

THE OLD GLADE MESSENGER

Volume 38, Number 2

February 2014

THE BIRD'S NEST

The New Year 2014 has just begun, and we are already half way through the month of February. How often do we hear or comment in conversation how time flies. Time for all of us is moving on and grows short as the demands of our families, society and other engagements seem to constantly increase. These demands eat away at the time we have for spiritual meditation, calm, and prayer.

There are two quite different ways of being by oneself. One is called solitude. The other is loneliness. Solitude is a time out chosen by us for thought, reflection, spiritual renewal through prayer, meditation and reading. Loneliness, on the other hand, is not by choice and is characterized by a sense of alienation, feeling ignored, and tinged with self-pity. Solitude leads to a more peaceful life and renews our strength and faith amidst our activities, both secular and spiritual. Loneliness seems to weary our bones and makes us feel apathetic and lethargic. We can become hapless at best and hopeless at worst.

As we face the final upcoming weeks of winter, may we purposely set aside times for solitude so that our actions may be grounded in inner strength and Christ's guidance. It is also important for us as servants of the Lord to be aware of those who are caught or trapped within themselves in the lonely corners of their existence. It is our calling as Christians to reach out to those whether in the places of worship, in their homes or hospital rooms where illness or disability have restrained them, or where grief has taken hold of one's spirit, slowly drawing from them their life energy.

In the coming months and years, let us seek new ways to build up our own connection with our heavenly Father through His Holy Spirit in solitude. May it provide physical and spiritual refreshment, inspiring compassionate action toward others. Let us also, beloved, bring new excitement of our own worship, fellowship and work as we look to the future. This should be a future not clouded by anxious worries of what might be, but a future that heralds the truth that no matter what happens God will be with us as individuals, as families, as a congregation and a nation. This is the message of the gospel to empower and to enable us to fulfill our calling even when time flies. For we should all remember that even our Christ took times of solitude to be renewed by his Father God and took walks in the garden with Him!

“Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord. Abide in him always and feed on his word. Make friends of God's children. Help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessing to seek. Take time to be holy. Be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control. Thus led by his spirit to fountains of love thou soon shall be fit for service above.”
(Hymn – Take Time to Be Holy)

Tim

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 336
Glade Spring, VA 24340
Website Address: www.oldgladepresbyterian.com

Rev. Timothy E. Bird, Pastor
pastor@oldgladepresbyterian.org
Phone Number 276-429-5731



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- February 1 – Courtney Brannon Wheeler
- February 1 – Tim Simpson
- February 1 – Preston Ross Rogers Simpson
- February 1 – Eric Fleenor
- 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 Blevins
- February 22 – Ina Corder Stephenson Marbury
- February 23 – Ron Tallman
- February 24 – Michael Colston
- February 25 – Susan Johnston
- February 29 – Debra Simpson
- March 1 – Sally Agee
- March 2 – Pam Cook Yarber
- March 4 – Stacey Williams
- March 4 – Ruth Colston
- March 4 – Susan DeBusk
- March 6 – Cole Thomas
- March 7 – Dennis Smith
- March 7 – Ruth Wright
- March 23 – Leigh Ann Copenhaver
- March 30 – Jane Coulthard

ANNIVERSARIES

- February 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tuell
- March 2 – Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hutton
- March 3 – Rev. and Mrs. Tim Bird
- March 17 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Henderson
- March 17 – Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hutton

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

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Breakfast in Fellowship Hall – Sunday, February 16th, at 9:30 a.m.

Christian Education Committee – Sunday, February 16th, at 4:30 p.m.

Pennies for Hunger – collected during worship on Sunday, February 23rd

Circle Number 4 – Monday, February 24th at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.

Men’s Breakfast Meeting – Sunday, March 2nd at 8:00 a.m.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – Tuesday, March 4th at 6:00 p.m. Sponsored by Men of Church.

Circle Number 2 – Friday, March 7th at 2:00 p.m.

Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, March 11th, at 2:00 p.m.

Board of Deacons and Session – Joint meeting – Sunday, March 16th, at 5:00 p.m.

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.

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.

