

THE BIRD'S NEST

Have you ever thought about the two great truths of the last days of our Lord? First is that of human failure. The failure of the people who did not recognize Him as king and ruler of the heart and soul who welcomed Him with palms to Jerusalem, hoping He would be a warrior king and political savior of the nation Israel. Another failing was that of the religious community to recognize their own hypocrisy and the truth in the words of Christ. We see even the disciples failing to comprehend Christ's mission, power and purpose. Judas goes so far in his disappointment as to betray his master. Peter denies Him. The other disciples scatter upon His arrest!

How like us! We follow in His footsteps but stumble because of the consequences, selfish pride or personal agendas. Instead of standing for His truth, we remain fearful and deliberate in our silence.

Yes, in the last days of Christ's life before the cross, the first truth is we were and are undeserving, frightened, guilty and weak as the people and disciples of that day. But the second truth overcomes the first. God in Christ seeks to save us despite our sin. This is why He sent us a redeemer who knows and loves us with power to cleanse us of our sins thus releasing us from the grasp of guilt.

This is the Good News of the empty tomb, not only that Christ arose, but empowers us to leap the hurdles of life giving us eternal hope in the heavens and peace in our hearts.

Yet it is not enough to be a solitary vessel of this loving Spirit of Christ. We should share His love, His care and His name with all His children in this world. If we do not, we fall short of serving Christ. So, frail and failing as we are, with the Lord's forgiveness and spirit, we can experience, celebrate and share the meaning of Easter every day.

"Even before we knew Him, He loved us. Even while we were still sinners, He died for us. Even as we live today, He watches over us, moment by moment, hour by hour, making us whole." (anonymous)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- 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 – John Robinson
- March 23 – Leigh Ann Copenhagen
- 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 – Abigail Johnston
- 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 13 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson
- April 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wagner

Please save Box Tops for Education and Campbell soup labels for Niz Barker.

Sunday School Update

- February 3 – Church Cancelled Due to Snow**
- February 10 – Attendance 32, Offering \$34.00**
- February 17 – Attendance 18, Offering \$12.00**
- February 24 – Attendance 26, Offering \$25.00**

Confirmation Classes meet on Thursday afternoons at 4:30 p.m.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

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

Board of Deacons – Sunday, March 10th, 5:00 p.m.

Session – Sunday, March 10th, 6:00 p.m.

Circle #3 – Tuesday, March 12th, 2:00 p.m. in fellowship hall.

Abingdon Presbytery Meeting – Thursday, March 14th, at Tazewell Presbyterian Church

Cemetery Clean up – Saturday, March 16th, with raindate of March 23rd.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service – March 28th, at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Joint Service with Green Spring Presbyterian Church – March 29th, at 7:00 p.m. at Old Glade.

Presbyterian Men’s Prayer Breakfast – Sunday, March 31st at 8:00 a.m.

Pennies for Hunger – collected during worship on Sunday, March 31st.

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Sunday, April 7th, during worship.

We warmly welcome our visitors
Michael Stovall
Carla Allen
John and Roxane Bird

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. Our current tally is 137 cans!

Thank You Note – “I wish to thank all the people at the Glade Spring Presbyterian Church for all the kindness and help during the loss of my home. Everyone has been wonderful. The Lord is good. God Bless. Pearlie Holdaway and Gerald”

GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER LIST –

*John Williams
John Robinson
Eleanor Williams
Paul Tuell
Jennifer Thompson
Carrie Lamie (sister of Sarah Helton)
Tim Simpson
Nola Ann Rosenbaum
Darrell Cline
Jewel Osborne
Charles Holliday
Jason Waters (nephew of Alice Porterfield)
Hannah Bolton
Verna Elizabeth Stephenson Schmidt
Margaret Orr
Shirley Overbay
Molly Haynes
Denny Snodgrass (father in law of William Moore)
Raymond DeFriece (uncle of Wayne Moore)
Rachel Crabtree Cocke
Kevin Perrigan
Ruth Sheffield
Jacob Ritchie
Michele Wagner (daughter of Betty and Willis Wagner)
Juanita Baggett
Carolyn Gentry
Eleanor Hutton
Cindy Halsey (sister of Pam Hill)
Kathy Dohman
Gary Wallace
J. G. Lester
Linda Parsons
Anna Marie Smith (granddaughter of Delores Wagner)
Rusty Cline
Dr. Robert Lominack
Daryl Phillips
Ruby Clark
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)*

THE 2013 FLOWER CALENDAR is now being developed. Contributors can remember a loved one or celebrate a special event with a gift of flowers for the church during the upcoming year. Please call church office or Henrietta Umberger.

