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THE BIRD'S NEST

A friend recently celebrated the birth of his first child. As most new fathers do, he shared many photos of the new addition with all. This brought to mind the joy the birth of a child brings to us. We, as parents, are the players, but the author and director to whom the real credit belongs is our God. The Lord created, sustained, nurtured, breathed life into and provided a spirit for the newborn throughout the birthing process and through baptism continues to watch over this child of the covenant. We should prayerfully praise God, remembering to place our faith in the one who blessed us all with life and promises, "Lo I will be with my children always and always".

In the past years, God in Christ has created and directed wonderful things for His church of Old Glade. We have a new mission/fellowship hall to meet the needs of the church and community. We not only withstood weather disasters but became a relief center. We have witnessed our youth group grow both in number and spirit. We could, of course, like proud parents take credit for the accomplishments of our wonderful congregation. Some may wonder how long we can keep it up with challenges that could threaten us in the future. Instead I would hope we would take a lesson from that prideful father and give God the honor and glory. Not just thanksgiving for what he has done, but faithful confidence in what he has in store for us in his kingdom and in this church in years to come, if we will respond in kind.

Beloved sisters and brothers in Christ, let us resolve in our prayers and in our life together to follow Christ's spirit and have it work through us. We have seen many of our saints who have directed and moved our church having been led by that Spirit who have now returned to the church triumphant. But that only leaves us more responsibility and opportunity to move forward with the power of our Lord guiding, directing and creating what we can do as His church.

In the upcoming months, let us give first our ardent prayers for God's guidance as well as our time, our cooperation and love as we seek the way of our Lord as his pilgrim children. Let us not allow the small things (majoring in the minors) that might divide or hurt make us stumble. Instead let us rely on faith, looking to how our Lord can use us now and in the future. Already we have the Blue Sky Group looking toward new ministries and opportunities for mission and worship. There is the beginning of a young adult group gathering, discussion of ways we can serve the college community of Emory and Henry, and new ecumenical mission projects for the homeless and transient in Glade Spring. We have new energy in our worship services with the new hymnal and using new liturgical ways of involving the congregation in worship. But these are just the beginning. We need you to be a part of what our heavenly Father has in store for Old Glade in the years ahead.

In praise and thanksgiving for all of you! Tim

"You are the light of the world. Let your light shine before others so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven."

(Matthew 5:14a-16b)

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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

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.

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

Lydia’s Connection – Wednesday evenings at 6:30

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

Breakfast on October 13th at 9:30 in fellowship hall. Please join us for food and fellowship prior to morning worship.

Youth Sunday – October 13th our youth will lead worship.

Blue Sky Committee – Wednesday, October 16th, at 5:30 p.m.

Memorial service for Dr. Lominack on Sunday, October 20th at 2:00 at Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church.

Circle Number 4 – Monday, October 28th at 6:00

Pennies for Hunger – collected during worship on Sunday, October 27th.

Men’s Breakfast Meeting – Sunday, November 3rd, at 8:00

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

Session – Sunday, November 3rd, at 6:00 p.m.

Abingdon Presbytery meeting – Thursday, November 14th, at Green Spring Presbyterian Church.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 27th, at 7:00 at Glade Spring Baptist Church.

We warmly welcome our visitors

Jim and Susan Scott

Sabine, Christof and Julie Neumann

Adrienne Griggs

Meagan Lester

Edna Dragoo

Leah Buchholz

Catherine, Loren and Robin Grossman

Atwood and Mary Ann Huff

Glenn and Vicki Myers

Jim and Pres Stanley

Kelsey Capparelli

Angela and Kevin Campbell

Travis & Jessica Hill, Noah, Tuck, Rylee, Eli

Kelly and Kenley Hill

Jeannette Kellogg

Rebecca McGhee

Maggie Kleinot

Missy Williams

Michael Stovall

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH PRAYER LIST –**

Charlotte Callahan Counts

*David Blankenbeckler (brother of Donna
Hutton)*

*Matthew Martin (nephew of Tammy Allison
being deployed to Afghanistan)*

Brenda Street

Sara Beth and Polly Heffinger

John Worley

Page Umberger

Ann Turner Glenn

Rev. Jerry Williams

*Bob and Carol Creasy (Tina Gentry's
parents)*

Fay Brown

Bob Green (father of Lisa Green)

