

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

- December 3 – Michael Shaffer
- December 5 – Ralph Eugene Marbury, Jr.
- December 7 – Cornelia H. Little
- December 10 – Ginger Hutton
- December 12 – Sharon Williams
- December 15 – Molly Buchanan
- December 15 – Pamela Buchanan
- December 15 – Jacob Lester
- December 15 – Karen Call Shaffer
- December 16 – Nancy Allison
- December 18 – Chris Blevins
- December 20 – Melinda Haynes
- December 20 – Tina Gentry
- December 20 – John Carter
- December 23 – Richie Thomas
- December 24 – David DeBusk
- December 25 – Mary Dudley Porterfield
- December 26 – Lola Smith
- December 28 – Alice Freeman
- December 30 – Martha Buchanan McBride
- December 31 – Peggy Robinson
- January 1 – Patrick Buchanan
- January 1 – Clark Hutton
- January 3 – Rachel Haynes
- January 6 – Hunter Copeland
- January 10 – Jay Henderson
- January 12 – Peggy Lester
- January 12 – Ramona Cline
- January 13 – Maggie Naylor
- January 13 – Neal Hutton
- January 14 – Claire Hardy
- January 18 - Bucky Hutton
- January 21 – Elizabeth DeBusk
- January 22 – John Williams
- January 23 – Nancy Hagen
- January 23 – Rachel Crabtree Coker
- January 25 – Paul Tuell
- January 28 – Campbell Buchanan

**ANNIVERSARIES**

- December 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnston
- December 25 – Mr. and Mrs. Scott Simpson
- December 27 – Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lominack
- January 3 – Mr. and Mrs. Lonnie Wallace
- January 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Robinson

**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.

“Dear Friends, Your prayers and all expressions of concern and inquiries have meant so much to us. Thank you. As this special season approaches, we are grateful to be a part of this caring fellowship. We look forward to seeing you soon. Paul and Betty Jo Tuell”

*We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Alice and Sonny Porterfield upon the death of Alice’s brother, Larry Bradley, on Sunday, November 13<sup>th</sup>. Please remember this family in your thoughts and prayers.*

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**Sunday School Update**

- November 6 – Attendance 37, Offering \$51.10
- November 13 – Attendance 37, Offering \$30.25
- November 20 – Attendance 37, Offering \$37.00
- November 27 – Attendance 31, Offering \$12.00

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 February 5<sup>th</sup>. There will be no Sunday School on December 25<sup>th</sup>. We will have our regular classes on January 1<sup>st</sup>.

*We warmly welcome our visitors*  
*Eleanor Williams*  
*Brian Camper*  
*Jessica Ball*  
*Joel Chance*

**ADVENT CANDLELIGHTING SIGN UP SHEET IS AVAILABLE IN THE NARTHEX. WE NEED CANDLELIGHTERS FOR DECEMBER 18<sup>TH</sup> AND THE LATE CHRISTMAS EVE SERVICE.**

*If you would like to order RADA cutlery, please see catalog in church office. Proceeds will be used for Disaster Relief buckets and/or Mary’s Lunchbox.*

*Our Christian love and sympathy is extended to Barbara and Bob Baldwin in the death of her sister, Betty Blair. Please remember all the family and friends of Betty in your prayers and thoughts in the coming days.*

## 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 4 – will meet at the home of Jeane Hutton on Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. Please bring finger food to share. We will be studying Lesson #4. Also we will take a collection for Mary's Lunchbox.

Circle Number 3 – will meet at the Harbor House on Tuesday, December 13<sup>th</sup>, at 1:00 p.m. Husbands are invited. Meet at the church at 12:30 if you wish to carpool.

Christmas Dinner and Play – Sunday, December 11<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. Please bring your favorite dish to share. Turkey and ham will be furnished. After dinner, the youth will present the Christmas play.

Cantata – Sunday, December 18<sup>th</sup>, during our morning worship.

Joy Gift Offering will be collected during worship on January 18<sup>th</sup>.

Christmas Eve Communion Services – Saturday, December 24<sup>th</sup>, at 7:00 p.m. and 11:00 p.m.

Worship on Christmas Day at 11:00 a.m. No Sunday School.

Ordination and Installation of Officers – January 8<sup>th</sup> during morning worship.

Board of Deacons – January 8<sup>th</sup> at 5:00.

Session – January 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00.

Resurrection Meeting for Youth – January 13, 14, 15.

Congregational Meeting – Sunday, January 15<sup>th</sup>, prior to worship to vote on terms of call of our pastor.

A Membership Committee has been established by the Session to develop ways our church can reach more people with the Good News of Jesus Christ. If you would be willing to serve or have thoughts on how we might grow our witness and membership in the coming year, please contact the church office or chairman, Rev. Bird.

