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THE BIRD'S NEST

The excerpt below is taken from a report on the way we, along with many others, united as a community empowered by God's Spirit to face the calamity of the April 28th, 2011, tornado. It is a testament of what we can do when all work together as God's people. It is a truly inspiring part of our Lord's story, your story and ours as we continue to serve Him by serving others.

When an EF-3 tornado cut a swath through our peaceful mountain community and took four lives on April 28, 2011, we were stunned. The tornado's path was $\frac{3}{4}$ mile wide and 25 miles long. Seasoned disaster workers were at a loss for words. Many of us have watched television reports of disasters in other communities and have felt sadness and sympathy. But no one was prepared for what we saw at the first light of day. Friends were gone, many homes, barns, fences, animals and businesses were destroyed. Few in Glade Spring will ever hear thunder again and not feel some level of fear.

In the first few days after the tornado God's children came from everywhere. They appeared with hot food, bottled water, chain saws, diapers, four wheelers, prayers, smiles and open arms. They worked in the blazing sun to saw fallen trees and brush and they climbed ladders to put tarps on gaping holes in people's homes. They held and prayed with those who were still in shock. They gently and carefully picked through pictures, Bibles and people's most personal details and belongings which were strewn across fields, in trees and in fence rows. This was one of the most emotional jobs for volunteers. Twenty-three GSPC church families had damage. Three families' homes were destroyed. Our historic church and new fellowship hall also sustained damage. Thankfully, no one in our church family was injured seriously and all had insurance to cover their damage.

Worship on Sunday, May 1st was both inspiring and affirming of the hope God provides amidst the devastation of the storm. Also, that day the GSPC fellowship hall became a hub of activity. The Washington County Sheriff's Office Support Auxiliary asked to use the building for a recovery/volunteer center. Their expertise and level of commitment was astounding. The center was staffed by SOSA volunteers and church and community members. It was quickly filled with donations of water, ice, nonperishable food, paper towels, bleach, brooms, mops, hygiene kits, clothing, tarps, gloves and chain saw bar oil. Dozens of volunteers signed in there each day to get assignments and to fill coolers with sports drinks, water and ice. Strategy sessions were held there for crews working to clear debris and disaster response groups in the area to help start rebuilding.

The kitchen was put into high gear. Strangers became fast friends in assembly lines and quickly prepared food to be delivered to folks working on farms and on homes. First responders and volunteers ate meals there and received respite from the intense sun. Neighboring churches brought hot food regularly. Owners of businesses spared in the tornado called, offered and delivered delicious meals.

For every request God filled our need. Every single time a door closed, God opened a window. And then we would laugh and cry and thank Him. No one complained about the lack of electricity or the long hot days. Instead they encouraged each other and listened with compassion while assisting victims in filling up a box with toothpaste, toilet paper, bleach, underwear and peanut butter.

Special thanks must go to our neighboring Presbyterians, who brought crews of youth and adults, tools, food and chain saws and just moved in to clear debris and repair the one of the hardest hit areas on Stagecoach Road.

Monetary donations from churches, individuals and Abingdon Presbytery began to pour in during May and June. The Outreach Committee met for regularly monthly meetings, and in called meetings as needed, to review project requests. Prayerful consideration was given to each penny we allocated.

The Outreach Committee worked with the Washington County Long Term Recovery Group. This group is still working together with churches, the United Way, Habitat for Humanity, Community Development Block Grant staff to oversee renovation and rebuilding projects.

For families with no insurance or who were underinsured, 20 homes were destroyed and 100 homes were damaged. To date 18 homes have been rebuilt and 90 homes have been repaired by volunteers. Ten families are still living in temporary housing and are on lists for homes to be repaired or built by volunteers or to receive Community Development Block Grant or Habitat homes.

We will never forget the tornado or the power of God's love which held us when we stepped outside that morning. We are forever grateful to God for His peace and to all who donated money, time, talent, labor, food, equipment and prayers to help Glade Spring recover.

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

August 1 – Bob Lominack
August 7 – Wythe Hull
August 11 – Carlous Henderson
August 13 – Lois Buchanan
August 17 – Travis Brannon
August 17 – Ken Cook
August 17 – Peggy Snapp
August 19 – Carol Gentry
August 20 – Anita Robinson
August 21 – Kay Miller Williams
August 21 – Zach Gentry
August 21 – David Copeland
August 21 – Kay Miller Williams
August 24 – Peggy Wright
August 25 – Jennifer Shaffer
August 28 – Jewel Osborne
August 30 – Sue Blevins
August 30 – Butch Blevins
August 30 – Mona Buchanan
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

ANNIVERSARIES

August 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Harry Haynes
August 21 – Mr. and Mrs. William Naylor
August 28 – Mr. and Mrs. Don Inazu
September 5 – Mr. and Mrs. Carlous Henderson
September 20 – Mr. and Mrs. Tim Simpson

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

June 3 – Attendance 35, Offering \$25.41
June 10 – Attendance 30, Offering \$36.10
June 17 – Attendance 27, Offering \$28.00
June 24 – Attendance 23, Offering \$28.00
July 1 – Attendance 28, Offering \$19.00
July 8 – Attendance 30, Offering \$31.00
July 15 – Attendance 20, Offering \$24.00
July 22 – Attendance 16, Offering \$19.00
July 29 – 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 September 2nd.