Jim Smith

Johnny Williams (friend of the Lester girls)

Robin Sweat

Alice Porterfield

Eleanor Hutton

John Robinson

Jeff Sweat

Daryl Henegar

Jennifer Thompson

Carrie Lamie (sister of Sarah Helton)

Nola Ann Rosenbaum

Jewel Osborne

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

J. G. Lester

Linda Parsons

*Anna Marie Smith (granddaughter of
Delores Wagner)*

Daryl Phillips

Bea Mason

*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. We
have collected 863 cans to date.

**THANK YOU FROM MARGARET ORR
FOR YOUR MANY EXPRESSIONS OF
CARE BY CARDS, CALLS, PRAYERS AND
LOVE.**

**WE EXTEND OUR CHRISTIAN LOVE
AND SYMPATHY TO BARBARA
BALDWIN AND HER FAMILY AND
FRIENDS UPON THE DEATH OF BOB
ON SEPTEMBER 28TH. PLEASE
REMEMBER BARBARA, DAUGHTER
LISA, SON BUD, AND THE ENTIRE
FAMILY IN YOUR THOUGHTS AND
PRAYERS.**

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)

YOUTH have an e-mail address.....
gspmmvouth@gmail.net

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Mary and Cartie Lominack and their family and friends upon the death of Dr. Bob on September 18th. A celebration of Dr. Lominack's life will be held on Sunday, October 20th, at 2:00 at the Sinking Spring Presbyterian Church in Abingdon.

Youth Sunday is scheduled for October 13th. Our youth will lead our worship that morning. They will share their experiences of the mission trip they took to Camden, NJ. Prior to worship, please join us for breakfast at 9:30 in the fellowship hall. Our brothers and sisters from Meadowview United Methodist Church will be joining us for breakfast and worship.

IF YOU ARE WILLING TO LEAD CALL TO WORSHIP, PLEASE SIGN SHEET IN NARTHEX OR CALL THE OFFICE. ALL ARE URGED TO PARTICIPATE.

LYDIA'S CONNECTION meets on Wednesday evenings at 6:30 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.

Address Changes:

Margaret Orr, c/o Lydia Landis, 196 Longview Drive, Abingdon, VA 24211, 276-206-8251

Jewell Osborne, Greensboro Place, 440 Lawndale Drive, Room #5, Greensboro, NC 27455, 336-288-4561

BLUE SKIES

You may see reference to a new committee (yes, another committee) called the Blue Sky Committee. This committee will be researching and developing strategies to implement our vision (printed on the first page of our web page) more effectively in the months and years ahead. It has already met as it looks at ways to increase our ministry, congregation, and mission, both near term and in the future. The committee is moderated by Michael Colston and its members from the Session and Board of Deacons are Sara Hutton Tallman, Dirk Wilmoth, Nancy Hagen, Anita Robinson and Damon Lester with Rev. Bird as ex-officio. Please don't be shy in making suggestions you might have. Further reports will be forthcoming as they do their work. Please keep them in your prayers.

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church
Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting
Sunday, September 8, 2013
6:00pm

The monthly stated meeting of the Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00pm in the parlor. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Lee Brannon, Jay Robinson, Bobbie Ryburn, Dirk Wilmoth, James Allison, Michael Colston, Sara Hutton Tallman and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Elders Clark Hutton and Patrick Buchanan were excused. Anita Robinson represented the deacons.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Dirk Wilmoth gave a devotional and offered a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Dirk moved, and Jay Robinson seconded the motion, that the minutes from the August 4, 2013 joint stated deacon and session meeting be approved as written. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Rev Bird reviewed the financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence

The Clerk presented the following applications for use of the fellowship hall: Tammy Allison for a bridal shower on September 7, 2013 and Kay Williams for a bridal shower October 19, 2013. **MOTION:** Jay moved and the clerk seconded the motion to approve the applications. The motion passed.

The care list was reviewed.

