

THE BIRD'S NEST

2014 - A New Year has begun. If you are like me, it is hard to look at that 2014 and believe that it is here already. The years when the annual designation of the beginning of a new 365 days began with 19 instead of 20 doesn't seem so long ago! For those much younger, I'm sure the opposite is true. But no matter where you fall on this scale of remembrance and perception, the reality that we are in the infant days of 2014 is a fact. The question is can we as the Old Glade community be inclusive, inspire and engage together in the work and worship of Christ whether we are in the sunrise, noontime, prime time or twilight of life. It is not a theoretical question. It is one of being more effective and multi-generational as part of God's family.

Last year, we celebrated the lives of those our Lord took home to be among His saints in heaven. We welcomed as well the young and adults into our flock. But if we do not continue to reach out and witness to all and provide ministry and care for all of the church, we will not see an expansion of the energy, talent and love of others that has always been the hallmark of the Old Glade Church community.

This will require the participation of all as our God-given gifts dictate. It will necessitate prioritizing our time and, at times, stepping outside our comfort zones by trying and doing things that we may not have done before. But, if we do as pastor, staff, officers, members and friends and trust in God's promises the end result will be a blessing to the community and church as we discover some new ways of being disciples of Christ. If we will allow Christ's spirit to guide our hearts and actions, it will be a great 2014 no matter where we are found on the age scale.

Now may the God of peace, who brought back from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, make you complete in everything good so that you may do his will, working among us that which is pleasing in his sight, through Jesus Christ, to whom be the glory forever and ever. Amen. (Hebrews 13:20-21)

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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 – Sarah Helton
- January 10 – Jay Henderson
- January 12 – Peggy Lester
- January 12 – Ramona Cline
- January 13 – Maggie Naylor
- January 13 – Neal Hutton
- January 14 – Betsy Porterfield
- 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
- February 1 – Courtney Brannon Wheeler
- February 1 – Tim Simpson
- 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 Blevins
- February 22 – Ina Corder Stephenson Marbury
- February 23 – Ron Tallman
- February 24 – Michael Colston
- February 25 – Susan Johnston
- February 29 – Debra Simpson

ANNIVERSARIES

- January 3 – Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wallace
- January 9 – Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Buchanan
- January 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robinson
- February 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tuell

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.

Circle Number 2 – Friday, January 10th, at 2:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.

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

Pennies for Hunger – collected during worship on Sunday, January 26th.

Congregational meeting – during worship on Sunday, January 26th to approve terms of call

Circle Number 4 – Monday, January 27th, at 6:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.

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

Board of Deacons – Sunday, February 2nd, at 5:00 p.m.

Session – Sunday, February 2nd, at 6:00 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.

Kelsie Addison, 1120 Wertland St., Apt. 1, Charlottesville, VA 22903

Sarah Bird, 22 Dickinson St., Princeton, NJ 08540

*We warmly welcome our visitors
Alison, Peter, Jackson, Samuel Griggs
Reed Crabtree
Haley Chance
Jennifer Whitesides
Stuart, Mary, Luke, John Stovall
Michael Stovall
Michael, Kendra and Kayleigh Addison
Myles Tate
Tammy Copenhaver
Meagan Lester
Arbutus Echols
Gail Hutton
Glenn and Vicky Myers*

We extend our gratitude to those who have served for three years and have rotated off the boards . Thank you, Tammy Allsion, Jay Robinson, Sara HuttonTallman, James Allison, Nancy Hagen, Kay Williams and Trustee, Frank Buchanan. Thank you for a job well done!

On Sunday, January 5th, following worship, our congregation shared a soup and sandwich luncheon. Following lunch, Annie and Stephen Han shared their efforts and involvement with Interserve USA. They are planning to move to Nepal in 2014. If you were unable to attend and would like to donate toward their mission trip, please see Ann Bird.

Sunday School Report

**December 1, Attendance 34, Offering \$17.00
December 8, Attendance 27, Offering \$32.00
December 15, Attendance 26, Offering \$14.00
December 22, Attendance 28, Offering \$25.00
December 29, Attendance 28, Offering \$21.00**

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.

OUTREACH COMMITTEE challenged the congregation to donate 2,013 cans of soup during the year 2013. Because of your generosity, the generosity of the Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women, we not only reached but exceeded our goal by the collection of 2,545 cans of soup. The soup was split between Glade Spring Food Bank and Faith in Action. Thank you for generosity!

Ordination and installation services for Officers, Class of 2016, was held during worship on Sunday, January 5th. Those who were ordained and installed were to the Board of Deacons – James F. Hutton and Susan Johnston and to the Session – Isaac Freeman, Jay Henderson and Pam Hill. Sara Hutton-Tallman will serve as Trustee.

From Mary's Lunchbox – Becky McKinney. "Thank you for your outpouring of love and kindness for the ministry of Mary's Lunch Box. With the support of your church family, we spread the love of Jesus to 150 children! Each received a large bag of food and a special treat, a box of candy canes with a story that used the candy canes to explain eh birth, sacrifice and mostly the love of Jesus. You can read the story that was shared with the children at www.childrensministry.com/articles/christmas-cand-can-story. Thank you again for making Christmas merry for so many in our community.

