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THE BIRD'S NEST

We all live with an uncertain future, at times filled with hopelessness, anxiety and suspicion. Yet for those who know they are held in the caring hands of God, there should be no other sense than one of blessed relief. It comes from the realization that it is the Lord who has the victory and gives us the victory through Christ.

I want to take a moment of your time to say "Praise God!" Praise God for the mercy He shows for people like you and me! People who should find their meaning not in the temporary things of life, but in the eternal love of our Lord.

As the sun slowly rises in the morning bringing warmth from its rays of light to all growing things, especially appreciated after the recent winter, may the love of Christ so strike your heart. In these dangerous times where victories flee on the wings of newsprint and the failures and anxieties of life still remain, it is important that Easter be lived, not simply celebrated. It reminds us, and in so doing assures us, of the goodness of life. That God came to earth to live among us and die for us, allows us to face the future with confidence, not resignation. Our lot is cast not with worldly gods which corrupt and enslave, but with our Savior who provides liberty. The cross is a sign of conquest over death. It is a sign of eternal freedom from our sins and failures.

During this most sacred of seasons, it is important to shout Hallelujah! Praise be to God. If there are troubles and sickness in your life or in the lives of those to whom you are close, may the special blessing of our risen Lord lift the weight of such burdens.

So in closing I want to say thank God for the light of Christ Jesus in times of darkness and the salvation he has purchased for each of us. Thank God for His church which spreads the Good News of Easter around the world and especially thank God for you and your faith.

"For I am convinced that neither death, no life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." (Romans 8:38-39)

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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 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 – 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 24 – Mr. and Mrs. Don Wills
April 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wagner

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

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.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Officers' Retreat – Saturday, March 29th, at 9:00 in fellowship hall.

Ordination and Installation of Jeane Hutton to Board of Deacons on Sunday, March 30th, during worship.

Pennies for Hunger – collected during worship on Sunday, March 30th.

Shepherding Committee – following worship on Sunday, March 30th.

Men's Breakfast Meeting – Sunday, April 6th at 8:00 a.m.

Circle Number 2 – Friday, April 4th, at 2:00 p.m.

Cemetery Clean up – Saturday, April 5th; Rain date April 12th.

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Sunday, April 6th.

Food Bank – Monday, April 7th – 9:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday, April 8th – 4:30 – 7:00 p.m.; Friday, April 11th, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, April 8th, at 2:00 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service – Thursday, March 17th, at 7:00 p.m.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 19th, at 2:00 p.m. Donations of candy- filled plastic eggs may be left in the office.

Easter Community Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 20th, at 7:00 at Glade Spring Presbyterian Church with breakfast to follow.

Abingdon Presbytery Spring Gathering – Saturday, April 26th, at Central Presbyterian Church in Bristol.

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.

Graduation time is coming soon. Please write the name of any graduate from our church on the bulletin board by the office by the last Sunday in April.

Easter Egg Hunt will be at 2:00 on April 19th. If anyone would like to donate candy-filled plastic eggs, we would greatly appreciate it. Please leave them in the church office or in the narthex. Contact Colleen Buchanan at 451-8534 if you have questions.

Officer Retreat will be held on Saturday, March 29th, beginning at 9:00 a.m. in the fellowship hall, led by Rev. Kevin Campbell and Rev. Bird

*We warmly welcome our visitors
LeAnne and Reed Crabtree
Bill Linderman
Kayleigh Addison
Jen Crisp
Todd and Samantha Rosenbaum*

Sunday School Report

February 2 – Attendance 23 – Offering \$30
February 9 – Attendance 28 – Officer \$18.88
February 16 – No Sunday School -snow
February 23 – Attendance 26 – Offering \$30.00

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.

FAITH IN ACTION FOOD BANK – Our week to work is Monday, April 7th, from 9:30 – 1:00 p.m.; Tuesday April 8th, from 4:30-7:00 p.m.; Friday, April 11th, from 9:30 – 1:00.

GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST –

*Lindsay Surber (niece of Tammy Allison)
Seth Gentry
Zac Gentry
Elizabeth Osborne
Chris Osborne
Jewel Osborne
Brenda Street
Sara Beth and Polly Heffinger
John Worley
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
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 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)*

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.

