

## THE BIRD'S NEST

***“So, have no fear.....”***

**So begins the passage of scripture in Matthew 10:26-31. The words could be understood to be just an empty slogan considering what Jesus had just laid out as the consequences of being his followers in a hostile climate. The words are dire, as they outline a time of cultural chaos. In spite of the time being historically described as a time of “Roman Peace”, the seeds of violence and collapse have taken root in Hebrew society. They have also taken root in Rome across the Mediterranean, due to corruption in the senate and the approach of conquering Barbarians from the East.**

**Yet, in this quiet moment before the storm, Jesus reassures, comforts and offers encouragement to the disciples. First, He repeats “fear not” three times. Each time Christ follows with an affirmation. God’s purposes are being revealed; God is in control of the future; and God controls the present. Later, Christ personally promises He will be there for His disciples always and in all ways. The centuries following will see this tiny sect of Hebrew followers flourish and grow, becoming the dominant faith of the Mediterranean.**

**Today we, who call Christ Lord, need to hear these reassuring words “Fear Not”. For in our day and time, we see eruptions of cultural and societal change as most of the stable and firm beliefs of the mid-twentieth century have been under siege in recent decades. The religious, political and economic norms we have lived by are in dramatic transition.**

**This is even more true during the time of national elections. Candidates from all sides, seeking victory, predict tragic outcomes for us and our nation if we fail to elect them. In the debates, oratorical banter, campaign ads, and, yes, those irritating phone messages left on answering machines, one would believe that if we fail to elect the right person, we are doomed to a catastrophic future. Fear and smear, along with half and whole truths, lead us to believe, if not careful, that our fate lies in human not divine providence. It is important for us to exercise our civic duty thoughtfully and carefully, but also with the recognition of who ultimately is in charge.**

**Friends, let us heed more intentionally than ever before the words that bring Matthew 10:26-31 to a close, *“So don’t be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows”* to our Lord and Savior God.**

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

October 3 – Eleanor Hutton  
October 4 – Isaac Freeman  
October 4 – Scott R. Simpson  
October 5 – Betty Jo Tuell  
October 8 – Catie Robinson  
October 8 – Rebecca Buchanan  
October 9 – Sarah Buchanan  
October 10 – Frank Buchanan  
October 22 – Kathryn Beattie  
October 24 – Willis Wagner  
October 24 – William Moore  
October 25 – Travis Hill  
October 31 – Will Johnston  
November 1 – Kim Gretz  
November 1 – Nancy Kiser  
November 3 – Myrtle Ann Buchanan  
November 5 – Sara Hutton Tallman  
November 7 – Shannon Gentry Brown  
November 9 – Shannon Rogers Simpson  
November 12 – Amber Hardy  
November 13 – Jeff Buchanan  
November 17 – Edward Reames  
November 17 – James C. Smith  
November 18 – James Allison  
November 18 – Will Hutton  
November 19 – Margaret Orr  
November 19 – Lisa Green  
November 20 – Mary Lominack  
November 22 – Trish Capparelli  
November 22 – William Naylor  
November 27 – A. J. Henderson  
November 29 – Lonnie Wallace

**ANNIVERSARIES**

October 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gentry  
October 21 – Mr. and Mrs. Stan Williams  
October 25 – Mr. and Mrs. David Potter  
November 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blevins  
November 23 – Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McNeil  
November 25 – Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson  
November 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Williams

**We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Willis and Betty Wagner and their family upon the death of their son, Larry Wagner, on October 1<sup>st</sup>. Please remember the Wagner family in your prayers.**

**Sunday School Update**

**September 2, Attendance 20, Offering \$13.00**  
**September 9, Attendance 18, Offering \$12.00**  
**September 16, Attendance 26, Offering \$23.00**  
**September 23, Attendance 24, Offering \$26.00**  
**September 30, Attendance 25, Offering \$23.00**

*We warmly welcome our visitors*  
*Glenn and Vicki Myers*  
*Tyler and Kolby Jackson*  
*Lea Combs*  
*Gary Rush*  
*Travis and Jessica Hill*  
*Amanda and Ally Crosswhite*  
*Rev. Betsy Alden*  
*Rev. Mark Rutledge*  
*Joel Schlosser*  
*Sarah Trent*  
*Mike and Judy*  
*Osborne*  
*Donna, Michael, Anna and Ben Smith*  
*Trish and Michael Capparelli*  
*Mary Beitzel*  
*Marjorie Byrd*  
*Jesse and Jill Wilmoth*  
*Kelsey Espinosa*  
*Raymond Shuler*