DO YOU HAVE PICTURES from events at the church?

If so, please get them to Damon Lester to be put on the website. If they are prints, you may give them to Damon or leave in the office. You may email them to Damon at damonmlester@gmail.com or give them to him on a usb/flash drive. He will retrieve the pictures and return it asap. Thanks for your help!!!!

MR. AND MRS. TIMOTHY SIMPSON

REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THE MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER, GWENDALYNNE COSTELLO, TO BRIAN JAMES HARVILLE ON FRIDAY, THE SEVENTEENTH OF MAY, AT SEVEN O'CLOCK, OLD GLADE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, 33234 LEE HIGHWAY, GLADE SPRING, VIRGINIA

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT THE BRISTOL TRAIN STATION.

PLEASE RESPOND BY MARCH 25, 2013 BY EMAIL TO GCSIMPSON229@GMAIL.COM OR BY CALLING DEBRA SIMPSON AT 429-5250.

(invitation posted on bulletin board outside office)

Listed below is a summary of church committees and their responsibilities and duties. We would like to have all participate in the work of a committee. Please know that you do not have to be an "official" member of Old Glade. All those who worship at Old Glade are encouraged to sign up for a committee

RESPONSIBILITIES AND DUTIES OF COMMITTEES

Property

- Maintenance, repairs, supplies
- Oversight of monthly bills in cooperation with Budget and Finance
- Organize clean up days
- Oversee, evaluate and recommend wages for sextons, cemetery maintenance workers

Christian Education

- Sunday School curriculum and operation
- Vacation Bible School
- Bible Studies
- Special services or workshops
- Youth/Nursery

Worship

- Sunday and special services
- Workshops and liturgical services
- Altar committee oversight
- Prayer meetings (when held)
- Communion dates and communion for shut ins
- Works with choir director, organist and choir
- Lay participation

Personnel

- Oversight of clerical and ordained staff
- Policies
- Evaluations
- Salary recommendations
- Hears and mediates complaints from congregation and staff
- HR functions

Shepherding

- Maintain directory
- Cards to sick and shut ins

- Prayer chain – phone and computer
- Meals for sick and grieving
- Track congregational attendance
- Work with groups in church

Budget and Finance

- Monitors financial status
- Investigate best purchase practices
- Oversight of treasurers
- Stewardship promotion

Outreach

- Local, national, international needs
- Support schools
- Ways to network with organizations to help
- Apple butter/fund raisers
- Support local care (food bank/habitat,etc.)
- Emergency needs church and community

Hospitality

- Set up and arrange for meetings and meals
- Purchase food as necessary for events
- Cook, wash, clean following meals

Altar

- Liturgical calendar with paraments
- Communion set up
- Flowers
- Baptism set up
- Easter and Christmas (lilies, poinsettias, Christmas tree, candles, window treatments, etc.

I would like to serve on the following committee(s)

First Choice _____

Second Choice _____

Third Choice _____

Name: _____

Best way to contact me: _____

The monthly stated meeting of the Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in the Allen Clark Board Room on January 13, 2013. The following elders, constitution a quorum, were present: Clark Hutton, Michael Colston, Jay Robinson, Patrick Buchanan, James Allison, Dirk Wilmoth, Lee Brannon, and Reverend Tim Bird, moderator. Sara Hutton Tallman, Clerk, and Irene Ryburn were absent. Anita Robinson represented the Deacons.

Call to Order: Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Election of Clerk Pro Tempore: In the absence of the clerk, James Allison moved, Dirk Wilmoth seconded, that Michael Colston be elected clerk pro tempore. The motion passed.

Devotional: Lee Brannon gave a devotional.

Approval of Minutes: MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, Lee Brannon seconded, that the minutes of the December 2, 2012, meeting be approved as printed. The motion passed.

Election of Treasurers and Clerk: MOTION: James Allison moved, Dirk Wilmoth seconded, that Clark Hutton continue as the Benevolence Treasurer and Lois Buchanan continue as the Current Expenses Treasurer. The motion passed.

MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, James Allison seconded, that Sara Hutton-Tallman be nominated as Clerk of the Session. Lee Brannon moved that nominations cease and Sara be elected by acclamation. The motion passed. Sara Hutton Tallman will serve as Clerk of the Session for the 2013 term.

