

THE BIRD'S NEST

So often when we approach the Holy Days on the church calendar, our tendency is to honor them in only outward traditional ways. We go to church, send cards, or follow some socially appropriate prescribed method that mark such days as unique from other times of the year. But these means of celebration are only window dressing. The meaning and truth of Holy Days should be, not just outwardly celebrated, but have a profound spiritual impact internally, if they are to be truly significant in our lives rather than hollow ritualistic signs of what we believe or think.

This is especially true in the observance of Holy Week and Easter in particular. Do you sometimes find yourself viewing the anniversary of the Resurrection of Christ as a day filled more with bunnies, bonnets, new clothes, candy, and extra worship services which signify the beginning of spring? If so, the New Life which Easter celebrates and commemorates may have more to do with flowers than faith. However, if you take seriously the fact that our Lord rose from the grave to call us to follow Him then you will discover a faith that flowers! Jesus calls us to rise with Him from our graves of illness, disheartening grief, self-pity, and loneliness; to arise from suffocating hopelessness, hate and injustice and materialistic anxiety and dependency. Beloved, Christ calls us to share in His Resurrection from the shadows of death, both in the present and throughout eternity!

Thus the message of Easter is a personal invitation by our Lord for renewal – an invitation to open the deadly tombs of guilt and despair which obscure our Saviour's glorious and graceful love light in our lives. May the blessedness and peace of this season be yours and be abundantly present with all you know and love.

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ. By His great mercy, he has given us a new birth into living hope through the resurrection of Christ from the dead.”
(I Peter 1:3)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- 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 – Maebelle Smith
- April 20 – Abigail Johnston
- April 21 – Frances Wyatt
- April 22 – Jackson Hardy
- April 22 – Elizabeth Henderson
- April 24 – Irene Ryburn
- April 26 – Sonny Porterfield
- April 28 – David Potter
- 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

If any church member or person regularly attending is graduating this year from any school, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the church office by April 22.

*We warmly welcome our visitors
 Stuart, Mary, Luke and John Stovall
 Michael Stovall
 Dean and Anne Bachiewicz, Chet and Sam
 Samantha Hobbs
 Amanda and Ally Crosswhite
 LeAnne Christine Crabtree
 Allie Snead
 Brett Williams
 Jan Vebr
 Kasey Clayton
 Ashley Kincaid
 Laura and Stan Hodgins
 Corey Henson
 Kegan Olson
 Lucas Rector
 Randy Heldreth
 Seth Garrett
 Blake Muncy*

ANNIVERSARIES

- April 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Ralph E. Marbury, Jr.
- April 13 – Mr. and Mrs. Jack Henderson
- April 30 – Mr. and Mrs. Willis Wagner
- 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

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE sends heartfelt thanks to all those who donated delicious food, funds and talent to help feed the students who were building a Habitat House. Our church furnished 12 meals to a total of 37 kids over a three week period! Thank You!

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

- March 4 – Attendance 28 Offering \$21.00
- March 11 – Attendance 34 Offering \$40.00
- March 18 – Attendance 36 Offering \$27.00
- March 25 – Attendance 26 Offering \$20.00

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.

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 May 6.

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

A special thank you to those who came out on March 17th to help clean the church and cemetery grounds. Your work was greatly appreciated.

PRESBYTERIAN MEN will resume their prayer breakfast meeting beginning on April 29th.

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.

Maundy Thursday Service – Thursday, April 5th, at 7:00 p.m.

Good Friday Service – jointly with Green Spring Presbyterian Church – Friday, April 6th, at 7:00 at Green Spring Church.

Easter Egg Hunt – Saturday, April 7th, at 3:00 p.m. Donation of plastic, filled eggs can be left in the office. Also donations of snacks will be appreciated.

Community Easter Sunrise Service – Sunday, April 8th, at 7:00 a.m. at Mt. Calvary United Holy Church on Crescent Drive.

One Great Hour of Sharing Offering – collection during our morning worship on April 8th.

Circle Number 2 – Friday, April 6th, at 2:00 p.m. at the fellowship hall.

Circle Number 4 – Monday, April 9th, at 6:00 p.m.

Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, April 10th at 2:00 at the fellowship hall.

Presbyterian Women's Spring Gathering – April 21st at Lebanon Presbyterian Church.

Potluck Luncheon on April 22nd following worship to celebrate accomplishments of Patrick Henry's girls' basketball team. The team, coaches, and their families have been invited to church and lunch, so we ask everyone to come and bring plenty of food.

Worship Committee – Wednesday, April 25th, at 6:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Men's Breakfast – April 29th, at 8:00 a.m.

Intergenerational Sunday School – Sunday, May 6th, at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Deacons – Sunday May 6th, at 5:00 p.m.

Session – Sunday, May 6th, 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.

GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PRAYER LIST –

Willis Wagner

Kathy Dohman

Alan Bevins

Ralph Marbury

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

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

Eleanor Hutton

HOW TO RECYCLE PLASTIC

Please take note of the yellow "Repairs or Maintenance" list posted on the bulletin board in the hallway outside the office. If you see something that needs attention, please put it on the list.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Debra Simpson and family upon the death of her aunt, Mrs. Blanche Louise Bott.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to David, Holly and Hunter Copeland upon the death of Robin. David served as Old Glade's choir director from 1998-2001. His address is 4260 Silver Lockemy Lane, Liberty, NC 27298.

Thanks to Damon Lester, the new website is up and running. The address is <http://oldgladepresbyterian.org/>. Some sections are under construction. If you have news, and even more important pictures, you would like to include on the website, please send them to Damon, Nancy Hagan or the office. Thank you.

Please help the Shepherding Committee keep track of those who are ailing and are at home so the committee can prepare and deliver a meal. Members of the Shepherding Committee and those who have volunteered to assist with meals are listed on page 30 of the church directory.

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.

Mary's Lunchbox Calendar for April is posted on bulletin board outside office. If you are able to help, please contact Becky McKinney at rmckinney@wcs.k12.va.us.

Conferences – Massanetta Springs Bible Conference and Massanetta Springs Church Music Conference will be held July 29 – August 3rd. Also conferences are scheduled for Montreat. Anyone interested in obtaining more information, please call church office.

Old Glade has provided a plastic recycling container in the kitchen at the fellowship hall and will do so when we have events at the shelter.

Soda and water bottles are recyclable in almost all cases. At this time, we can recycle PET 1 and PET 2 plastics. Solo and most other plastic drinking cups are not recyclable in Washington County: they usually show a 5 or a 7 in the triangle symbol, or show nothing. These have to go in the trash. There are a few brands of plastic cups that are recyclable so you can check the bottom to find out.

1 – Always remove caps and lids and put them in the trash containers. You do not have to remove the plastic ring.

2 – For containers other than soda and water bottles, look on the bottom of the container for a "1" or a "2".

We are seeking to form an usher team to assist deacons with ushering several Sunday a year, always working with a deacon. Other than an initial training session to review responsibilities, there will be no meetings! Ushering duties include – greeting people and passing out bulletins, opening and closing sanctuary doors at appropriate time, collecting offering, collecting pages from attendance booklet at close of worship, closing of church. Any individual who regularly attends our church is eligible to serve. If you would be interested in this important ministry of the church, please complete form below or contact Kay Williams at 676-0035 or email

KMWilliams1@comcast.net.

Name: _____

Phone Number _____

Email address _____

Place in offering plate

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church
Session Meeting
March 4, 2012

The monthly stated meeting of the Session of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held at 6:00 p.m. in the board room. The following elders, constituting a quorum, were present: Clark Hutton, Sonny Porterfield, Michael Colston, Jay Robinson, Patrick Buchanan, James Allison, Dirk Wilmoth, Lee Brannon, Alice Freeman, and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Sara Hutton Tallman, Clerk, was absent.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order. Patrick Buchanan gave a devotional.

In the absence of the clerk, James Allison moved, Sonny Porterfield seconded, that Michael Colston be elected clerk pro tem. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: James Allison moved, Jay Robinson seconded, that the minutes of the joint meeting of the Session and Deacons held on February 12, 2012 be approved as written. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Clark Hutton presented a financial report. The session expressed its appreciation to Lois Buchanan for her dedication and service to the church considering Shrimp's illness. After discussion, it was agreed upon by the Session to allow Clark Hutton and Lois Buchanan to find back-up treasurers to assist them when needed.