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 February 9, 2014. The following elders, constituting a quorum, were present: Clark Hutton, Michael Colston, Irene (Bobbi) Ryburn, Patrick Buchanan, Lee Brannon, Pam Hill, Jay Henderson, Isaac Freeman, and Reverend Tim Bird, moderator. Dirk Wilmoth was absent. Anita Robinson represented the Deacons.

Call to Order

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Devotional

Jay Henderson gave a devotional on 1 Peter 5:1.

Presentations

Glory Cumbow met with the Session to explain her feeling of call to ministry and asked for the Session's blessing. She has applied to Columbia University Seminary.

MOTION: Jay Henderson moved, Pam Hill seconded, that the Session endorse Glory Cumbow as part of her application process to Columbia University Seminary. The motion passed unanimously.

Henrietta Umberger gave a presentation concerning the development of a banner for the church.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Pam Hill moved, Bobbi Ryburn seconded, that the minutes of the stated meeting on January 5, 2014, the called meeting on January 19, 2014 and the congregational meeting on January 26, 2014 be approved as printed. The motion passed.

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
February 27, 2014 (all day)—Anita Robinson—Girl Scouts for Cookie Delivery
March 8, 2014—Pam Ellis—80th birthday party reception for Sue Campbell
April 5, 2014—Samantha Rosenbaum—Baby shower

The Contact Sheet for Shut-In and Sick Members was updated at for the month of January meeting.

Minute for Minister

Pastor Bird discussed plans for an officer retreat to be held on March 29, 2014 from 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall. A stipend of \$600 will be given to Kevin Campbell from the Session's Fund.

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Pam Hill seconded, that Kevin Campbell be paid \$600 from the Session's Fund for the officer retreat. The motion passed.

Pastor Bird will leave on February 26 and will return on March 11, 2014. Family and friends are sending Tim and Ann to Hawaii to celebrate their 30th wedding anniversary.

Old Business

Waxing of the floors in the educational building will take place soon. There have been scheduling conflicts due to inclement weather.

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

Patrick Buchanan has programmed the thermostats in the educational building to cut down on operating costs.

New Business

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Jay Henderson seconded, to purchase a battery and child and

adult pads for defibrillator with monies to come from the Session's Fund. The motion passed.

A notification system for the nursery was discussed. It would be used to warn if there happened to be an emergency in the nursery. Pastor Bird contacted Sinking Springs Presbyterian and Green Springs. They do not have a system in their nursery; however, they do notify someone in the congregation to help. The Christian Education Committee will bring recommendations back to the Session.

MOTION: Patrick Buchanan moved, Bobbi Ryburn seconded, to give \$2,500 to outreach committee from Session's Fund. The motion passed.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: no meeting

Trustees: no meeting

Worship:

MOTION: The worship committee moved that a banner be created for use in services with funds coming from memorial funds not to exceed \$1,750. The motion passed.

Preparations are underway for the Lenten and Easter seasons. Shrove Tuesday pancake supper on March 4th. Ash Wednesday will be held on March 5th. The church will be open from 8 a.m. to 8 p.m. for personal meditation.

Presbyterian Heritage Day will be celebrated on May 25th.

MOTION: The worship committee moved that we host the community sunrise service with a breakfast following. The motion passed.

MOTION: The worship committee moved that we offer our church for the Patrick Henry Baccalaureate Service in May 2014. The motion passed.

Personnel: Gene Norris will be mowing the cemetery again this year.

Outreach: no meeting

Property: The doors on the front of the sanctuary and educational building will be repaired when the weather cooperates.

Christian Education: no meeting

Shepherding: Susan Johnston will serve as the food coordinator for this year.

Motion: To allocate up to \$350 from Session's Fund to print 100 copies of the new church directory. The motion passed.

Blue Sky: no meeting

Presbyterian Men: no business to report—will be cooking for Shrove Tuesday pancake dinner

Presbyterian Women: Finished up PW yearly report; large donation for Mary's Lunch Box.

Deacon's Report:

- need to put an announcement in the bulletin about our nursery and install some signs directing people to the nursery
- provide first-aid training for nursery attendants (CE will work out details)
- ushers will come down to collect offering when offertory begins

Next Meeting

Joint meeting March 16th at 5:00 p.m. in the old fellowship hall

Adjournment

MOTION: Jay Henderson moved, Patrick Buchanan seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed. Michael Colston closed the meeting with prayer.

Respectfully submitted,

S. Michael Colston
Clerk