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THE BIRD'S NEST

The early dark of a December day is punctuated with automobile lights slowly weaving on ribbons of pavement as people hasten toward home at the end of another hectic day. In the confines of the car, one switches from station to station on the radio to pass the time. Continued bickering plague negotiations between the President, Democrats and Republicans as we grow ever closer to the "fiscal cliff." "Increasing numbers of people in poverty face fuel shortages and cost hikes due to unusual storms while the number of homeless and those on food stamps rise." (click) "Violence in the Middle East continues." (click)

The driver gazes out on twinkling bits of colored lights in the cold night air. Then attention turns to a checklist of things to do and to avoid. There are those uncertain feelings concerning gifts this year. How much is too much? How much is not enough? The eyes, seeking solace, scan the traffic and commercial decorations that line the road. (click) A clear voice sounding like the ring of a crystal bell comes over the speaker system. "Be not afraid; for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which has come to all people. For to you is born a Savior, Who is Christ the Lord." Then celestial, joyful voices sing not only for the ears but for the heart – repeating the chorus. "Glory to God in the highest. Come, adore Him, Christ the Lord!"

Finally the Good News! Christ the Savior IS born! Let us not forget, nor ignore, what this means – not only for our own soulful sanity, but also for the world. Beloved, we are the ones who have been entrusted to broadcast this Good News to others in word and in deed. For it is in hearing this wonderful truth that we find the promised peace and power that the birth of the Christ child brought, and continues to bring, into the world.

"If you take away from the midst of you the pointing finger and peaking wickedness, if you pour yourself out for the hungry and satisfy the desire of the afflicted, then shall your light rise in the darkness and your gloom be as the noon day. And the Lord will guide you continually."

Isaiah 58:9c-11a

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

December 3 – Michael Shaffer
December 7 – Cornelia H. Little
December 10 – Ginger Hutton
December 12 – Sharon Williams
December 15 – Molly Buchanan
December 15 – Pamela Buchanan
December 15 – Jacob Lester
December 15 – Karen Call Shaffer
December 16 – Nancy Allison
December 18 – Chris Blevins
December 20 – Melinda Haynes
December 20 – Tina Gentry
December 20 – John Carter
December 23 – Richie Thomas
December 24 – David DeBusk
December 26 – Lola Smith
December 28 – Alice Freeman
December 30 – Martha Buchanan McBride
December 31 – Peggy Robinson
January 1 – Patrick Buchanan
January 1 – Clark Hutton
January 3 – Rachel Haynes
January 10 – Jay Henderson
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 Cocke
January 25 – Paul Tuell
January 28 – Campbell Buchanan

ANNIVERSARIES

December 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnston
December 25 – Mr. and Mrs. Scott Simpson
December 27 – Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lominack
January 3 – Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wallace
January 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robinson

Please save Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup labels for Niz Barker.

Sunday School Update

November 4, 2012, Attendance 32, Offering \$23.00
November 11, 2012, Attendance 22, Offering \$25.00
November 18, 2012, Attendance 31, Offering \$27.00
November 25, 2012, Attendance 27, Offering \$20.00

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Shannon and Scott Simpson and their family upon the death of Shannon's father, Dr. James Ross Rogers. Please remember Shannon and her family in your prayers.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

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

GIRL SCOUT TROOP 450 (led by Anita Robinson) will be offering a “Holiday Fun Day/Parents Day Off” for kids ages 2 through first grade at Old Glade’s Fellowship Hall on December 8th from 2:00 to 6:00 p.m. There will be games, crafts, stories, songs, snacks and more! Donations to our “Girl Scout Buddies” on the Jersey Shore and one Food pantry item per child are requested. Please RSVP to gstroop450@comcast.net so we know how many kids will join us. Questions, please call Anita at 276-698-8082.

Circle Number 4 will meet on Monday, December 10th at 6:00 at the home of Jeane Hutton. Please bring finger food to share.

Circle Number 3 will meet at the Iron Skillet Restaurant (located at the Petro Station) on Tuesday, December 11th, at 1:00 for lunch. Husbands are invited.

Best Years will meet on Friday, December 14th, at 5:00 at the fellowship hall. All refreshments will be furnished. Men are asked to bring a wrapped man’s gift and women to bring a wrapped woman’s gift. Questions, speak with Delores Wagner.