*We warmly welcome our visitors
Linda Helton
The Zachary Carpenter family
Teri Jarnigan*

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Joel and Jessica Chance in the death of Joel's sister, Angela Chance Currie, on January 28th. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.

Sunday School Report

January 5, Attendance 33, Offering \$16
January 12, Attendance 21, Offering \$29
January 19, Attendance 22, Offering \$19
January 26, No Sunday School due to inclement weather.

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.

FAITH IN ACTION FOOD BANK – Our week to work is February 10-14. Monday and Friday from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. and Tuesday from 4:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

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.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Shirley Overbay and her family upon the death of her nephew, Mike Blevins. Please remember them in your prayers.

***WE WILL GATHER IN FELLOWSHIP
HALL ON SUNDAY MORNING,
FEBRUARY 16TH, AT 9:30 FOR
BREAKFAST. EVERYTHING WILL BE
FURNISHED. PLEASE COME!***

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH PRAYER LIST –**

*Martin Agee
Seth Gentry
Lonnie Wallace
Jack Henderson
Elizabeth Osborne
Chris Osborne
Jewel Osborne
Brenda Street
Sara Beth and Polly Heffinger
John Worley
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
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
Linda Parsons
Anna Marie Smith (granddaughter of Dolores 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)*

FROM ANNIE AND STEPHEN:

“Dear Members of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church, We just wanted to express our sincerest gratitude for the love, fellowship, food, and monetary donations during our visit! Your warmth and friendship was such a blessing, and we were touched by the outpouring of support and encouragement! Please remember us in your prayers as we continue to plan for the birth of Baby Han and transition to Nepal. Love, Annie and Stephen”

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.

“Matthew Martin (nephew of Tammy Allison) returned home from Jordan on Friday, February 7th, to a happy family homecoming. Thank you for all your prayers.”

A sign up sheet for Ushering during 2014 is on the table in the narthex. If you are willing to help, please sign up. If you have questions, please speak with Damon Lester (276-696-2408) or call church office.

Thanks for your generosity in giving to the Souper Bowl Offering. The total amount collected was \$321.53

INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY..... If you can make it to church safely, we will have services.

Jim and Lola Smith wish to thank you for your prayers, cards, calls and all expressions of care during Jim’s illness.

SESSION MEETING

The monthly stated meeting of the Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in the board room on January 5, 2014. The following elders, constituting a quorum, were present: Clark Hutton, Michael Colston, Irene Ryburn, Patrick Buchanan, Dirk Wilmoth, Lee Brannon, Pam Hill, Jay Henderson, Isaac Freeman, and Reverend Tim Bird, moderator. Damon Lester represented the Deacons.

Call to Order

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Devotional

Lee Brannon gave a devotional, *What Do You Think God’s Been Up To?*

Election of Treasurers and Clerk

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Bobbi Ryburn seconded, that Michael Colston be nominated as Clerk of the Session. Jay Henderson moved that nominations cease and Michael be elected by acclamation. The motion passed. Michael Colston will serve as Clerk of the Session for the 2014 term.

MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, Jay Henderson seconded, that Clark Hutton continue as the Benevolence Treasurer and Ann Bird serve as the Current Expense Treasurer to replace Lois Buchanan due to her resignation. The motion passed.

The session is very appreciative of work the treasurers, Clark Hutton and Lois Buchanan and the clerk, Sara Hutton-Tallman. Further, the session sincerely appreciates Lois Buchanan’s twenty-four years of faithful service as the Current Expense Treasurer.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, Lee Brannon seconded, that the minutes of the stated meeting on December 8, 2013 and the called meeting on

December 29, 2013 be approved as printed. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Clark Hutton presented a financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Bobbi Ryburn seconded, that the following applications for use of fellowship hall be approved. The motion passed.

Applications for Use of Fellowship Hall

January 10, 2014 at 6:00 p.m.—Colleen Buchanan for Youth Group
January 9, 2014—Mona Buchanan

The Contact Sheet for Shut-In and Sick Members will be updated at the February meeting.

Minute for Minister

Damon Lester has setup a temple for a Facebook page for the church. He has also been updating our website.

Katie Bevins will be calling our young adults for an initial meeting this month. She will be the convener of that group.

