

THE BIRD'S NEST

The night air is crisp and cold. Dim candlelight dances across the hay. Its soft hue casts animal silhouettes, which drift and float across roughhewn wooden walls, illuminating a man and woman. They are wrapping a small infant with strips of cloth to keep him warm. He is lovingly and gently laid in a manger.

What child is this??? Born in a stable, born in an animal shelter, born without power, money or proper place to lay His precious Head. He is Jesus, the Christ! King of Kings and Lord of Lords, whose humble arrival and torturous death speaks volumes on the magnitude of His love for you and me.

What child is this? He is the Good Shepherd who leads us gently away from the deadly cliffs of selfish hate to the peaceful pastures of compassion and understanding.

What child is this??? He is the least of these – the hungry, the prisoner, the homeless, the lonely, the shut-in, the naked – who calls us to live more abundantly by sharing our abundance.

What child is this??? He is the Comforter who brings the light of salvation, mercy and forgiveness into the dark corners of our lives. Just when we need Him most! He is our Brother, our Savior, our Lord, who opens the gates of eternity that we may not be bound by the moment, but “glorify God and enjoy Him forever and ever more.”

What child is this??? He is the model and true inspiration of how we can be genuine children of light in this world of darkness and despair – our true and sure “shining star” that gives meaning and mission to all who love Him.

“For to us a child is born, to us a Son is given.” (Isaiah 9:6a)

And the king will answer them, ‘Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.’ (Matthew 25:40)

May you have a joyous and blessed Christmas and be cradled in Christ’s infinite love throughout the coming year.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

December 3 – Michael Shaffer
December 5 – Charlotte Callahan Counts
December 6 – Joel Chance
December 7 – Cornelia H. Little
December 7 – Patty Bales
December 10 – Ginger Hutton
December 12 – Sharon Williams
December 13 – Howard Stovall
December 15 – Molly Buchanan
December 15 – Pamela Buchanan
December 15 – Jacob Lester
December 15 – Karen Call Shaffer
December 16 – Nancy Allison
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 6 – Hunter Copeland
January 10 – Sarah Helton
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 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
January 3 – Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wallace
January 9 – Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Buchanan
January 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robinson

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

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

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

Stone Soup and Caroling – *Meet at fellowship hall at 4:30. Bring a canned vegetable for soup.*

Faith in Action Food Bank – *Monday, 12/16, 9:30-1:00; Tuesday, 12/17, 4:30-7:00; Friday, 12/20, 9:30-1:00.*

Circle Number 4 – *Monday, December 16th, at 6:00 at the home of Jeane Hutton. Bring a finger food to share.*

Cantata – *during worship on December 22nd*

Christmas Lunch – *Following worship on December 22nd in fellowship hall. Bring a dish to share. Meat will be furnished.*

Pennies for Hunger – *collected during worship on Sunday, December 29th*

Men's Breakfast Meeting – *Sunday, January 5th, at 8:00*

Ordination and Installation of Officers – *January 5th during morning worship.*

Board of Deacons – *Sunday, January 5th, at 5:00 p.m.*

Session – *Sunday, January 5th, at 6:00 p.m.*

Circle Number 2 – *Friday, January 3rd, at 2:00 in fellowship hall.*

Circle Number 3 – *Tuesday, January 14th at 2:00 in fellowship hall.*

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

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.

Our Budget and Finance Committee is searching for a Current Expenses Treasurer to assume full responsibility in January. This volunteer position involves approximately 10-15 hours per month. The responsibility is accounting for the operating expenses of the church, including handling invoices, issuing 35-40 checks per month, balancing a checkbook, reconciling to bank statements, and preparing a monthly report of receipts and expenses. Computer skills will be a real asset. If you are interested, please contact Lee Brannon at 276-620-6234 or Dirk Wilmoth at 276-944-6106.

Announcing an opportunity for a double serving of sharing: The congregation is invited to join the youth for Stone Soup and Christmas Caroling on Sunday, December 15th. Bring a canned item for the soup and gather at 4:30 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will split up for caroling, visiting the shut-ins and others who will welcome us. Then we will share stone soup upon our return. Let the church office (429-5731) know if you would like a visit from our carolers.

DECEMBER 16TH is our church's scheduled week for the Faith in Action food bank in Abingdon. Times are 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. Monday and Friday and 4:30 – 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday. Questions, please speak with Susan Henderson.

