

# THE OLD GLADE MESSENGER

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## THE BIRD'S NEST

*Finally, spring!! Isn't that your sentiment? Yet just as winter has made the birth of a new spring even more glorious and welcome, so is Easter, a season of forgiveness and renewal. Unfortunately, there are too many of us who still live in the dark and cold winter of guilt and possibilities unrealized. The melting away of regrets tainted by self-pity will remain as an impossible dream of grace.*

*But is this not what Easter is all about, and why it comes at this point in the calendar? Is it not a reminder of what God made a reality for each of us in and through His Son, Christ Jesus. Perhaps, you are saying to yourself, "O.K. for others, but not for me". Don't let the tempter fool you into complacency. The truth is, the Lord is just waiting for you to say to the manipulator, known as the devil, what he fears most. "I believe, help my unbelief!"*

*Don't be a pawn in an evil game of self-deception and self-destruction! Accept the truth of our redeemer willingly to make the foulest sin clean and remove its stain from your soul and consciousness. This is truly the beginning of the "Good Life", not only in the moment but forever and evermore. What a truth! What a reality! That is why Christians, both children and adults, sing "Hallelujahs!" at Easter.*

*May your spring be warm and enjoyable and may you enter the summer with a warmth of soul and spirit that is cleansed by the Blood of our Lord which will never fail you in any time or place!*

**"For God so loved the world, God sent His only begotten Son that whosoever believeth on Him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent His Son into the world; not to condemn the world; but that the world would be saved through Him!"**

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

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 – John Robinson  
March 23 – Leigh Ann Copenhaver  
March 30 – Jane Coulthard  
April 5 – Hayley Williams  
April 6 – Tammy Martin Allison  
April 7 – Eva Lynne Crabtree  
April 8 – Barbara Henderson  
April 14 – Seth Gentry  
April 15 – Janet Lester  
April 15 – Noah Cole Hill  
April 20 – Maebelle Smith  
April 20 – Abigail Johnston  
April 21 – Frances Wyatt  
April 22 – Jackson Hardy  
April 22 – Elizabeth Henderson  
April 24 – Irene Ryburn  
April 26 – Sonny Porterfield  
April 28 – David Potter

**ANNIVERSARIES**

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  
April 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Marbury, Jr.  
April 13 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson  
April 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wagner

**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**

February 5 – Attendance 37 Offering \$22.67  
February 12 – Attendance 22 Offering \$21.00  
February 19 – Attendance 27 Offering \$21.00  
February 26 – Attendance 32 Offering \$28.00

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 April 1<sup>st</sup>.

*If any church member or person regularly attending is graduating this year from any school, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office by April 22.*

*We warmly welcome our visitors*  
*Noah Hill*  
*Corey Henson*  
*Truett and Jennifer Brooks*  
*Samantha Hobbs*  
*Todd Rosenbaum*  
*Christopher Whyte*  
*C. Phillipe Kestner*

**UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

**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 4** – Monday, March 12<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m.

**Circle Number 3** – Tuesday, March 13<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 at the fellowship hall.

**Church and Cemetery Clean up** – March 17<sup>th</sup>, with raindate of March 24<sup>th</sup>. Any amount of time you can contribute will be greatly appreciated.

**Courtney Brannon Bridal Shower** – March 17<sup>th</sup>, drop in between 2:00 and 4:00.

**Presbyterian Men** – Breakfast meeting on Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 8:00 a.m.

**Intergenerational Sunday School** – Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

**Sacrament of Holy Communion** – Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>.

**Board of Deacons**– Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 5:00.

**Session** – Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>, at 6:00.

**Maundy Thursday Communion Service** – April 5<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m.

**Tenebrae Service** – April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 at Green Spring Presbyterian Church.

*You are invited to a shower for the church nursery on Sunday, April 22<sup>nd</sup>, at 2:00 in the fellowship hall. A wish/need list will be available shortly. Mark your calendar with plans to attend as we spruce up our nursery.*

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.

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRAYER LIST –**

*Ralph Marbury*

*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*

*Joella Barbour*

*Dr. Robert Lominack*

*Daryl Phillips*

*Paul Tuell*

*Terry and Dianna Wilson (cousin of Debra Simpson)*

*Charles Simpson (brother of Tim Simpson)*

*John Williams*

*Ryan Conklin*

*Mike Blevins*

*Ronnie Blevins*

*Mabel Martin (mother of Tammy Allison)*

*Bea Mason*

*Brion Ferratt*

*Craig Taylor (in Afghanistan)*

*Charlie and Truman Wyatt (brothers of Ruth Colston)*

*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)*

*John Mason*

*Joe Lester*

*Gary Long*

*Eleanor Hutton*

*Please take note of the yellow "Repairs or Maintenance" list posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the office. If you see something that needs attention, please put it on the list.*

*We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of our beloved Richard "Shrimp" Buchanan who joined his Lord on March 5<sup>th</sup>. Please keep Lois, Rick, Jeff and the entire family in your thoughts and prayers. Shrimp will be truly missed!*

