

## THE BIRD'S NEST

Hopefully, by the time this Bird's Nest reaches you, the big event in the life of the Bird family will be a pleasant memory with Amanda and our new son-in-law, Blake, on their honeymoon. The hectic, anxious and at times panic laden last moments of preparation and execution of the wedding celebration now just memories, depicted in pictures and incidences that took on the feeling of the world- ending catastrophes now bring smiles.

Although, Amanda and Blake's wedding is the most personal and emotional of the three I am officiating this month, all are wondrous events and represent significant transitions in the lives of those involved. This moved me to think how much things are transitioning, not just in families but in our culture and how that impacts our faith journeys together in the church and in particular Old Glade. Paul in his letter to the church in Ephesus compares marriage to the relationship between Christ as the husband and the church as his bride. The two are to become one in will and purpose but not out of fear of abuse or abandonment, but as Eugene Peterson's Message articulates, "the husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing." That time stands still for no one is true. But the question for Christ's church, as it is for those families joining together in community, is do we lead by compassionate understanding, toleration, and love or by means that manipulate and demand to meet our selfish expectations and agendas.

In Christ we are able to see a way as expressed in I Corinthians, Chapter 13, of enduring, growing, changing, caring, with grace, generosity and most especially love. In such are the guideposts of our loved ones journey into the future no matter the challenges faced. Beloved, the same is true for us as a church wed to our Saviour equipped and ready to serve him, each other and the world no matter what the future brings.

*"Out of respect for Christ, be courteously reverent to one another. Wives, understand and support your husbands in ways that show your support for Christ. The husband provides leadership to his wife the way Christ does to his church, not by domineering but by cherishing. So just as the church submits to Christ as he exercises such leadership, wives should likewise submit to their husbands. (Ephesians 5:21-24 – The Message)*

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

- September 1- Timothy Bird, Jr.
- September 1 – Rob Pruitt
- September 4 – Eleanor Williams
- September 8 – Emma Buchanan
- September 9 – Henrietta Umberger
- September 9 – Kristin Gentry
- September 10 – Naomi Simpson
- September 13 – Rebecca DeBusk
- September 13 – Nancy Inazu
- September 17 – Fred Lester
- September 18 – Jeane Hutton
- September 18 – Agnes Lester
- September 18 – Donald Inazu
- September 20 – Joseph Dee Lester
- September 20 – Kitty McClaugherty
- September 21 – Steve Johnston
- September 21 – Jack Henderson
- September 23 – Georgia Moore
- September 24 – Damon Lester
- September 24 – Ann Lester
- September 24 – Christine Wallace
- September 25 – Shirley Overbay
- September 26 – Jim S. Hutton
- September 27 – Mimi Hull
- September 27 – Carolyn Gentry
- September 28 – Joe Robinson
- 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

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- September 5 – Mr. and Mrs. Carlous Henderson
- September 20 – Mr. and Mrs. Tim Simpson
- October 5 - Mr. and Mrs. Keith Gentry
- October 21 – Mr. and Mrs. Stan Williams
- October 25 – Mr. and Mrs. David Potter

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

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**SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION will be celebrated during worship on October 7<sup>th</sup>.**

**Sunday School Update**

- August 5, Attendance 25, Offering \$43.00**
- August 12, Attendance 22, Offering \$20.00**
- August 19, Attendance 24, Offering \$27.25**
- August 26, Attendance 28, Offering \$25.00**

**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 October 7th.**

**FYI – We have a “Food Saver” in the fellowship hall that vacuum packs food for the freezer. Instructions are available with it. However, if you need help, please speak with Nancy Hagen.**

*We warmly welcome our visitors*  
*Luke Stovall*  
*Corey Henson*  
*Frazier D. Jones*  
*Raymond Shuler*  
*Bob and Mary Beth Adair*  
*Anthony Maslanka*  
*Christopher Wythe*

**We express our appreciation to Kelsie Addison who has served as our nursery attendant over the last couple of years. Kelsie has done a wonderful job and now leaves us as she begins her college career. We welcome Hayley Williams to the nursery attendant position. Hayley is no stranger to our nursery kids since she has assisted Kelsie. Adults or others who would like to assist in this ministry are asked to contact the church office.**