**We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Alice Maebelle Smith who joined her Lord. Please remember her family and friends in your thoughts and prayers in the upcoming days.**

**Congratulations to the following couples who were united in holy matrimony during the month of September:**

*Jessica Ball*  
*And*  
*Joel Chance*  
*September 29, 2012*

*Mary Kincheloe*  
*And*  
*Nelson Freeman*  
*September 22, 2012*

*Amanda Bird*  
*And*  
*Blake Blevins*  
*September 8, 2012*

*Abby Johnston*  
*And*  
*David Aiello*  
*September 1, 2012*

*Please remember these couples in your prayers as they begin their life together.*

**APPLE BUTTER MAKING** is scheduled for Thursday, Friday and Saturday, October 11<sup>th</sup>, 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We will peel apples on Thursday and Friday and run them through food processor. We will cook and can apple butter on Saturday. Please come out to help as you are able. Any and all help will be greatly appreciated. Remember "Many hands make light work."

**MEETINGS AND EVENTS**

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

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

**Circle Number 2**- Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00

**Circle Number 4** – Monday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00

**Circle Number 3** – Tuesday, October 9<sup>th</sup>, at 5:30 p.m. Please bring a sandwich. Beverage and dessert will be furnished.

**Youth Sunday** – Sunday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Youth from Old Glade and Meadowview United Methodist will lead worship.

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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**EFFECTIVE OCTOBER 15<sup>TH</sup>**, the alarm system for the church will be activated. The following rooms are under the alarm system: office, pastor's study, parlor and choir room. Before entering these four rooms, you need to unlock office and enter code which will disarm the alarm. Then you may retrieve the key on the inside of the cabinet door and open rooms as needed. Should you need further instruction, please speak with Ann.

*Congratulations to Ricky and Shannon Gentry Brown and big sister, Lexi, who welcomed Landon Edward Brown into their family on September 7<sup>th</sup>. Landon weight 8 lbs, 4.4 oz and was 21 inches long. Proud grandparents are Keith and Tina Gentry and Rick and Freda Brown and proud great grandmother is Carolyn Gentry.*

**Updated Addresses:**

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**OUR 240<sup>TH</sup> HOMECOMING CELEBRATION** was held on September 29<sup>th</sup> and September 30<sup>th</sup>. On Saturday night, all enjoyed barbeque and the fixings. On Sunday morning we worshipped together with the sermon delivered by our guest minister, Rev. Susanne Martin. Following the service, we all gathered in fellowship hall for a covered dish luncheon. Please remember that homecoming is held the last weekend in September each year.

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**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH  
PRAYER LIST –**

*Molly Haynes*  
*Jane Martin (mother of Jeane Hutton)*  
*Burke Taylor (aunt of Jeane Hutton)*  
*Denny Snodgrass (father in law of William Moore)*  
*Raymond DeFriece (uncle of Wayne Moore)*  
*Della Gregory (neighbor of Sarah Helton)*  
*Rachel Crabtree Cocke*  
*Ellen Bell Campbell*  
*Kevin Perrigan*  
*John Robinson*  
*John and Ruth Sheffield*  
*Michele Wagner (daughter of Betty and Willis Wagner)*  
*Christine Wallace*  
*Mabel Tuell*  
*Wayne Moore*  
*April Breeding*  
*Juanita Baggett*  
*Carolyn Gentry*  
*Eleanor Hutton*  
*Cindy Halsey (sister of Pam Hill)*  
*Beverly Walton (niece of Barbara Baldwin)*  
*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*  
*Paul Tuell*  
*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*

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting

Sunday, September 9, 2012

6:00pm

The monthly stated meeting of the Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00pm in the board room. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Lee Brannon, Jay Robinson, James Allison, Rebecca DeBusk, Steve Johnston, Dirk Wilmoth, Patrick Buchanan, Clark Hutton, Michael Colston, Sara Hutton Tallman and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Mary Kay Stanberry represented the deacons. Reverend Bird called the meeting to order. Dirk Wilmoth gave a devotional from *These Days* and the book of I Corinthians and offered a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, and Clark Hutton seconded the motion, that the minutes of the stated meeting on August 5, 2012 be amended to say that only Jay Robinson or James S. Hutton should be granted access to accounts and be authorized to sign checks on all Old Glade trustee accounts at First Bank and Trust and to say that the names of all previous trustees should be purged from the accounts. The motion passed.