The session is very appreciative of the work of the treasurers, Clark Hutton and Lois Buchanan and the clerk, Sara Hutton Tallman.

Financial Report: Clark Hutton presented a financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence: Application for use of fellowship hall: *Patrick Henry Cross Country Team (Colleen Buchanan)* – 1/19/13 (5-7 p.m.)

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Dirk Wilmoth seconded, that the application be approved. The application was approved. *Girl Scouts* (Anita Robinson) 2/25/13 (9 a.m. – 6 p.m.) MOTION: Jay Robinson moved, Patrick Buchanan seconded, the application. The application was approved. *Sarah Helton* 6/22/13 (noon – 4 p.m.) MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, James Allison seconded, the application. The application was approved.

The contact sheet for shut-in and sick members will be updated at the February meeting.

Glade Spring Middle School sent a thank you card to the Session and congregation for the hoodies that were purchased for their students.

Minutes for Minister: Rev. Bird will be conducting confirmation classes during Lent with confirmation on Easter Sunday. Officer training with Deacons about theology, polity, and future of our church will be up-coming. Rev.

Bird asked for reactions to the Reaffirmation of Baptism service today. There was an overall positive attitude toward the service and the intercessory prayer format used in last week's service.

Old Business: Bob Stanberry will be chairing the Property Committee. The side door and other repairs will be made in the coming weeks. A list of tasks will be created and volunteers will be recruited to get the tasks done. Patrick Buchanan will check on pricing for guardrail to be placed at the ditch near the parking lot and Highway 11. The Youth will work on the playground during warmer weather with the help of members of the congregation.

New Business: Committee Assignments:
Property-Patrick Buchanan
Christian Education – Jay Robinson
Worship-James Allison, Michael Colston
Personnel – Lee Brannon
Shepherding – Irene Ryburn, Dirk Wilmoth
Budget and Finance – Clark Hutton, Dirk Wilmoth, Lee Brannon
Outreach – Sara Hutton Tallman

Rev. Bird reminded the board to be more intentional about recruiting members of the congregation to the committees of the church.

Devotion and Deacon's Representative Assignment for 2013:
February – Michael Colston
March – Patrick Buchanan
April – Jay Robinson
May – James Allison
June – Irene Ryburn
August – Sara Hutton Tallman
September- Dirk Wilmoth
October – James Allison
November – Clark Hutton
December – Dirk Wilmoth
January, 2014-Lee Brannon

MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, Clark Hutton seconded, to donate the rectangular folding tables in the old fellowship hall to the new Glade Spring Artisan Center. The motion passed.

MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, James Allison seconded, Sarah Bird's certification of church membership to apply for the Euler Memorial Scholarship. The motion passed.

MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, Jay Robinson seconded, that a congregational meeting be set for February 3, 2013, to approve an amendment to terms of call of the minister (salary and benefits). The motion passed.

Committee Reports:
Budget and Finance – no meeting.
Trustees – no meeting. The trustees will give their annual report to the Session at the March meeting.
Worship – no meeting – a schedule for communion was distributed:
February 2 – in tincture
March 28 (Maundy Thursday)– in tincture

April 7 – distribution
June 2 – in tincture
August 4 – distribution
October 6 (Worldwide Communion) – in tincture
December 1 – distribution
December 24 (Christmas Eve) 7 and 11 p.m. – in tincture

Personnel – no meeting- goal setting will take place for Rev. Bird with suggestions from the Session and Rev. Bird. The Session will also set goals for itself. The Personnel committee will meet on January 29 at 5:30 p.m.

Outreach – the committee is challenging the church to collect 2,013 cans of soup for the food bank. The Youth will be collecting donations during the worship service on February 3 to support “Souper” Bowl Sunday. The money will support the local food bank.

Property – Bob Stanberry will chair the property committee.

Christian Education – no meeting
Shepherding – no meeting
Membership – no meeting
Presbyterian Men – no meeting. Presbyterian Men will be meeting on January 30.
Presbyterian Women – no meeting.

Deacons Report: A deacon will be assigned to a month to supervise the ushers. The Session will need to assist with supervision or the deacons will need to double up on some months. Kay Williams will coordinate the ushers. A booklet of procedures will be created to share with ushers.

Next Meeting – February 10, 2013 at 5:00 p.m. in the old fellowship hall – joint meeting with Deacons.

Adjournment: MOTION: James Allison moved, Michael Colston seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Dirk Wilmoth closed the meeting with prayer.