Pastor Bird will be out of town from February 26-March 8. Family and friends are sending Tim and Ann to Hawaii to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

In February, a retreat will be held for both the session and deacons to provide officer training and to develop an annual calendar for the church.

Naomi Simpson has agreed to be the church photographer. Anita Robinson will develop a release form for parents to give permission for pictures of children under age 18 to be publicized on the church website and other media.

Old Business

Waxing of the floors in the educational building will take place soon. There have been scheduling conflicts due to church events when the workers have been available to look at the floors.

Patrick Buchanan will look into programming or updating, if necessary, the thermostats in the educational building to cut down on operating costs.

New Business

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Jay Henderson seconded, that the Minister's Terms of Call reflect the Presbytery's method for sequential accrual of Continuing Education and Book Allowance with the Budget and Finance Committee reporting back to the Session on the method used for accruing the balance and accounting. After discussion which included an explanation of how the sequential accrual would work, the motion passed. A policy reflecting this motion will be drafted and added to the church's policy manual.

MOTION: Jay Henderson moved, Lee Brannon seconded, that a congregational meeting be held on January 26, 2014 to approve the Minister's Terms of Call.

The church's snow policy was discussed. The policy from previous years has been that the church will be open for morning worship and each should use their own judgment as to whether they attend services. Calls will be made if Sunday School is cancelled. The consensus is that the current policy remain unchanged. The Snow Policy will be printed in the bulletin and newsletter.

A notification system for the nursery was discussed. It would be used to warn if there happened to be an emergency in the nursery. Other area churches will be contacted to see if they have a system and how they use it. Pastor Bird will contact Sinking Springs Presbyterian to see if they have a system in their nursery.

MOTION: Michael Colston moved, Jay Henderson seconded, that the church purchase a one-time subscription to the online version of Glory to God, the new hymnal, in the amount of \$300 with funds to come from the Memorial Fund. The online version of the hymnal will provide resources for planning music for services and tracking hymn use. The motion passed.

Committee Assignments—2014

Property—Patrick Buchanan

Christian Education—Pam Hill

Worship—Michael Colston, Jay Henderson

Personnel—Lee Brannon

Shepherding—Bobbi Ryburn, Dirk Wilmoth

Budget and Finance—Clark Hutton, Dirk

Wilmoth

Outreach—Isaac Freeman

Devotional and Deacon's Representative Assignments for 2014:

February—Jay Henderson

September—Dirk Wilmoth

March—Pam Hill

October—Michael Colston

April—Patrick Buchanan

November—Clark Hutton

May—Isaac Freeman

December—Dirk Wilmoth

June—Bobbi Ryburn

January 2015—Lee Brannon

August—Michael Colston

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: no meeting

Trustees: no meeting

Worship:

Communion Schedule for 2014

February 2—in tincture

April 6—distribution

April 17—in tincture (Maundy Thursday)

June 1—in tincture

August 3—distribution

October 5 (World-Wide Communion)—in

tincture

December 7—distribution

December 24 (Christmas Eve) 7 & 11

p.m.—in tincture

Personnel: no meeting

Outreach: We exceeded our goal of 2,013 cans of soup in 2013. It was divided between Faith in Action and the Glade Spring Food Bank.

Property: Heat pumps in the fellowship hall are all working now, and the heating system was repaired on the first floor of the educational building. Work is being done to seal the doors on the front of the sanctuary and the educational building.

Christian Education: no meeting

Shepherding: The committee will meet on February 2. They are in search of a food coordinator to organize meals for families following funeral services. The new church directory has been created in an electronic format. A hardcopy will be printed and available soon.

Blue Sky: The committee will meet this month.

Presbyterian Men: No business to report—they enjoyed breakfast this morning.

Presbyterian Women: In December, representatives of the group delivered poinsettias to those on their care list. Kay Williams will be taking care of Benevolence for the Presbyterian Women.

Deacon's Report: They discussed having the baccalaureate service again this year for Patrick Henry High School, updating the church website, and developing a Facebook page. Damon Lester is the chair, and Anita Robinson is the secretary of the deacons for 2014.

Next Meeting

February 2, 2014 at 6:00 p.m. in the board room