*On Shrove Tuesday February 21<sup>st</sup>, our youth and Presbyterian Men held a Pancake Supper. Thanks to all who attended and contributed to this mission project. Because of your generosity \$478.26 was collected.*

*Thanks to Damon Lester, the new website is up and running. The address is: <http://oldgladepresbyterian.org/>*

*Please help the Shepherding Committee keep track of those who are ailing and are at home so the committee can prepare and deliver a meal. Members of the Shepherding Committee and those who have volunteered to assist with meals are listed on page 30 of the church directory.*

**Ecumenical Faith in Action Food Pantry Schedule –**  
May 6-11, July 8-13, September 9-14, November 11-16.

*You are cordially invited to a bridal shower for Courtney Brannon on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>. Drop in from 2:00 – 4:00. Courtney is registered at Bed Bath & Beyond and Crate & Barrel.*

**To Circle Leaders –** Please e-mail Sharon Williams or turn into office by March 17<sup>th</sup>, a brief description of your circle's mission activities for the past year. Sharon will report them for the annual Women's Presbyterian Gathering.  
([sharonandstan@hotmail.com](mailto:sharonandstan@hotmail.com))

**We warmly** welcome Sarah Helton and Isaac Freeman to the membership of Old Glade. Sarah joined by transfer of membership from McCall's Gap Presbyterian Church and Isaac joined by transfer of membership from Royal Oak Presbyterian Church.

Please join us for one hour or several hours on March 17<sup>th</sup>. We will clean the cemetery grounds and also the church. Each year we have a clean up date in preparation for the celebration of Easter and arrival of spring. This is a great time of fellowship. Remember "many hands make light work". Our raindate is March 24<sup>th</sup>.

Mary's Lunchbox Calendar for March is posted on bulletin board outside office. If you are able to help, please contact Becky McKinney at [rmckinney@wcs.k12.va.us](mailto:rmckinney@wcs.k12.va.us).

THANK YOU for your generosity. Our Souper Bowl Offering collected to help feed those in our community was \$318.75.

Conferences – Massanetta Springs Bible Conference and Massanetta Springs Church Music Conference will be held July 29 – August 3<sup>rd</sup>. Also conferences are scheduled for Montreat. Anyone interested in obtaining more information, please call church office.

### HOW TO RECYCLE PLASTIC

**Old Glade has provided a plastic recycling container in the kitchen at the fellowship hall and will do so when we have events at the shelter.**

**Soda and water bottles are recyclable in almost all cases. At this time, we can recycle PET 1 and PET 2 plastics. Solo and most other plastic drinking cups are not recyclable in Washington County: they usually show a 5 or a 7 in the triangle symbol, or show nothing. These have to go in the trash. There are a few brands of plastic cups that are recyclable so you can check the bottom to find out.**

**1 – Always remove caps and lids and put them in the trash containers. *You do not have to remove the plastic ring.***

**2 – For containers other than soda and water bottles, look on the bottom of the container for a "1" or a "2".**

*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.*

### EASTER LILY ORDER FORM

If you would like to order a lily, at a cost of \$10 for a single, \$20 for a double, \$30 for a triple to be displayed in the church on Easter Sunday, please complete the form below. Place the form along with you check payable to the Glade Spring Presbyterian Church, in the basket on the table in the narthex. If you prefer, you may call the church office to place your order. Please submit all orders by April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Lilies may be picked up following our Easter Service.

Your  
Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Your  
Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Phone

Number/Kind of Lily:  
Single \_\_\_\_\_ (\$10)  
Double \_\_\_\_\_ (\$20)  
Triple \_\_\_\_\_ (\$30)

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
(and/or)

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Glade Spring Presbyterian Church  
Joint Stated Session and Deacons' Meeting  
February 12, 2012**

The monthly stated meeting of the Session and Deacons of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held jointly at 5:00pm in the church basement. The following elders, constituting a quorum, were present: Jay Robinson, Rebecca DeBusk, Clark Hutton, Steve Johnston, Sonny Porterfield, Lee Brannon, Michael Colston, James Allison, Sara Hutton Tallman and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Elders Patrick Buchanan, Dirk Wilmoth and Barbara Baldwin were excused. Deacons present were Alice Freeman, Nancy Hagen, Anita Robinson, Susan Henderson, Debra Simpson, Ruth Ann Arington, Mary Kay Stanberry, Betty Jo Tuell, Kay Williams. Deacon Tammy Allison was excused.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order. Sara gave a devotional from the book Grace for the Moment and a offered a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

MOTION: Clark Hutton moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, that the minutes of the called meeting held on the morning of January 8 and the stated meeting also held on January 8 be approved as written. The motion passed.

MOTION: James Allison moved, and Rebecca DeBusk seconded the motion, the minutes of the January 15 congregational be approved as written. The motion passed.

MOTION: Alice Freeman moved, and Debra Simpson seconded the motion, that the minutes of the January 8 stated deacons' meeting be approved as written. The motion passed.