**We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the Lester Family upon the death of Roland Lester on September 5<sup>th</sup>. Please remember the family and friends of Roland in your thoughts and prayers in the upcoming days.**

**Congratulations to Abby Johnston and David Aiello who were united in marriage on September 1 in Asheville, NC and to Amanda Bird and Blake Blevins who were united in marriage on September 8<sup>th</sup>. Please keep these newlyweds in your thoughts and prayers as they begin their lives together.**

Congregational Meeting was held on September 9<sup>th</sup> to hear the report of the Officer Nominating Committee. Those elected were as follows:  
Board of Deacons – Anita Robinson transfer from Class of 2013 to Class of 2015; Daniel Cline – Class of 2014; Damon Lester and Bob Stanberry – Class of 2015; Session – Clark Hutton transfer from Class of 2014 to Class of 2015; Michael Colston and Bobbi Ryburn – Class of 2015. Trustees – Rebecca DeBusk and James S. Hutton – Class of 2015.

A special thank you to those who served on the Officer Nominating Committee – Michael Colston, Chairman, Sara Hutton Tallman, Alice Freeman, Susan Henderson, Lucy Alexander, Lonnie Wallace, Tyree Wilmoth, Niz Barker and Stan Williams.

COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS are asked to submit 2013 budget requests by September 15<sup>th</sup>.

Old Glade will host a called meeting of Abingdon Presbytery on Thursday, September 13<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. in our sanctuary. Dr. Lee Brannon will be our commissioner. Visitors are welcome.

APPLE BUTTER MAKING is scheduled for Friday and Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and plan to help.

### MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

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

Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 p.m.

Circle Number 2 – Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup>, at 2:00 at the fellowship hall.

Worship Committee – Wednesday, September 19<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 in the Clark Board Room

Christian Education Committee – Friday, September 21<sup>st</sup>, at 5:30 at the church.

Intergenerational Sunday School – Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup>, at 10:00 a.m.

Faith in Action Food Bank –  
Tuesday, September 11<sup>th</sup>, 5:00 – 7:00  
Friday, September 14<sup>th</sup> – 10:00 – 1:00

Homecoming Weekend – Saturday, September 29<sup>th</sup>, with a barbeque at picnic shelter. Everything will be furnished for picnic. Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>, with worship followed by a covered dish luncheon. Please bring a dish to share. Let Niz Barker know of anyone you wish to receive an invitation by mail.

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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**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PRAYER LIST –**

- Ellen Bell Campbell*
- Kevin Perrigan*
- John Robinson*
- John Sheffield*
- Michelle 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)*
- David Robinson*
- 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, August 5, 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: Dirk Wilmoth, Lee Brannon, Sonny Porterfield, Jay Robinson, Rebecca DeBusk, Steve Johnston, Clark Hutton, Michael Colston, Sara Hutton Tallman and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Elders Patrick Buchanan and James Allison were excused.

Susan Henderson represented the deacons.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Steve Johnston gave a devotional from the book of Matthew and C.S. Lewis.

Reverend Bird offered a prayer.

**Approval of Minutes**

Two typographical errors and one amendment were noted.

MOTION: Steve Johnston moved, and Michael Colston seconded the motion, that the minutes of the stated meeting on June 3, 2012 were approved as amended and corrected and the minutes of congregational meeting on June 17, 2012 be approved as written. The motion passed.

MOTION: Clark Hutton moved, and Dirk Wilmoth seconded the motion, that the only persons authorized to sign checks for trust monies be Jay Robinson and James S. Hutton and all previous signatories be deleted. The motion passed.

**Financial Report**

Clark Hutton presented a financial report and noted that a Certificate of Deposit is about to mature. MOTION: Sonny Porterfield moved, and Dirk Wilmoth seconded the motion, that we leave the CD in the same account.

**Clerk's Correspondence**

The clerk presented the following correspondence: an application for use of the picnic shelter by Bonnie Ballinger for a family reunion on August 25<sup>th</sup> from 11:00am - 6:00pm; a letter from the Appalachian Center at Emory & Henry announcing daily delivery of meals for \$5.00 per meal.

