

## THE BIRD'S NEST

To be people of grace and mercy is perhaps one of the most difficult challenges from our Lord. We are asked not just to simply give second chances to others, but to stick by them and forgive them over and over again. How on earth is this possible? Especially when we feel that we are either hurt or abused in the process. So where and what do we look for to find the strength and ability to meet our Lord's command to forgive "seventy times seven"?

To me the inspiration and strength to do this is found in our own relationship with our Saviour Christ. How often and repeatedly do we become the source of heartache to Him – by committing sins of omission and commission; by causing pain to ourselves and others of His family because of pride; by becoming somewhat petulant as children when others seem to not live up to our expectation; and by using the mistakes of others to justify our own?

But do we find Christ abandoning us and finding us useless because our constantly disappointing Christian behavior? Does He desert us? Or simply condemn us? No! Our Lord is always there – ready to forgive, to show understanding and most of all to give us His strength to correct our transgressions. Should we endeavor to do any less with our human brothers and sisters? Is it not our responsibility to help correct gracefully not self-righteously?

Our God-given instruction to love Him and neighbor as self goes a long way in helping sew the patchwork quilt of people together in His Name. Each patch is a different pattern, a different shape, and a different material. Yet, by His compassion and grace, all are knitted together in a beautiful, warming, caring and united family, community and Church. If we but ask, He will lead us to open our hearts instead of our reservoirs of anger. Beloved, we should not forget that, while we are yet sinners, He does sit in judgment, but tempered with love – seeking to uplift, helping us to change and repent, but never condemning. Let us then try to follow Him in His way, in His truth, in His love!

*"Then Peter came up and said to him, "Lord, how often shall someone sin against me and I forgive them? As many as seven times?" Jesus said to Peter, "I do not say to you seven times, but seventy times seven." Matthew 18:21-22*

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**OPERATION  
NEARBOARD**  
DARE TO  
GO DEEP  
WITH  
GOD!

**Please join us as we go deep into God's word  
to learn about people with amazing faith and  
learn how we can do the same!**

JUNE 25-29  
6:00-9:00  
MEADOWVIEW UMC



If you plan to attend and/or would like  
volunteer please contact

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

- June 2 – Stan Williams
- June 4 – Maggie Elizabeth Buchanan
- June 6 – Keith Gentry
- June 8 – Pamela Hill
- June 9 – Donna Hutton
- June 10 – Michael Addison
- June 11 – Connor Buchanan
- June 12 – Belinda Brannon
- June 17 – Nola Ann Rosenbaum
- June 17 – Rick Buchanan
- June 19 – Mary Lester
- June 19 – Barbara Baldwin
- June 19 – Jo Anne Taylor
- June 21 – Drew Williams
- June 21 – Matthew Hill
- June 23 – Lisa McNeil
- June 26 – Alice Porterfield
- June 28 – Grant Buchanan
- June 30 – Jim F. Hutton
- June 30 – Kelsie Addison
- July 2 – Bob Stanberry
- July 2 – Alyssa Jan Lewis
- July 8 – Thomas L. Hill
- July 9 – Sarah Magnolia Lester
- July 10 – Vaughan McLean Rogers Simpson
- July 11 – June Lester
- July 16 – Delores Wagner
- July 17 – Kevin Flannagan
- July 19 – Sue Clark
- July 20 – Lauren Robinson
- July 24 – Mary Kay Stanberry
- July 25 – Gary Price
- July 27 – Matt Blevins
- July 27 – Carolyn Fleenor
- July 28 – Jay Robinson
- July 30 – Kyle Thomas

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- June 12 – Mr. and Mrs. Mike Shaffer
- June 16 – Mr. and Mrs. James Allison
- June 25 – Mr. and Mrs. David DeBusk
- June 26 – Mr. and Mrs. Robert Baldwin
- July 2 – Mr. and Mrs. Rick Buchanan
- July 4 – Mr. and Mrs. Bob Stanberry
- July 15 – Mr. and Mrs. Damon Lester
- July 21 – Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Freeman
- July 22 – Mr. and Mrs. Frank Buchanan
- July 25 – Mr. and Mrs. Lee Brannon
- July 27 – Mr. and Mrs. Darrell Cline

**IF YOUR BIRTHDAY AND/OR ANNIVERSARY** is not included in the newsletter, please e-mail [tabird5@hotmail.com](mailto:tabird5@hotmail.com), or call church office (276-429-5731). Only the month and day is necessary.