**Financial Report**

Clark Hutton presented a financial report.

**Clerk's Correspondence**

The clerk presented the following correspondence: an application from Hilary Collins and Naomi Simpson for use of the fellowship hall, if the way be clear, for a Bible Study for college students.

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, and Rebecca DeBusk seconded the motion, to approve the

application with the curriculum and study group information to be approved by the minister and the church calendar.

An application from AA for a potluck supper.

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved to approve the application pending an open date, James Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

An application for a Lester family reunion.

MOTION: Sonny moved, and Jay seconded the motion, to approve the Lester application June 23, 2012 for use of the fellowship hall for a family reunion. The motion passed.

A request to dispose of unusable computer equipment.

MOTION: Jay Robinson moved, and Michael Colston seconded the motion, that we dispose of the outdated computer items in an appropriate manner. The motion passed.

**Minute for Minister**

Reverend Bird reported that the membership committee met on February 7 and presented a report.

Sarah Helton has requested transfer of letter from McCall's Gap Presbyterian Church. Isaac Freeman has asked for transfer of letter from Royal Oak Presbyterian Church.

Reverend Bird stated there are two ways of joining the church: a transfer of letter and reaffirmation of faith. Both types require meeting with the session. Profession of faith does require coming before the congregation. People whose names are on the inactive roll need only ask to have their name moved to the active roll.

**Old Business**

Reverend Bird reported on the two types of governance unicameral and bicameral and opened the floor for discussion. He stated that any change to the governance of the church is a congregational decision. After a lengthy discussion, it was decided that the session and deacons will meet jointly every third month. This will be discussed again at a later meeting.

Steve Johnston reported on the goal-setting committee for the session. The three goals they chose to focus on were: make an effort to find ways to increase participation on committees, to do a better job visiting sick members and shut ins and do more spiritual care through Bible study.

Lee Brannon reported that the pastoral goal-setting committee met and discussed setting goals and evaluations.

Clark Hutton reported that the fence joining the cemetery and the Robinson property is in very poor condition. He will consult with the property committee and get new fence posts installed. Cemetery funds may be used for this. Sonny Porterfield and Clark Hutton will review the minutes of the trustee meetings in reference to the cemetery fund prior to the next session meeting.

Damon Lester and Nancy Hagen will facilitate the sale of four lights and the pump organ on E-bay. At the next meeting a dvd will be viewed on using a defibrillator.

### **New Business**

A Commissioner is needed for the March 8 Presbytery meeting at Walnut Grove. Alice Freeman volunteered to represent Old Glade and Jay Henderson will be the alternate. MOTION: Lee Brannon moved to accept these volunteers and James Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

**Property:** Next meeting will be Thursday February 23 at 6pm in the board room. Jay Robinson mentioned that the doors upstairs need to be left open so the HVAC doesn't run constantly. The doors at the fellowship hall and the narthex need to be re-keyed.

**CE:** The next meeting will be March 1 at 6pm.

**Worship:** The committee met January 25. Rebecca DeBusk reported that Shrove Tuesday is February 21 and there will be a pancake supper. The Church will be open for prayer on Ash Wednesday with ashes from last year's palms. Nancy Inazu has created devotions for Ash Wednesday. Communion on Palm Sunday will be by distribution. Communion on Maundy Thursday will be by in tincture.

Our choir join with the choir at Green Springs Presbyterian Church on Good Friday for a cantata. There will be no communion on Easter. The committee is researching new hymnals. The Altar Guild is reviewing guidelines for use of church facilities.

Andy Cumbow would like to go to Montreat for a music workshop. The registration fee is \$400.00. MOTION: Steve Johnston moved, and Lee Brannon seconded the motion, that we pay the registration fee using session funds. The motion passed..

**Personnel:** Lee Brannon reported that the pastoral goal-setting committee will meet February 28 at 5:30pm

**Shepherding:** Debra Simpson will set a meeting date.

**Budget & Finance:** Sonny Porterfield stated that the meeting is scheduled February 21 at 5:30pm before the pancake supper. An audit of the trustees account has been completed thru 11/30/11.

**Outreach:** Sara reported that 15-20 college students will be here March 4<sup>th</sup> through 24<sup>th</sup> to work on the new Habitat for Humanity house in Glade Spring. We will help furnish meals for these students. Tornado assistance continues.

**Deacons:** Alice Freeman is on the task force for Presbytery transition and will present information on this at the next meeting.

Anita Robinson passed around a sign up sheet for assisting with the call to worship.

**Presbyterian Men:** The group had breakfast last Sunday. They purchased a new flag and the tombstone for unusable tombstones is being ordered.

**Presbyterian Women:** No report.

Next meeting: March 4, 2012 at 6:00pm.

MOTION: The clerk moved, and Clark Hutton seconded the motion, to adjourn. The motion passed. Reverend Bird closed the meeting with prayer.

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Sara Hutton Tallman  
Clerk

