
- Deacons are working on an updated list of ushers duties.
- The change in timing for collecting the offering during morning worship is working well.

#### **Minute for Minister**

- Pastor Bird reminded everyone of the retreat scheduled for March 29, 2014 at 9:00 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. Pastor Bird and Kevin Campbell will be leading the retreat. Elders and deacons need to read pages 1-54 in the Book of Order prior to the retreat.
- Pastor Bird expressed his thanks to the Session for allowing him time to celebrate his wedding anniversary in Hawaii.

#### **Old Business**

- Patrick Buchanan will be looking for a new vendor to complete waxing of the floors in the educational building.
- The defibrillator has been repaired with a new battery and adult and pediatric pads.
- Michael Colston will talk to Stan Williams about obtaining permission to announce the baccalaureate service at Patrick Henry High School.

#### **New Business**

- Alice Freeman has been asked by Abingdon Presbytery to serve as commissioner to the

General Assembly on June 14-21, 2014 in Detroit, Michigan. The Session is appreciative of Alice for volunteering to serve as commissioner.

- MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Patrick Buchanan seconded, that a new signature card for the Glade Spring Presbyterian Cemetery Fund at Highlands Union Bank be authorized to reflect John R. Robinson III and James S. Hutton as authorized signatories and that only one signature is required for official checks. The motion passed.
- Isaac Freeman will research court appointed trustees.
- Isaac Freeman reported on the Abingdon Presbytery meeting that was held on March 13, 2014 in Lebanon, Virginia. Abingdon Presbytery will be replacing the position of executive presbyter with a shepherd who will be part-time. There will still be a stated-clerk for the presbytery. Isaac encouraged the Session to serve on presbytery committees and attend presbytery meetings. Abingdon Presbytery will have its next meeting at the Church of the Wild Goose on June 7, 2014.
- MOTION: Jay Henderson moved, Lee Brannon seconded, that a service of ordination and installation be held on March 30, 2014 to ordain and install Jeane Hutton as deacon for the class of 2016.

### **Committee Reports**

*Budget and Finance:* No meeting

*Trustees:* No meeting

*Worship:* No meeting

- Dr. John Lentz will be playing the bagpipes for Presbyterian Heritage Day.

*Personnel:*

- The committee is still looking for a church member to serve as current expense treasurer.

*Outreach:* No meeting

*Property:* No meeting

- The committee will be looking for additional ways to conserve energy in church facilities.

*Christian Education:*

- The committee met on February 16, 2014.
- The youth program is going well with a mid-week study group in addition to the weekly Sunday night meeting.
- The Easter egg hunt will be April 19.
- Vacation Bible School will be in cooperation with Meadowview United Methodist again this year.
- The committee is still looking for a Sunday School Superintendent.

*Shepherding:*

- There will be a meeting at the end of this month to discuss revisions of the prayer chain.

*Presbyterian Men:*

- Shrove Tuesday was a great success.

*Presbyterian Women:*

- The annual spring gathering will be held on Saturday, April 26, 2014 at Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol.

### **Next Meeting**

The next meeting will be held on April 6, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room.