On December 22nd during our morning worship, the choir blessed us with their Cantata entitled "As I Went To Bethlehem". A special thank you to Michael Colston, Andy Cumbow, the Old Glade Choir and to Glory Cumbow, who wrote the narrative for the Cantata. What a wonderful gift to our church family!

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH PRAYER LIST –**

Chris Osborne
Jewel Osborne
Damon Lester
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
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. THE
CALL TO WORSHIP WILL BE PROVIDED
TO YOU.**

**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, December 8, 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: Jay
Robinson, Lee Brannon, Dirk Wilmoth, Michael
Colston, Sara Hutton Tallman, James Allison,
Clark Hutton, Patrick Buchanan and Reverend Tim
Bird, Moderator. Elder Bobbie Ryburn was
excused. Debra Simpson represented the Deacons.
Reverend Bird called the meeting to order. Debra
Simpson gave a devotional and offered a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Lee moved, and Jay seconded the
motion, that the minutes from the November 3,
2013 stated session meeting, the November 24

called session meeting and the December 1 called congregational meeting be approved as amended to reflect that Emma Buchanan was elected as a deacon. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Clark reviewed the financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence

Lee Brannon presented two applications for use of the fellowship hall: The Young Farmers would like to use the fellowship for a meal on December 14 and Christine Wallace for a family Christmas meal on December 26. MOTION: Lee 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 Christ the King Sunday was a wonderful day in our church for new members and the baptism of two children and five adults. The young adults group will begin meeting in January.

Old Business

Patrick reported that the new thermostats were installed in the fellowship hall and the work on the floors in the church will be scheduled. Frank Buchanan is working to get the heat pump gas packs installed and the cost will be significantly less than anticipated.

Reverend Bird reported that Alice Freeman attended presbytery with him. The committee debating the need for a full time exec for Presbytery has not completed their work. A Church Information Form will be completed after the study is completed. The operations manual has been reworked to reflect the new Book of Order. Sarah Bird was approved to receive a call from a church and then she will be ordained to her first church or an accepted mission or as a professor of seminary.

New Business

Reverend Bird reported that ordination and installation of new officers will be on January 5, 2013.

MOTION: The clerk moved, and Lee seconded the motion, to hold Christmas meal on December 22 after worship. The motion passed.

Jay Robinson reported that Johnny Williams donated \$100,000 to the church for the upkeep of the old part of the cemetery. Anonymously, the church received a \$20,000 donation which cannot be used for budget items. Proposals for the use of the money will be accepted. Jay reported that

Gillespie Monument Company would like to donate a granite bench in memory of John Robinson.

Bob Stanberry is working on the front doors.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance: Dirk distributed out the proposed budget.

MOTION: Jay moved, and the clerk seconded the motion, for a 1.2% increase in salary for all personnel and the effective salary of minister and to drop the book allowance accrual method from the budget pending a review of B&F and with approval of session.

Motion: Dirk moved from the committee to approve this budget as amended by the previous motion. The motion passed.

Personnel: MOTION: Lee moved, and Patrick seconded the motion, to give \$100 to all employees with the funds coming from the session fund, except Gene Norris's, which will come from the cemetery fund. The motion passed.

Worship: The committee met and planned advent season. The only question that came about was whether we should continue with both Christmas Eve 7:00pm & 11:00pm services. MOTION: Patrick moved, and Michael seconded the motion, to have both services this year and examine the issue at a later time. The motion passed.

Outreach: The mitten tree items and the shoes will be delivered next week. Two families have been adopted for Christmas thus far.

Property: Outdoor lights were installed.

CE: No meeting.

Shepherding: No committee meeting. A food coordinator is needed for meals for grieving families. A draft of the new directory was presented.

Deacons: The fellowship hall doors need repair. They would like to share in the care list.

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

Blue Sky: Will meet in January.

Presbyterian Men: The men and women will purchase soup to help reach the church goal of 2013 cans.

Presbyterian Women: No report.

Next meeting: Jan 5, 2013 at 6pm.

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

Patrick closed the meeting with prayer.

__After 25 plus years as Old Glade's current expense treasurer, Lois Buchanan has "retired" from that position. Our sincere gratitude goes to Lois for her wonderful and long service. Ann Bird will begin serving a temporary treasurer until a permanent replacement is found.

OUR MITTEN TREE PROJECT was a huge success. We collected 49 hats, 2 ear muffs, 15 pairs of gloves, 6 scarves and 6 pairs of socks were taken to Meadowview Elementary School to be distributed to students in need of such items.

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

Thanks to all those who joined us for Stone Soup and Christmas Caroling! Our caroling group consisted of about 35 people. We sang to three units at the nursing home and then to several folks in their homes. We then returned to fellowship hall for hot soup! What a great time!

Please find a separate attachment along with this newsletter entitled "Why Don't Hymns End with Amen?"

Damon Lester will serve as chairman and Anita Robinson will serve as secretary of the Board of Deacons. Michael Colston will serve as the Clerk of Session.

Due to the graduation of some of our church members to the Kingdom of Heaven, we are asking those in the congregation who are able to increase their giving this year. Please prayerfully consider how you can help.

Bookplates for hymnal dedications and memorials are still available. If you would like to dedicate a hymnal in memory or in honor of someone, please speak with Ann Bird or Michael Colston.

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.

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