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.

*Mitten Tree is located in hallway outside narthex. Deadline for donations is December 11<sup>th</sup>. Kathryn Wilmoth will deliver to school and Monday, December 12<sup>th</sup>.*

*THE WOMEN OF CIRCLE NUMBER 3 are making dresses for children in Africa. The dresses will be delivered by doctors who are going to Africa in February. If anyone would like to participate in this project, please contact Delores who has patterns and directions.*

A NEW THING...In order to be better stewards of our resources, we are e-mailing the newsletter. If you are receiving this letter by mail and would like to receive it via e-mail, please furnish your e-mail by calling the church office (429-5731) or e-mail it to [tabird5@hotmail.com](mailto:tabird5@hotmail.com). We will continue to mail paper copies to those who wish to have them. If you know of someone who would like to receive the newsletter, just furnish their address.

## **NEWS FROM THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE:**

We continue to collect food for the Glade Spring Food Bank. Donations of non-perishable items may be placed in the basket across from church office.

We are collecting Christmas cards and postage to be taken to the Regional jail for those incarcerated to send to their families and friends. Basket is located in the narthex.

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**PRAYER LIST –**

*Frank Yarber  
David Robinson  
Anne LeMieux  
Rusty Cline  
Joella Barbour  
Dr. Lominack  
Daryl Phillips  
Jack McCarty  
Carol Bradley  
Paul Tuell  
Terry and Dianna Wilson (cousin of Debra Simpson)  
Charles Simpson (brother of Tim Simpson)  
Mary Dudley Porterfield  
John Williams  
Ryan Conklin  
Mike Blevins  
Ronnie Blevins  
Mabel Martin (mother of Tammy Allison)  
Bob Baldwin  
Shirley Bordwine  
Tam Smith  
Gary Singleton (uncle of Melissa Hutton)  
Bea Mason  
Brion Ferratt  
Shrimp Buchanan  
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*

**CONGRATULATIONS TO JOHN AND PEGGY ROBINSON WHO CELEBRATED THEIR 50<sup>TH</sup> WEDDING ANNIVERSARY ON NOVEMBER 25<sup>TH</sup>.**

Please continue to collect and bring to the fellowship hall the following items:

The Presbyterian Disaster Relief group needs cleanup buckets packed with the listed cleaning supplies. These are 5-gallon buckets with lids. Some fast-food restaurants will donate these or sell for a small fee or they can be found at places like Lowes and Berry Builders.

- (1) 5-gallon bucket with resealable lid
- 5 scouring pads
- 7 sponges, assorted sizes
- 1 scrub brush
- 1 pkg. cleaning towels (18 reusable, like Easy Wipes)
- 1 box dry laundry detergent, 50-78 oz.
- 1 liquid concentrated household cleaner (like Lysol) 12 oz.
- 1 bottle liquid disinfectant dish soap (like Dawn) 24-28 oz.
- 1 pkg clothespins, 48-50 clothesline, two 50 ft. or one 100 ft.
- 5 dust masks
- 2 pair latex gloves (like Playtex)
- 1 pair work gloves
- 1 24-28 count heavy-duty trash bags (30-45 gallon, remove from carton)
- 1 bottle insect repellent (pump, drops, or lotion; not aerosol), 6-9 oz.

*Please purchase all liquids in plastic bottles and send only new, unopened materials. We will be collecting these items in the next several months. Donate one item, several items or all items.*

ADVENT DEVOTIONAL BOOKLET...are available in the narthex. A special thank you to Nancy Inazu for preparing this booklet for use during this Advent season.

Pews from the old sanctuary are available for those who would be interested in purchasing them. They are solid walnut and will be sold for \$200 each with a 20% discount for church members. Price is negotiable. If you would like to see or know more about them, please call the church office or Jay Robinson. Members and former members will receive priority consideration.

*We extend our Christian love and sympathy to John Carter and Don and Sarah Wright and their family and friends upon the death of Mrs. Ruth Wright who joined her Lord on November 30<sup>th</sup>.*

*Thanks to Damon Lester, the new website is up and running. The address is:*  
<http://oldgladepresbyterian.org/>

*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.*

*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.*

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church  
Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting  
Sunday, November 6, 2011  
6:00pm

The monthly stated session meeting was held at 6:00pm on Sunday November 6. The following elders, constituting a quorum, were present: Jay Henderson, Jay Robinson, James Allison, Rebecca DeBusk, Michael Colston, Sonny Porterfield, Bobbie Ryburn, Steve Johnston, Sara Hutton Tallman and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Elders Paul Tuell, Barabara Baldwin and Don Inazu were excused. Nancy Hagen represented the deacons.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

James Allison gave a devotion from The Practice of the Presence of God and offered a prayer.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes from the September 11 stated meeting need a correction concerning a motion made by Sonny Porterfield and seconded by Jay Robinson to form a membership committee to be chaired by Reverend Bird.