Caroling and Stone Soup Dinner – The congregation is invited to join the youth for Stone Soup and Christmas Caroling on December 15th. Bring a canned item for the soup and gather at the fellowship hall at 5:00 p.m. We will split up for caroling, visiting shut-ins and others who will welcome us. Then we will share stone soup upon our return at 7:30. Let the church office know if you or someone you know would like a visit from our carolers.

Christmas Pageant and Dinner will be held on Sunday, December 16th, beginning at 6:00. Please bring a covered dish to share. Invite your family and friends to share in this Christmas fellowship.

Christmas Cantata will be held during our worship service on Sunday, December 23rd. Please join us for this musical gift from our choir.

Christmas Eve Communion Services will be held on Monday, December 24th, with two services, one at 7:00 and one at 11:00.

We warmly welcome our visitors
Ro'dah Brown
Pam Watson
Stuart, Mary, John & Luke Stovall
Mike Stovall
Myrtle Buchanan
Joel and Jessica Chance

SPONSOR A BOX! *The Mary's Lunch Box Meadowview Elementary Backpack Program is hoping to provide food boxes for their families to take home over the Christmas holiday. As we need financial help to make this happen, we are offering individuals and families the opportunity to sponsor a box. Each box can be sponsored for \$10. Simply make your check payable to "Mary's Lunch Box - Christmas" or place money in envelope and mark as "Mary's Lunch Box". You may mail your contribution to the church office at P. O. Box 336, Glade Spring, VA and it will be forwarded. Thank you.*

MITTEN TREE *has been placed in hallway. Please bring your hats, mittens, gloves, scarves, socks, etc. to be given to school age children.*

SAMARITAN'S PURSE - *We will be participating in this outreach again this year. We were unable to obtain spots to work in the Boone distribution center but someone will deliver the boxes to Boone. Deadline is December 16th.*

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.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY - *The love offering collected for Hurricane Sandy Relief was \$1288.15. The Outreach Committee contributed \$150 and the Presbyterian Men contributed \$100. The total sent to help those suffering from the effects of Super Storm Sandy was \$1538.15.*

FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE:
The Outreach Committee has committed to helping two families with children this Christmas and would like to give our congregation the opportunity to become involved with donations, shopping, wrapping gifts and/or delivering packages. One family consists of a mother with a 3 year old and a 14 year old. The other is a mother, father, a 2 year old and a 4 year old. If you would like to be involved with providing Christmas along with the Outreach Committee, please contact any of the Outreach members: Sara Hutton Tallman, Nib Barker, Stan Williams, Michael Colton, Kathryn Wilmoth, Tammy Allison, Joanne Taylor, Jay Henderson, or Nancy Hagen for details.

Special thanks to Nancy Inazu and to those who contributed to the Advent Devotional Booklet. They are available on the table in the narthex or you may call church office to have one mailed to you.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Ginger Hutton and her family upon the death of her aunt, Katy Keys. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRAYER LIST -**
*Kathy Willis (mother of Damon Lester)
Margaret Orr
Donna Hutton
Shirley Overbay
Molly Haynes
Denny Snodgrass (father in law of William Moore)
Raymond DeFriece (uncle of Wayne Moore)
Rachel Crabtree Cocked
Kevin Kerrigan
John Robinson
John and Ruth Sheffield
Jacob Ritchie
Michele Wagner (daughter of Betty and Willis Wagner)
April Breeding
Juanita Baggett
Carolyn Gentry
Eleanor Hutton
Cindy Halsey (sister of Pam Hill)
Beverly Walton (niece of Barbara Baldwin)
Kathy Dohman
Gary Wallace
J. G. Lester
Linda Parsons
Anna Marie Smith (granddaughter of Delores Wagner)
Rusty Cline
Dr. Robert Lominack
Daryl Phillips
Ruby Clark
John Williams
Ryan Conklin
Mike Blevins
Ronnie Blevins
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)*

PLAYGROUND AREA

The Session allocated \$3,000 for construction of a new playground area. The youth will be working on this in November. If you would like to help, please contact David Bevins.

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting

Sunday, November 4, 2012

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: Lee Brannon, Clark Hutton, Sonny Porterfield, Jay Robinson, James Allison, Dirk Wilmot, Michael Colston, Rebecca DeBusk, Patrick Buchanan, Steve Johnston, Sara Hutton Tallman and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Clark Hutton gave a devotional and offered a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Sonny Porterfield moved, and Dirk Wilmoth seconded the motion, that the minutes be approved as written.

