

THE BIRD'S NEST

If someone asked you what makes you most afraid, what would your response be? For many students in our nation, the reply would be “unable to find a job”. Others, relating to phobias, would respond rejection, flying, heights, obesity or many others which are frequent topics on talk shows or addressed by volumes of self-help books. Of all of these, perhaps the most common of all, for all must face it, is that of death. The end of life, although inevitable, gives us pause and problems when confronting this ever-present reality. Yet death, in our Saviour, is a part of life and a door way to life eternal. It can give life meaning and purpose, making it valuable and even, at times, exciting. So it depends on us as to whether the valley of the shadow enriches and enhances life through faith – or drains, complicates and compromises it with dread.

Death can also mean something even more sinister. Being dead can refer to one who has lost liveliness while still walking upon the roads of this existence. We can become “dead” by apathy or fear. It is all too easy to lose a sense of wonder and meaning among the routines, trials, and traumas that eventually touch everyone’s time on this planet.

Is there a solution for those who are “dead” before they even die? Is there a way out of the tombs of attitudes that repress and depress? Yes! There is the life-giving and exhilarating Holy Spirit of our Lord. When the soul is open to Christ, life becomes not confined to minutes, but allotted to a valuable place in HIS-STORY. We become enthusiastically alive with love for HIM and with a love for each other. The fears that fence our being into numbness fade through faith in Christ’ love.

This transition from being dead to coming alive is known in the scriptures as resurrection. It is an opportunity to rise from the ashes of the old into being and feeling on fire again. But such resurrections can only occur when we give up the secure bounds of the graves in which we have buried ourselves by holding onto things, prejudices and selfish needs and rise to a willingness to devote our time and energies to serving Christ by serving others. Beloved, the only true way to find new life comes from being humble, dependent on God, and open to others. In this way, individually and together, we will live and grow energetically with enthusiasm inspired and filled with the Holy Spirit.

“Truly, truly, I say to you, the hour is coming, and now is, when the dead will hear the voice of the Son of God, and those who hear will live.” John 5:25

Tim

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church
P. O. Box 336
Glade Spring, VA 24340
Website Address: www.oldgladepresbyterian.org

Rev. Timothy E. Bird, Pastor
pastor@oldgladepresbyterian.org
Phone Number 276-429-5731

HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

May 1 – Leslie Peterson
May 2 – Alison Blevins Hubbard
May 3 – Lee Brannon
May 12 – Darrell Cline
May 13 – Chloe Potter
May 19 – Mindy Miller
May 20 – Tim Bird
May 21 – Lucy Alexander
May 22 – Betty Stovall
May 22 – Kelsey Ann Capparelli
May 23 – Daniel Cline
May 24 – Josh Shaffer
May 25 – Colleen Buchanan
May 25 – Ann Bird
May 27 – Ruth Ann Arington
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

ANNIVERSARIES

May 3 – Mr. and Mrs. Eric Fleenor
May 16 – Mr. and Mrs. Richie Thomas
May 24 – Mr. and Mrs. Tom Hill
May 26 – Mr. and Mrs. Ron Tallman
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

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

Sunday School Update

April 1 – Attendance 29, Offering \$23.10
April 8 – Attendance 20, Offering \$23.00
April 15 – Attendance 30, Offering \$37.00
April 22 – Attendance 32, Offering \$30.35
April 29 – Attendance 26, Offering \$26.00

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 June 3.

We warmly welcome our visitors

Amanda and Ally Crosswhite

Suzie Martin

Kay Petty Carter

Sam McCauley

William and Tricia Moore

Becky Selfe

Sue and Dick Comey

Melissa Ferguson

Blanche Nichols

Merrick Mullins

Fred McCauley

Blake Muncy

Lucas Rector

Rebecca Danay

Morgan O'Quinn

Gene Copenhaver

Tomma and Kevin Thomas

Jeff Weaver

Chrisann Tipton

Caitlin Bare

Kasey Uecker

Meagan Lester

Jaymee Copenhaver

Amanda Scammell

Eva ad Cierra Yarber

Brett Johnson

Mary Jane Halsey

Peter and Margaret Beattie

Kelsey Capparelli

Ben Scarboro

Rick and Kathy Hutton and family

Brian Harville

Brad Pippin

Corey Henson

Vacation Bible School – June 25th – 29th 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 them or the church office.

New Presbyterian Hymnal: Hymn List Official Release

As you may or may not know, Presbyterian Association of Musicians (PAM) has been feverishly working on a new Presbyterian hymnal over the last few years. The goal of this hymnal was to replace the blue 1990 hymnal which had its share of problems. These problems include: Peculiar placements of hymns, removal of favorite traditional hymns, and a large section of "Service Music" which were rarely used. The goal of this new hymnal, scheduled to be released in 2013, was to fix these issues, as well as introduce a few new hymns to reflect the Presbyterian church today. Despite this, the hymnal is still over 75% traditional hymns, reflecting the culture of the church at large. With this goal in mind, the new hymnal is named, "Glory to God" and will be available in both red and purple. PAM has now officially released the entire hymnal, in the order it will be printed in. This is the final draft of the hymnal. No changes will be made. We can now see for ourselves which of our favorite hymns, tunes, and arrangers are included, as well as see some of the newer titles. For those who are interested in viewing this list, simply go to the following web-page:

<http://www.presbyterianhymnal.org/sneakpeek.html>

Thank you all for reading this small article. I look forward to seeing you all again Sunday mornings!