A correction to the October 2 meeting minutes is needed to show the date of Sonny's motion as September 11, 2011.

MOTION: Reverend Bird moved, and Rebecca DeBusk seconded the motion, that the minutes of the October 2 meeting be approved with two corrections: Deacon Henrietta Umberger was in attendance; correct the date of Sonny's motion. The motion passed.

MOTION: Reverend Bird moved that the corrected minutes of the stated September 11 meeting be approved. James Allison seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MOTION: James Allison moved that the minutes of the October 23 congregational meeting be approved as written with the exception of adding a line for Reverend Bird to sign. Bobbi Ryburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.

MOTION: Jay Robinson moved that the minutes of two called meetings, September 11 and October 9, be approved as written. Rebecca DeBusk seconded the motion. The motion passed.

### Financial report

Sonny Porterfield presented the report.

### Clerk's Correspondence

A letter was received from Presbytery concerning our declaration of intent for 2012.

A letter was received from Fellowship Baptist Church in Meadowview detailing a community worship service and meal on November 20.

An ecumenical service of Thanksgiving will be held on Wednesday, November 23 at Byers Cobb Methodist Church.

Applications for use of fellowship hall and/or sanctuary:

1. People Incorporated for a parenting class on six consecutive Thursday nights. MOTION: Jay Henderson moved to approve the application and Rebecca seconded the motion. The motion passed.
2. Wedding --Amanda Bird September 8, 2012. MOTION: Rebecca DeBusk moved to approve the request and Bobbi Ryburn seconded the motion. The motion passed.
3. Wedding--Jessica Ball September 28 and 29, 2012. MOTION: James Allison moved to approve the application and Jay Henderson seconded the motion. The motion passed.

Two packets were received from Presbytery: Minutes from the June stated meeting in Bristol and a called meeting from July; the docket for the November 10 stated meeting.

### Minute for Minister

Reverend Bird will be absent on November 27. Reverend Suzanne Martin will lead worship that day. Reverend Bird is considering using small group ministries to attract new members.

### Old Business

Presbytery will meet here on Thursday November 10; lunch tickets will be sold for \$5.00. Jay Robinson will ask H.C. Carter to stop all construction for the day. Volunteers are needed for the meeting, including a commissioner. Steve Johnston volunteered to attend. MOTION: Jay Henderson moved, and Jay Robinson seconded the motion, that Steve represent GSPC at the meeting. The motion passed.

Nancy Hagen reported that the new church website is almost ready. Damon Lester is been working on it. There will be a church calendar on the website which we can all access. The email address will be the same.

The old pews and chandeliers will be sold for \$500/pew. A discount will be offered to members and former members. It will be noted in the bulletin and newsletter.

### New Business

A local Boy Scout troop would like to plant trees at the church. This offer of trees will be declined, but the possibility of building playground will be offered to them.

Nancy Hagen mentioned that Henrietta found some information on old tombstones. Perhaps the stones, which are unreadable and in disrepair, could be buried and marked with a large tombstone honoring all those known only to God. Placement would be an issue. MOTION: Steve Johnston moved, and Michael Colston seconded the motion, that this be referred to the trustees for further investigation. The motion passed.

### Committees

**Property:** On November 5, Sunday School rooms were cleaned, and the regular cleaning was done (as the sextons had a death in their family).

Reverend Bird suggested that we choose specific areas to clean and announce it in advance so interested people or groups can plan to help.

At the main entrance to the fellowship hall, the key was left in lock last Monday.

**CE:** No meeting. Our youth group will conduct the Christmas program on December 11 or 18.

**Worship:** They will have a meeting next Sunday.

**Personnel:** Steve reported that the committee met two times to work on salaries and recommendations. MOTION from the committee: Youth leader David Bevins be paid \$4000/ year thru December 31, 2011 and receive any raise for 2012. The motion passed.

MOTION from the committee: A recommendation that salaries be increased by 1.5%. The motion passed. There must be congregational meeting to determine any changes to the minister's call.

Michael Colston abstained from the vote.

An evaluation process of the minister and the session will be investigated.

Plans for a congregational meeting will be deferred to the December docket.

**Shepherding:** Will meet in November.

**Budget and Finance:** The meeting will be rescheduled. The 2010 audit of accounts for: cemetery fund, women of the church, men of church, trustee, outreach, current expenses, benevolence have been completed.

**Outreach:** The first responder luncheon was well-attended. The 'Pack the Bucket' luncheon will be postponed until after the holidays, but