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**Sunday School Update**

May 6 – Attendance 32, Offering \$24.25  
 May 13 – Attendance 34, Offering \$29.55  
 May 20 – Attendance 24, Offering \$22.00  
 May 27 – Attendance 34, Offering \$27.00

Our Sunday School Classes meet together the first Sunday of each month in the fellowship hall at 10:00 a.m. We watch a short video and divide into small groups, led by a youth, for discussion. This is a wonderful time of sharing. Donuts, coffee and juice are served by our youth. Mark your calendars for our next gathering on July 1.

*We warmly welcome our visitors*

*Linda and Barry Curtis*  
*Taylor and Mila Kirkland*  
*David Aiello*  
*Abby Johnston*  
*Jim Bird*  
*Betsy Merritt*  
*Pam Bird Sanderlin*  
*Matthew, Kelly and Kenley Hill*  
*LeAnne Crabtree*  
*Michael, Kendra and Kayleigh Addison*  
*Michael, Donna, Anna and Ben Smith*  
*Nina Abercrombie*  
*Kevin Stamp*  
*Stuart, Mary, Luke and John Stovall*  
*Michael Stovall*  
*Pete and Margaret Beattie*  
*Jerry, Amanda and Ally Crosswhite*  
*Suzie Martin*  
*Kay Petty Carter*  
*Sam McCauley*

**Vacation Bible School** – June 25<sup>th</sup> – 29<sup>th</sup> held jointly with Meadowview United Methodist Church. Rebecca Buchanan, Colleen Buchanan and Becky McKinney will serve as directors. If you can serve in any capacity, please contact Rebecca at 623-3011 or email [rbuchanan@ehc.edu](mailto:rbuchanan@ehc.edu). Bible School will be held from 6:00 – 9:00 at the Meadowview United Methodist Church (next to the post office).

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We extend our Christian love and sympathy to

Tim, Debra, Gwen and Naomi Simpson upon the death of Tim's brother, Charles Henry Simpson, on May 29<sup>th</sup>.

Sarah Helton and her family upon the death of her niece, Crystal Helton on Monday, May 28<sup>th</sup>.

Please keep the Simpson and Helton families in your thoughts and prayers in the days ahead.

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UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Ecumenical Faith in Action Food Pantry Schedule – July 8 -13, September 9-14, November 11-16.

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

Lydia's Connection – join us as we crochet/knit items to be donated to various mission projects. Wednesday evenings at 6:30 in fellowship hall.

Circle Number 2 – Friday, June 1<sup>st</sup> and 12:00 at the fellowship hall.

Recognition of Graduates – Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup> during morning worship.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfast – Sunday, June 10<sup>th</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.

Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, June 12<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. at home of Mona Buchanan. Bring a side dish to share, and spouses are invited.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday June 17<sup>th</sup>, prior to worship to elect an officer nominating committee.

Intergenerational Sunday School – Sunday, July 1st, at 10:00 a.m.

If you use e-mail and have not been receiving news and prayer requests from Old Glade, please contact Nancy Hagen [nhagen@embarqmail.com](mailto:nhagen@embarqmail.com) or [nhagen@oldgladepresbyterian.org](mailto:nhagen@oldgladepresbyterian.org). Also, a few emails are bouncing and Nancy would like to update the contact list with the newest addresses. If you have changed e-mail addresses, please furnish current address to Nancy.