Clerk's Correspondence

Reverend Bird presented an application from Weight Watchers to use the fellowship hall from 4:00-5:30 p.m. on Wednesdays. It was noted that they planned to charge a fee. MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, Sonny Porterfield seconded, to deny the application. The motion passed.

Minute for Minister

Reverend Bird presented Isaac Freeman and Sarah Helton to the Session for transfer of membership to Glade Spring Presbyterian Church. MOTION: Sonny Porterfield moved, James Allison seconded, to accept Isaac Freeman by transfer of letter from

Royal Oak Presbyterian Church and Sarah Helton by transfer of letter from McCall's Gap Presbyterian Church. The motion passed.

Old Business

Alice Freeman agreed to serve as our commissioner to the Presbytery meeting to be held on March 8 at Walnut Grove Presbyterian.

Clark Hutton and Patrick Buchanan will see to the repair of the cemetery fence posts.

Lee Brannon presented a document explaining the goals the Pastoral Goal Setting Committee and the pastor created. Three basic goals and the strategies to accomplish these goals were discussed. Each elder was given a copy of the document for review. The document and goals will be revisited at the next stated meeting of the Session.

New Business

There was no new business.

Other

Alice Freeman, member of the Transition Task Force for the Presbytery, presented information about the committee's work. This task force was created to determine the needs of Abingdon Presbytery and to create a vision of the future for the presbytery.

Committee Reports

Budget and Finance: The committee met on February 21. Clark Hutton and Lois Buchanan audited the Minister's Continuing Education accrual for 2011 and found it to be in order. An amendment to the 2012 Budget in the Minister's Continuing Education line item needs to be made. The amount in the 2012 Budget should be \$889. The \$889 amount is a reduction of \$40 as the amount of \$929 was over budget in the 2011 Budget. This reduction is based on policy approved by the Session.

Audits will be assigned to the members of the committee. Susan Henderson and Dirk Wilmoth completed the reconciliation of the trustee bank accounts through December 31, 2011 and found them to be in order for the transition from James S. Hutton to Jay Robinson.

Trustees: Sonny Porterfield reported on discussion from the committee concerning the cemetery fund. MOTION: The committee moved that the baseline for the cemetery fund be set at a minimum of \$200,000. There was much discussion. Sonny Porterfield asked for the question. The question passed. The motion passed. MOTION: The committee moved that funds be moved from the Cemetery Square Fund to meet the \$202,000 baseline in the Cemetery Fund. The motion passed.

Worship: no meeting

Personnel: no meeting

Outreach: no meeting

Property: The sump pump at the fellowship hall will be replaced with a larger pump. Alice Freeman and Ron Tallman will be coming up with some landscaping ideas for the church grounds since we have lost so many trees. Carpet tiles in the Sunday School rooms need to be replaced as well as some lights. The sanctuary doors should be replaced by Sunday (refinished). The side door to the church will be sandblasted and the lock repaired. Check thermostats and lights when leaving the church.

Christian Education: no meeting

Shepherding: Debra Simpson reported that the committee met. They planned their year of assignments for cards and checking the register. They discussed updating the church directory.

Membership: The membership committee met on February 28, 2012 and discussed ideas. Committee notes were given to each elder. The committee will meet again on April 17 at 6:30 p.m. in the Clark Board Room.

Presbyterian Men: The tombstone has been ordered, and a site south of the church has been chosen for burial of the broken tombstones. The tombstone will line up with existing tombstones facing east. Jay Henderson will lead the project. Cemetery cleanup will be March 17 with a rain/snow date of March 24.

Presbyterian Women: There was no report. The session commended the women for making dresses for children in Africa.

Next meeting: April 1, 2012 at 6:00 p.m. in Clark Board Room.

MOTION: James Allison moved, Michael Colston seconded, to adjourn the meeting. The motion passed.

Dirk Wilmoth closed the meeting with prayer.

S. Michael Colston
Clerk Pro Tem