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to

Mrs. Ina Stephenson Marbury and family upon the death of Ralph Marbury

Mrs. Pat Hatfield and family upon the death of her mother-in-law, Mrs. Pauline Hatfield

Mrs. Tammy Allison and family upon the death of her mother, Mrs. Mabel Martin

The family and friends of Mr. James C. Norris

The family and friends of Mrs. Anna Frances Wyatt

Shannon Simpson, Peggy Wright and Barbara Henderson upon the death of their cousin, Rev. Stan McCready.

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

Tammy Allison and family would like to thank the church family at Old Glade for the cards, food, words of support and especially your prayers at the passing of her mother.

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 2 – Friday, May 4th, at 2:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall.

Circle Number 4 – Monday, May 14th, at 6:00 p.m.

Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, May 8th, at 2:00 at the fellowship hall.

Baccalaureate Service for Patrick Henry High School – Sunday, May 20th, at 2:00 with reception following.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfast – Sunday, May 27th at 8:00 a.m.

Intergenerational Sunday School – Sunday, June 3rd, at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Deacons – Sunday June 3rd, at 5:00 p.m.

Session – Sunday, June 3rd, at 6:00 p.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 or 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.

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.

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRAYER LIST –**

*Carolyn Gentry
Eleanor Hutton
Cindy Halsey (sister of Pam Hill)
Beverly Walton (niece of Barbara Baldwin)
Kristy Herndon
Willis Wagner
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)
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*

The monthly stated meeting (for April) of the Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. on March 25, 2012 in the Clark Board Room. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Patrick Buchanan, James Allison, Steve Johnston, Dirk Wilmoth, Michael Colston, Rebecca DeBusk, Sara Hutton Tallman and Rev. Tim Bird, Moderator. Elders Jay Robinson, Clark Hutton, Sonny Porterfield, Lee Brannon and Barbara Baldwin were excused.

Rev. Bird called the meeting to order. James Allison gave a devotional based on Deuteronomy 31:8 from the religion column in the Bristol Herald Courier written by Rev. Dan Birchfield and then offered a prayer.

Approval of Minutes – Motion: James Allison moved, and Steve Johnston seconded the motion, that the minutes of the stated meeting on March 4 be approved as amended to add Dirk Wilmoth's name to the list of those conducting the finance audit. The motion passed.

Financial Report – Rev. Bird presented an abbreviated financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence – The Presbyterian Women are asking to move their account from Bank of Virginia to Highlands Union Bank. Motion: Dirk Wilmoth moved, and Michael Colston seconded the motion, to approve the request. The motion passed.

Minute for Minister – Rev. Bird reported that Presbytery met March 8, 2012 at Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church. They celebrated the ministry of Phyllis Canter who is retiring as hunger enabler, but will continue to work in this ministry.

Old Business – Patrick Buchanan reported that the repair of cemetery fence posts is ongoing. The wire is in very poor condition. Motion: Dirk Wilmoth moved, and Patrick Buchanan seconded the motion, that the fence be replaced. The funds will be taken from the cemetery square fund. The motion passed.

Patrick reported that on the cemetery clean up day illegible tombstones were buried and will be marked with a tombstone. The Clerk reported that Jay Henderson will review tombstones and placement of stones in disrepair.

New Business – The deacons are planning to recruit an usher team. Discussion about the proposed document to be used in pastoral goal-setting will be tabled until the next meeting. The goal-setting committee for the session will meet again in the coming weeks.

Committee Reports:

Property: No meeting. The front doors at church have been stained so both sets of doors match. The locks on the doors at the fellowship hall are not keyed the same.

CE: The committee met and Rebecca Buchanan and Colleen Buchanan will direct Vacation Bible School. Tim will teach an adult class during this week.

Worship: The committee will meet April 25th at 6:00 p.m. Full communion will be served on Palm Sunday. Communion will be served by intincture at the Maundy Thursday Service.

Personnel: No meeting.

Shepherding: No meeting.

Budget and Finance: No meeting.

Outreach: The committee and many church members have worked to provide meals to groups of college students who were working on a Habitat house. The committee provided a refrigerator for a disabled person in need, and will contribute toward the construction of a home for a tornado victim. Rev. Bird has talked to licensed counselors about follow-up counseling for tornado victims and recovery workers. Next meeting: Wednesday, March 28th.

Membership: The committee will meet on April 17th, at 6:00 p.m.

Deacons: No report.

Presbyterian Men: Enjoyed breakfast this morning.

Presbyterian Women: No report. The spring gathering is soon.

Next meeting: May 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. jointly with the deacons. **Motion:** Michael Colston moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, to adjourn. The motion passed. Rev. Bird closed the meeting with prayer.