MOTION: Steve Johnston moved, and Jay Robinson seconded the motion, that we hold the Sunday School/employee appreciation picnic on August 23 at 6:00pm prior to the Bible Study.

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, and Rebecca DeBusk seconded the motion, to approve the use of the picnic shelter for Bonnie Ballinger.

Contact has been made with each person on the care list.

### **Minute for Minister**

Reverend Bird reported that Glade Area Ministerial Association has been meeting on the first Wednesday of each month. Six churches are participating and are discussing ways to pool resources and work together on mission work. Reverend Bird will be moderator. Officers were elected. They will have monthly program.

Presbytery: The Abingdon Presbytery is operating without a transitional executive presbyter however, there is a stated clerk, Reverend Kevin Campbell from Hillsville Presbyterian Church. The Presbytery office building in Wytheville is for sale. The new office will be at Wytheville Presbyterian Church. It is the goal to be a paperless and virtual office.

Sarah Bird was accepted unanimously at the June 14 Presbytery meeting as a candidate.

### **Old Business**

Reverend Bird reported the following: the minister's goal setting committee needs to meet; small group leaders are needed for the Bible Studies August-- Steve, Michael and Dirk volunteered; one more bid is needed for paving the parking lots; the new fence between the cemetery and the Robinson property has been completed.

### **New Business**

The church has received an anonymous donation \$40,000. MOTION: Sonny Porterfield moved, and Dirk Wilmoth seconded the motion, that we place it in the Harry Price Fund and authorize Patrick Buchanan, Jay Robinson and Tom Hill to get the best bids possible for paving the parking lots up to \$85,000. The motion passed.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Budget & Finance:**

Sonny Porterfield reported that the books of the church have been audited for 2011 and stand in good order. This includes December 31, 2011 trustees' account and annual report.

#### **Worship:**

Rev. Bird reported that we have ordered samples of the new Presbyterian hymnal. MOTION: Rebecca DeBusk moved, and Michael Colston seconded the motion, to place samples in pew racks for review by the congregation.

The date for Homecoming is September 29.

MOTION: Rebecca DeBusk moved, and Lee Brannon seconded the motion that we purchase a choir robe for the choir director with a cost of less than \$200.00 and the funds will come from the session funds. The motion passed.

#### **Personnel:**

Steve Johnston reported that there is a need for nursery attendant and the application process has started.

#### **Outreach:**

New Providence Presbyterian Church from Rockbridge County came for one week again this summer to help rebuild a home for another tornado victim. They enjoyed lunch at the fellowship hall one day during the week. Saturdays in October are being reviewed to set a date for making apple butter.

A written report, our thanks and a check for \$10,000 has been returned to Presbyterian Disaster Assistance so the money can be used for other disasters. It is a requirement of the grant that any unspent funds be returned to PDA.

#### **Property:**

No meeting.

#### **CE:**

The committee met and discussed the nursery attendant position and creating a more infant-friendly nursery. Rally day is August 26.

#### **Shepherding:**

No report.

#### **Deacons:**

No report.

#### **Presbyterian Men:**

The new tombstone has been installed in the cemetery at the burial site of unreadable headstones. Rebecca DeBusk reported working with the Daughters of the American Revolution to set a date for the dedication of the stone. Lee Brannon will replace the tattered flag in the cemetery. Steve Johnston reported that there will be two plaques installed for the narthex and the new building.

#### **Presbyterian Women:**

New horizon books are here.

**OTHER:**

The nominating committee is working and will have a slate within the next two weeks.

Rev. Bird requested to hold a called meeting of Presbytery on September 13 at 6pm in our sanctuary. MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, and Jay Robinson seconded the motion, to hold the Presbytery meeting on September 13. The motion passed. Michael Colston volunteered to serve as commissioner and Lee Brannon volunteered to be the alternate. MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, and Steve Johnston seconded the motion, for Michael Colston to represent GSPC at Presbytery with Lee Brannon as alternate. The motion passed.

Next meeting September 9, 2012.

MOTION: Jay Robinson moved, and Sonny Porterfield seconded the motion, to adjourn. The motion passed.

Rebecca DeBusk closed the meeting with prayer.

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Sara Hutton Tallman, Clerk