Financial Report

Clark Hutton presented a financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence

The clerk presented the following correspondence: A letter from Presbyterian World Mission detailing world mission giving opportunities.

Minute for Minister

Reverend Bird reported that the community ministerial association will meet to plan the community Thanksgiving service

Presbytery will meet this Thursday at Hillsville Presbyterian. It is an important meeting about transferring the Presbytery office to the Presbyterian Church in Wytheville and how we will go forward as a presbytery. Kevin Campbell has been acting stated clerk plus fulfilling many administrative duties. A commissioner to that meeting is needed. MOTION: Michael Colston moved, and Sonny seconded the motion, that Lee Brannon serve as the commissioner. The motion passed.

Old Business

Patrick reported that he expects a bid this week for striping the parking lot.

New Business

Reverend Bird reported that David Bevins and the youth group are looking for volunteers to help with building the playground.

Reverend Bird outlined a possible donation of furniture. After discussion, MOTION: Sonny moved, and Dirk seconded the motion, that we not accept the donation. The motion passed.

Dirk has worked on a brochure to introduce the congregation and its work to new members.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance:

Sonny presented the proposed budget for 2013 with explanations for any changes within line items. After discussion, MOTION: James Allison moved, and Dirk Wilmoth seconded the motion, that we increase the youth line item to \$3500. The motion passed. MOTION: James moved, and Clark seconded the motion, that we approve the proposed budget for 2013. The motion passed.

Sonny reported that the Trustees met November 1 and discussed the church property. There will be more meetings on this topic and a report will be made to the session.

Worship:

Rebecca reported that they met last Thursday. The stoles for Reverend Bird were ordered.

We will celebrate Communion on December 2 with service at the seat. Sara, Dirk, Clark James and Jay will serve.

On Christmas Eve at 7pm service Reverend Bird, Jay, Sara and Clark will serve Communion by intinction. Rebecca will serve with Reverend Bird at 11pm service.

MOTION: Rebecca moved from the committee, that the new hymnals be purchased with REMAINING funds from our insurance. The motion passed.

Lee passed around the sign-up sheet for assisting with the call to worship.

Advent begins on December 2nd. Volunteers are needed to light the Advent wreath:

Dec 2 Patrick Buchanan, Dec 9 Jay Robinson, Dec 16 Dirk Wilmot's, Dec 23 Rebecca Debus, Christmas Eve 7pm Sara, 11pm Lee Brannon.

The youth are inviting the congregation to go Christmas caroling on December 15 at 5:30 and then eat soup together in the fellowship hall at 7:00pm.

The Christmas Pageant is December 16 with a covered dish dinner at 6:00pm.

Personnel:

Steve reported that they met last Wednesday and evaluated the pastor. At the December session meeting he will discuss the evaluation of the session. Lee reported on the evaluation for the pastor and stated that we will look at the goals for next year.

The lawn care attendant will not be able to mow the lawn and cemetery next year. We are looking for bids for lawn mowing.

MOTION: Steve moved, from the committee, to authorize a \$100 Christmas bonus for each employee. The motion passed.

Property:

No meeting.

CE:

No meeting.

Shepherding:

No meeting.

Outreach:

Will meet this Wednesday. They will purchase hooded sweatshirts for Glade Middle School students in need and they will participate in the community Thanksgiving Luncheon at Meadowview Methodist.

Deacons:

Clark reported that the deacons would like to have a guardrail installed at the drainage ditch in the parking lot. Jay and Patrick will request bids.

Presbyterian Men:

They are planning a dinner.

Presbyterian Women:

No report.

Next meeting: December 2 , 2012 at 6:00pm. New elders are invited to attend.

MOTION: James moved, and Jay seconded the motion, to adjourn. The motion passed.

Reverend Bird closed the meeting with prayer.

POINSETTIA ORDER FORM

If you would like to order a poinsettia, at a cost of \$10 for a single and \$15 for a double, to be displayed in the sanctuary during the Advent Season, 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 December 16th. Poinsettias may be picked up following our Christmas Eve Service.

Your Name: _____

Your Phone Number: _____

Number/Kind of Poinsettia Single _____ Double _____
(\$10) (\$15)

In honor of _____

By: _____

(or)

In memory of _____

By: _____