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*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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*The family of Shrimp Buchanan has donated his Barclay's Commentary Series to the church. These commentaries (one for each book of the Bible) were used by Shrimp in his Sunday School lesson preparation and his Bible studies. They are currently located in the church office. Anyone is welcome to borrow these books.*

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*Congratulations to those in our church family who have graduated.*

*Catie Robinson from Meadowview Elementary School*

*Kelsie Addison from Patrick Henry High School*

*Cadence Wilmoth from Patrick Henry High School*

*Lisa Green – Masters in Reading – Emory and Henry*

*2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Gwen Simpson- BSN – Carson Newman*

*Rebecca Buchanan – PhD - University of Tennessee*

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*ATTENTION – Anyone who plays an instrument and would be willing to share your talent during our worship service is asked to speak with Andy Cumbow.*

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*A Congregational meeting was held prior to worship on May 20, 2012. The congregation voted to change the number of ruling elders from 12 to 9 and the number of deacons from 12 to 9.*

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*A thank you to those who helped with the Patrick Henry High School Baccalaureate Service held at Old Glade on Sunday afternoon, May 20<sup>th</sup>. Also a special thank you to those who provided and served refreshments for the reception which followed.*

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*Water coolers have been installed in the fellowship hall and in the hallway outside the sanctuary near elevator.*

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*Youth, Presbyterian Men and Presbyterian Women are asked to elect a representative to serve on Officer Nominating Committee. Two members from the congregation will be elected during our congregational meeting on June 17<sup>th</sup>. These representatives will be presented to the congregation at that meeting.*

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*The church is in the process of looking into obtaining paved parking lots for both church and fellowship hall. Anyone interested in supporting this endeavor is asked to place contribution in envelopes in pew racks and place in offering plates.*

**ATTENTION: Be on the lookout for snack list for Bible School. We need your contributions and a sign up sheet will be forthcoming.**

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**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PRAYER LIST –**

**April Breeding**  
**Butch Flora**  
**Juanita Baggett**  
**Carolyn Gentry**  
**Eleanor Hutton**  
**Cindy Halsey (sister of Pam Hill)**  
**Beverly Walton (niece of Barbara Baldwin)**  
**Kristy Herndon**  
**Kathy Dohman**  
**Gary Wallace**  
**J. G. Lester**  
**Roland Lester**  
**Linda Parsons**  
**John and Jane Martin (parents of Jeane Hutton)**  
**Narvel and Faye Brown (parents of Jeane's daughter-in-law)**  
**Chris Osborne**  
**Anna Marie Smith (granddaughter of Delores Wagner)**  
**David Robinson**  
**Rusty Cline**  
**Dr. Robert Lominack**  
**Daryl Phillips**  
**Ruby Clark**  
**Paul Tuell**  
**Terry and Dianna Wilson (cousin of Debra Simpson)**  
**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)**  
**Joe Lester**  
**Gary Long**

The monthly stated meeting of the Deacons and Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held jointly at 6:00 p.m. in the basement on Sunday, May 6, 2012. The following elders, constituting a quorum, were present: Dirk Wilmoth, Jay Robinson, James Allison, Rebecca DeBusk, Patrick Buchanan, Michael Colston, Steve Johnston, Sara Hutton Tallman. The following

deacons, constituting a quorum, were present: Betty Jo Tuell, Tammy Allison, Ruth Ann Arington, Kay Williams, Nancy Hagen, Anita Robinson, Alice Freeman, Mary Kay Stanberry, Susan Henderson and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Elders Barbara Baldwin, Lee Brannon, Clark Hutton, and Sonny Porterfield and Deacon Debra Simpson were excused.

Rev. Bird called the meeting to order. Anita Robinson gave a devotional and Revered Bird offered a prayer.

Approval of Minutes – Motion: Michael Colston moved and Jay Robinson seconded the motion, that the minutes of the stated session meeting held on March 25, 2012 be approved as written. The motion passed. Motion: Anita Robinson moved, and Mary Kay Stanberry seconded the motion, that the minutes for the April 1 deacons' meeting be approved as written. The motion passed.

Financial Report – Revered Bird presented a financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence – The clerk presented the following correspondence: Application for use of the church and fellowship call from Kay Williams for a wedding on December 15, 2012. Motion: Rebecca DeBusk moved, and Jay Robinson seconded the motion, to approve the application. Notice of donation of Shrimp Buchanan's Barclay Commentary materials. Motion: The clerk moved, and Anita Robinson seconded the motion that we accept the materials with thanks. Motion: From the Outreach Committee, the clerk presented a motion to hold a baccalaureate service on May 20, 2012 at 2:00 p.m. The motion passed.

Minute for Minister – Rev. Bird reported that our transitional executive presbyter, Bruce Ford, has accepted a call from the New Harmony Presbytery in South Carolina. He will be leaving at the end of June.