MOTION: Jay Robinson moved, and Rebecca DeBusk seconded the motion, to approve the minutes of the September 9 called congregational meeting as amended to add the names of those nominated as officers.

Financial Report

Clark Hutton presented a financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence

The clerk presented the following correspondence: A request from Jeane Hutton to borrow the tables from the church basement on September 28 and 29.

MOTION: James Allison moved, and Steve Johnston seconded the motion, to approve the request. The motion passed.

A request from Jeane Hutton to use the picnic shelter on September 20 for a Curves group picnic.

MOTION: Clark Hutton moved, and Rebecca DeBusk seconded the motion, to approve the request. The motion passed.

A letter from Presbyterian Disaster Assistance requesting assistance for Syrian refugees.

A letter from Reverend Kevin Campbell detailing new policies working toward becoming a "paperless" Presbytery.

A letter from Reverend Kevin Campbell announcing the upcoming called Presbytery meeting on September 13.

### Minute for Minister

Reverend Bird reported that the Glade Area Ministerial Association met last week with ten churches participating. The community Thanksgiving Eve service will be held again this year. The paving of the parking lots will be postponed until next Monday. A fence for the parking area was discussed and Patrick will get more ideas to present at the next meeting. The Bible study held in August had 25-30 in attendance each night. Another Bible study will be planned for the spring.

### Old Business

Presbytery will meet here on September 13.

### New Business

#### Committee Reports

##### Budget & Finance:

Jay Robinson reported on the trustee accounts. The clerk moved, and Clark Hutton seconded the motion, that we grant Sarah Bird \$2000.00 for her tuition and living expenses to be taken from the session fund and that we revisit this issue mid-year if there is a financial need. The motion passed.

##### Worship:

No meeting.

Rebecca reported that first Sunday in October is Worldwide Communion Sunday. Communion will be served by intinction. James, Dirk, Lee will serve.

##### Personnel:

Steve Johnston moved, from the committee, that Hayley Williams be hired as the new nursery attendant. The motion passed.

##### Outreach:

The clerk reported that there has been a 12% increase in the number of children served at the food pantry at Ecumenical Faith In Action. The date for making apple butter is October 13.

##### Deacons:

Mary Kay reported they discussed: playground reconstruction; ushers will light the candles while Michael plays before worship; meeting the needs of college students who are away; the exterior door outside the office will be locked during worship and ushers will check on the nursery during worship.

##### Property:

See paving report above.

##### CE:

They will meet before next session meeting.

##### Shepherding:

No meeting.

##### Presbyterian Men:

They had good fellowship at breakfast. Lee Brannon provided new flags for the cemetery.

##### Presbyterian Women:

new materials highlighting I Peter, James and the three letters to John and Jude. Circle meetings will begin this week.

Next meeting: October 7, 2012 at 5:00pm. This will be a joint meeting with deacons.

James Allison closed the meeting with prayer.

### PARKING LOT

*Now that the parking lot paving is completed, the session is getting professionals to line out a parking plan and submit to the session for its approval.*

YOUTH SUNDAY - *The youth from Old Glade and Meadowview Methodist will be leading worship on Sunday, October 21<sup>ST</sup> in our sanctuary. Following worship, the congregations are invited to a pot luck lunch in our fellowship hall. Bring your favorite dish to share.*

### PLAYGROUND AREA

*The Session allocated \$3,000 for construction of a new playground area. The youth will be working on this in November. If you would like to help, please contact David Bevins.*

### Anonymous:

*Is anybody happier because you passed his way?  
Does anyone remember that you spoke to him today?*

*Can you say tonight, in parting with the day that's slipping fast,*

*That you have helped a single brother of the many that you passed?*

*Is a single heart rejoicing over what you did or said?*

*Does the man whose hopes were fading now with courage look ahead?*

*Did you leave a trail of kindness, or a scar of discontent?*

*As you close your eyes in slumber, do you think that God will say,*

*"You have earned one more tomorrow by the work you did today?"*

Intergenerational Sunday School *will resume meeting next year. The Christian Education Committee will obtain discussion leaders for classes and also look into new curriculum for this monthly meeting.*