Minute for Minister

Reverend Bird reported that the blue sky committee met last Wednesday and went well. Michael Colston agreed to be the

moderator for the group. The focus of the group will be unity, caring and sharing particularly with young people and their roles in the church and its work and mission. They will use the appreciative inquiry method focusing on looking positively toward the future. Please submit any suggestions to the group.

Old Business

Rev Bird mentioned the problems with the thermostats in the fellowship hall and the electricity used to heat/cool the building when it is not in use. Signs will be put up to note that there are two thermostats. The new thermostats will reset themselves (to a set temperature) two hours after an adjustment.

The new computer has been installed and has a back-up safe guard to protect it from lightning.

Reverend Bird will lead a Bible study for three nights in October.

Apple butter will not be made this year due to decreased participation. Jay reported that Jim S. Hutton volunteered to do a minute for mission to request donations for the outreach committee.

MOTION: The clerk moved, and James seconded the motion, to allow Jim S. Hutton to do a minute for mission to request donations for the outreach committee. The motion passed.

Michael reported that the proceeds from the bookplates will go to the outreach committee.

New Business

Rev Bird reported that there was a meeting at Grace Presbyterian Church to look at the future and structure of Presbytery. Anyone with ideas may submit those to Tim Reynolds at Sinking Springs Presbyterian Church. This is still a work in progress. John Di'orio is functioning as part-time stated clerk. In November at the Presbytery meeting the committee will make a report.

The worship services at the Wild Goose Presbyterian Church in Floyd County are based on music. Rev Edwin Lacey leads the services.

Homecoming is Sept 29; There will not be a cookout on Saturday evening. Lunch on Sunday will be potluck and meat will be provided. Rev. Kevin Campbell will preach.

Youth Sunday is on October 13 and will focus on their mission trip to New Jersey. Meadowview Meth is invited.

MOTION: The clerk moved, and Michael seconded the motion, to have the youth service here or at Meadowview Methodist, depending on the wishes of the youth. The motion passed.

Lee Brannon said he thought the brunch was success and suggested we have another one.

Committee Reports

Budget & Finance: Call to committee for budget requests.

Worship: Michael reported that he has some ideas about familiarizing the congregation with the new hymnal. The committee will meet soon.

Personnel: Lee brought a motion from the committee, to hold a closed session meeting at this time. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion from Bobbie to close the meeting, Jay seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MOTION: A motion from the committee to hire Naomi Simpson as the nursery attendant. The motion passed.

Outreach: We will not make apple butter this year, but hope to make it next year. A thank you note was received from the Glade Spring Middle School for the school supplies. New

Life Thrift Store is a ministry of Ecumenical Faith in Action. It sells gently used clothing and household goods. It is open on Main Street in Abingdon beside Caleb's Reality.

Volunteers are needed.

The possibility of a weekly exercise class was discussed.

Property: Anita reported that the deacons discussed setting up a regular work day for items needing repairs around the church. The floors in the men's and women's bathrooms need to be waxed.

CE: Anita reported that they have many great ideas, but need more members.

Shepherding: Dirk reported that they sent out the questionnaires for the new directory.

Deacons: See above. The elevator has been fixed.

Presbyterian Men: They had breakfast today and they will meet the 1st Sunday of each month.

Presbyterian Women: Bobbie reported that they have started their Bible studies and are using two different books, Horizon and A Shepherd Looks at the 23rd Psalm.

Next meeting: October 6, 2013 at 6pm.

MOTION: The clerk moved, and Bobbi seconded the motion, to adjourn. The motion passed.

Bobbie closed the meeting with prayer.

Sara Hutton Tallman, Clerk

Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal-Bookplates

The new hymnal, Glory to God: The Presbyterian Hymnal, will arrive in late October or early November. The hymnals have already been purchased. Even though the hymnals are paid for, the Worship Committee wanted to give you, the congregation, an opportunity to purchase a bookplate to place in the hymnals in honor of or in memory of someone. The cost of each bookplate will be \$10 (the original cost of each hymnal). All of the money from sale of bookplates will go to the Outreach Committee's fund for local missions. Order forms will be in the bulletin in the coming weeks as well as in this newsletter. Please make checks payable to Glade Spring Presbyterian Church. On the memo, put hymnal. There were 200 hymnals ordered, so get your bookplate orders in quickly. Turn in order forms and money to the church office.