WE WELCOMED NEW MEMBERS INTO THE WORK AND FELLOWSHIP OF OLD GLADE ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24TH:

By baptism – Melissa Hutton, Susan Johnston, Ron Tallman and LeAnna Wills.

By transfer of membership – Howard and Judy Stovall

By reaffirmation of faith – Ro'Dah Brown and Glory Allison Cumbow

By infant baptism – Aryani and Locklan Wills

We warmly welcome our visitors

Edna Drago

Sue White Campbell

Bill Stovall

Mila Kirkland

Jesse Wilmoth

Paige McCauley

Marvin Payer

Mike and Brenda Blevins

Cory and Caleb Chafin

June Warriner

Sunday School Report

November 3 – Attendance 31 - Offering \$16

November 10 – Attendance 19 – Offering \$20

November 17 – Attendance 32 – Offering \$21

November 24 – Attendance 21 – Offering \$20

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.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE is challenging the congregation to donate 2,013 cans of soup during the year 2013. The soup will be split between Glade Spring Food Bank and Faith in Action. Place your donation in basket in narthex. We have collected 1,105 cans to date.

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH PRAYER LIST –**

Anne Schults (friend of Sonny Porterfield)
Damon Lester
Charlotte Callahan Counts
Andy Martin (nephew of Tammy Allison)
*Matthew Martin (nephew of Tammy Allison
being deployed to Afghanistan)*
Brenda Street
Sara Beth and Polly Heffinger
John Worley
Ruth Colston
Ann Turner Glenn
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
Carrie Lamie (sister of Sarah Helton)
Nola Ann Rosenbaum
Jewel Osborne
Jason Waters (nephew of Alice Porterfield)
Verna Elizabeth Stephenson Schmidt
Margaret Orr
Shirley Overbay
Ruth Sheffield
Jacob Ritchie
*Michele Wagner (daughter of Betty and
Willis Wagner)*
Juanita Baggett
Carolyn Gentry
Kathy Dohman
Gary Wallace
J. G. Lester
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)

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

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.

Address Changes:

Margaret Orr, c/o Lydia Landis, 196 Longview
Drive, Abingdon, VA 24211, 276-206-8251

Jewell Osborne, Greensboro Place, 440 Lawndale
Drive, Room #5, Greensboro, NC 27455, 336-288-
4561

Lucy Alexander, 1575 John Knox Drive, HT 301,
Colfax, NC 27235 1-336-763-4568

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church
Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting
Sunday, November 3, 2013
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, Dirk Wilmoth, Michael Colston, Sara Hutton
Tallman, Bobbie Ryburn, James Allison, Clark Hutton,
Patrick Buchanan and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Elder
Jay Robinson was excused.

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

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Lee moved, and Dirk seconded the motion, that
the minutes from the October 6, 2013 stated session meeting
be approved as written. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Clark reviewed the financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence

The clerk presented two applications for use of the fellowship
hall. The first application was from Anita Robinson for a Girl
Scout outing on November 5. The seconded application was
from Janice Rosenbaum for a family Thanksgiving lunch on
November 23. MOTION: Patrick moved, and Clark

seconded the motion, to approve the applications. The motion passed.

The care list was reviewed.

Minute for Minister

Reverend Bird reported that November 23 is Christ the King Sunday. New members will join the church on that day through infant baptism, adult baptism, transfer of church letter and reaffirmation of faith.

Katie Bevins will work with a young adults' group beginning in January.

Old Business

Patrick will schedule the installation of new thermostats in the fellowship hall and has asked two people to meet with Reverend Bird about the waxing of floors in the bathrooms in the church.

Reverend Bird mentioned that we were not successful in getting a time to pack boxes for Samaritan's Purse and we need another project.

We will have a dinner and advent hymn sing on November 13.

Presbytery Meeting will be held on November 14th at Green Spring Presbyterian. Michael volunteered to attend and Alice Freeman will be a backup commissioner if he is unable to attend.

A congregational meeting will be scheduled for December 1 for election of officers.

Dirk reported that we will go Christmas caroling and have stone soup in December.

New Business

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance: Have met twice and discussed the current budget, the budget for next year and the expenses for utilities. MOTION: From the committee--The electric heat pumps will be upgraded with gas packs for approximately \$15,000 with funds coming from the Douglas Building Fund. The motion passed. Frank Buchanan will oversee the project.