Rev. Bird opened the discussion of "how will we govern ourselves in the future?" Do we want to stay with the current system, change our number of deacons, elders and trustees or use the unicameral system with one governing body? The congregation must vote on this decision. After discussion, Motion: Alice Freeman moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, that we have nine deacons, nine elders and five trustees. The motion passed. Motion: Anita Robinson moved, and the clerk seconded the motion, that we have congregational meeting on May 20<sup>th</sup> to present these recommendations and to vote on the change to the governance for the church. The motion passed.

Rev. Bird reported that Barbara Baldwin has resigned from the session.

Old Business – Patrick Buchanan reported that the fence repair and replacement is ongoing. Kay Williams reported that usher team plans are progressing well. Anita Robinson reported that we are waiting for more information about water coolers. Motion: Betty Jo Tuell moved, and Mary Kay Stanberry seconded the motion that we go ahead and purchase the coolers for the education building and the fellowship hall. After much discussion, the idea was tabled until the next meeting.

New Business: An officer nominating committee is needed. The two deacons who volunteered are Alice Freeman and Susan Henderson. Elders Michael Colston and Sara Hutton Tallman will serve. Michael will chair the committee. Motion: Betty Jo Tuell moved, and Kay Williams seconded the motion, to accept these officers to serve on the committee. The motion passed. Motion: Rebecca DeBusk moved, and Dirk Wilmoth seconded the motion, that we present these names to the congregation for approval during a called congregational meeting on the first Sunday in June. The motion passed.

Alice Freeman reported that the tree-planting committee will meet this week.

The Christian Education Committee has asked the session to vote on a laptop computer for use in Bible School, intergenerational Sunday School, youth group and church projects. Motion: Dirk Wilmoth moved, and Nancy Hagen seconded the motion, that we buy the Samsung i7 computer for \$1589.00 with a warranty package of three years and that the money will come from the Session Fund. After much discussion, the motion passed.

The Application for use of the Church Facilities has been reviewed by the Altar committee and the Worship Committee. Recommendations will be reviewed at the stated June meeting.

Committee Reports:

Property: Rev. Bird offered thanks to Patrick Buchanan and Jim Hutton for cleaning up the brush in the cemetery. Jay Robinson reported that the toilet in the ladies' bathroom at the fellowship hall was repaired; the spotlight for the flag has been repaired; estimates are being collected for paving both parking lots. The ice machine is broken. Patrick Buchanan volunteered to repair it.

CE: No meeting.

Worship: Michael Colston reported that an update for the organ is available from manufacturer and someone is donating funds to pay for this update. Motion: Michael moved, from the committee, that these updates be made. The motion passed. Rebecca Debusk said the committee would like to have a dedication service for the tombstone for those "known only to God" in September. New choir robes are needed for the choir director and organist. Communion will be served on June 3rd. James, Dirk, and Steve will serve. Andy Cumbow will write an article for the newsletter about the new Presbyterian hymnal. It can be reviewed at [Presbyterianhymnal.org/contents](http://Presbyterianhymnal.org/contents) 2012 hymnal. Everyone is encouraged to review the new hymnal. The next committee meeting will be on August 8th. A call to worship sign up sheet was passed around.

Personnel: The committee met Wednesday to review the sessional evaluation form which is to be reviewed at the June Session meeting. They discussed having an employee appreciation cookout in conjunction with the Sunday School picnic on August 25<sup>th</sup>.

Shepherding: No meeting.

Budget and Finance: No meeting

Outreach – The committee is preparing a report for the Presbyterian Disaster Relief who donated funds to GSPC for tornado recovery; helping fund another new house for tornado survivors. Rev. Bird is working to coordinate counseling for victims and first responders of the 2011 tornado.

Membership: The membership and goals-setting committees are doing similar work. Membership will meet again after the goal-setting committee presents its plans.

Deacons: Information from the deacons was reported under new business.

Presbyterian Men: Met and had breakfast and have another meeting scheduled.

Presbyterian Women: No meeting. There was a Spring gathering at Walnut Grove.

Next meeting: June 3, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. No meeting in July. Next joint meeting: October.

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

Rev. Bird closed the meeting with prayer.