A reduction in the electric bill is expected.

Worship: They will meet this week Wednesday, Nov 6 at 6:15. Communion will be served by distribution on December 1. James, Clark and Sara volunteered to help serve.

Personnel: They will meet and discuss cost of living salary increases. They are still searching for a replacement for Lois Buchanan as current expense treasurer. Ann Bird will fill the position temporarily. Anyone interested in this position may contact Lee Brannon.

Outreach: They are working on a project called Help Around the Corner. It is a church-wide project for members needing assistance with household tasks. Volunteers are needed for completing these tasks. A volunteer coordinator is needed to take phone calls. A handout was provided.

Property: See old business above.

CE: No meeting.

Shepherding: Dirk reported that they are searching for a food coordinator for feeding families after a funeral.

Deacons: Bob Stanberry has purchased the outdoor lights in honor of the Lominacks and will need assistance installing them.

James Allison volunteered to change the air filters each month and to help out with any regularly scheduled maintenance.

Blue Sky: December 4th at 5:30pm.

Presbyterian Men: They will purchase soup to help reach the church goal of 2013 cans. Any funds leftover will be given to Outreach.

Presbyterian Women: No report.

Next meeting: December 1, 2013 at 6pm.

MOTION: Bobbie moved, and James seconded the motion, to adjourn. The motion passed. Michael closed the meeting with prayer.

Sara Hutton Tallman, Clerk

WE EXTEND our Christian love and sympathy to Mona Buchanan and her family upon the death of her sister, Judy Trent Yarber. Please remember Mona and all those who knew and loved Judy in your prayers.

MARY'S LUNCHBOX will once again be providing boxes of food for children in our community this Christmas. If you are interested in being a part of this vital ministry, please consider sponsoring a box for \$10. If you are interested in volunteering, the boxes will be assembled on Saturday, November 30 at 10:00 at Meadowview UMC. Please feel free to contact Becky McKinney with questions or for more information at 698-8750 or markbecky@centurylink.net. Mary's Lunch Box still serves 100 students from Meadowview Elementary each week. Donations and volunteers are appreciated. If you would like to know more about volunteer opportunities, please contact Becky. Donations may be given to Colleen Buchanan.

The word 'Advent' is from the Latin 'Adventus,' which means 'coming.' Advent is the beginning of a new liturgical year (in the Western churches), and encompasses the span of time from the fourth Sunday before Christmas, until the Nativity of Our Lord is celebrated. The first Sunday of Advent is the Sunday nearest the feast of St. Andrew the Apostle (which is November 30th), and so it will always fall somewhere between November 27th at the earliest and December 3rd at the latest. The liturgical color for this season is purple (Usually a deep purple as opposed to the lighter, red-violet shade of purple associated with Lent). Like Lent, Advent is a preparatory season. It has significance because it is a season of looking forward and waiting for something greater; both for the annual celebration of the event

of Christ's birth, and for the time when Christ will come again.

A special thank you to Nancy Inazu for preparing our Advent devotional bags this year. Thank you so much, Nancy. Great job!

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: _____

CONGREGATIONAL MEETING was held prior to worship on December 1st to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee for Officers, Class of 2016. Those presented were as follows: Board of Deacons – James F. Hutton, Susan Johnston, Emma Buchanan. Elders – Isaac Freeman, Jay Henderson, Pam Hill. Trustee – Sara Hutton Tallman

Thank you to those who served on the Officer Nominating Committee: Michael Colston, Chairman, Sara Hutton Tallman, Daniel Cline, Damon Lester, Mona Buchanan, James F. Hutton, Emma Buchanan, Pam Hill and Henrietta Umberger.

OFFERING ENVELOPES ARE AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. IF YOU DO NOT SEE ONE WITH YOUR NAME, PLEASE LET ANN BIRD OR CLARK HUTTON KNOW.

WE ARE IN NEED OF A CHURCH PHOTOGRAPHER. IF YOU WOULD BE WILLING TO TAKE PICTURES OF NEW MEMBERS, SHUT-INS AND EVENTS, PLEASE LET THE CHURCH OFFICE KNOW.

Thank you to those who have served or will serve as candlelighters during this Advent season: Stan Williams Family, Mary Kay and Bob Stanberry, Jim and Donna Hutton, the Jay Robinson family and the Don Inazu family.