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

Patrick, Martha, Adrienne, Piper, Locklan McBride

Brian Harville

Harold and Darbe Dolinger

Anna Kellon

Trish Capparelli

Samantha Hobbs

Todd Rosenbaum

Doug Miller

Michael and Cathy Hess

Bill Linderman

Chet Bachiewicz

Luke Allers

Kerissa and Melissa Cummings

Jessica Linaburg

Eddie and Tucker Donnis

Schaap Freeman

Sarah, Madison, Alex Rice

Mandy and Ally Crosswhite

Bud and Susan Baldwin

Stuart, Mary, Luke, John Stovall

Mike Stovall

Paula Reynolds

Persis and Sebas Wilmoth

Johnna Chambers

Carl Simpson

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Jim and Lola Smith upon the death of her brother, Frank Maxey, on July 1st; to Peggy Wright, Barbara Henderson and Shannon Rogers Simpson upon the death of Peggy's brother, George Dewey DeBusk, Jr. on June 5th; to Debra and Tim Simpson upon the death of Debra's cousin, Terry Wilson, on June 24th, and upon the death of Tim's niece, Rochell Foster, on July 5th. Please remember these families in your thoughts and prayers in the upcoming

UPCOMING MEETINGS AND EVENTS

Ecumenical Faith in Action Food Pantry Schedule – September 9-14, November 11-16.

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 2 – Friday, September 7th, at 2:00 at the fellowship hall.

Circle Number 4 – Tuesday, September 10th, at 6:00 p.m.

Bible Studies – Tuesday, August 14th, Thursday, August 16th, Tuesday, August 21st, Thursday, August 23rd, at 7:00 p.m. Rev. Bird will lead Bible study. Then small groups will be led by elders.

Sunday School Picnic will be held on Thursday, August 23rd, at 6:00 p.m. with Bible Study to follow at 7:00 p.m.

Sunday School Rally Day will be held on Sunday, August 26th.

Intergenerational Sunday School – Sunday, September 2nd, at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Deacons – Sunday, September 9th, at 5:00 p.m.

Session – Sunday, September 9th, at 6:00 p.m.

Faith in Action Food Bank – September 10-14
Monday 10:00 – 1:00; Tuesday 5:00 – 7:00
Friday – 10:00 – 1:00

Homecoming Weekend – Saturday, September 29th, with a barbeque at picnic shelter. Everything will be furnished for picnic. Sunday, September 30th, 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.

Thank you to those who are serving on the Officer Nominating – Chairman Michael Colston, Sara Hutton Tallman, Alice Freeman, Susan Henderson, Lucy Alexander, Lonnie Wallace, Tyree Wilmoth, Niz Barker, and Stan Williams

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.

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.

The church is in the process of looking into obtaining paved parking lots for both church and fellowship hall. Anyone interested in supporting this endeavor is asked to place contribution in envelopes in pew racks and place in offering plates.

Updated Addresses:

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Congratulations to proud parents, Corey and Courtney Brannon Wheeler, and to proud grandparents, Lee and Belinda Brannon upon the birth of Jayden Lamont Wheeler on June 22nd. May our Lord bestow his blessings upon this family.

Thank you to all those who made our Vacation Bible School so special. Whether you taught, led music, helped with snacks, provided games, or attended, thank you. A special thank you to Rebecca Buchanan, Colleen Buchanan and Becky McKinney for serving as directors.

GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PRAYER LIST –

Ellen Bell Campbell

John Robinson

John Sheffield

Christine Wallace

Mabel Tuell

Wayne Moore

April Breeding

Butch Flora

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

Roland 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

School opens August 15th. The date is fast approaching.

Please use the attached list to furnish any school supplies you can. There are many students in need.

We will be collecting supplies this Sunday, **August 12** and the following Sunday, **August 19th**.

Thank you,

The Outreach Committee

- **1 - 2 1/2 or 3 inch three ring binder for English**
- **1 - 2 inch three ring binder for World Geography or Science**
- **4 - plastic folders with prongs and pockets for Algebra and Pre-Algebra**
- **3 - packs of College-ruled loose leaf paper**
- **Binder dividers for English**
- **3-hole punch that fits in binder**
- **Index cards for English**
- **Index card flip book for Algebra and Pre-Algebra**
- **Composition notebook for English**
- **5 - Highlighters**
- **Blue or Colored Ink Pens**
- **Colored Pencils with a hand-held sharpener**
- **Pencil Pouch**
- **1 package of Dry Erase Markers**
- **1 box #2 Pencils to be given to A Block Teacher**
- **1 pack of red pens to be given to A Block Teacher**

Amended and Corrected Minutes of the Stated Session
Meeting

Sunday, June 3, 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: Sonny Porterfield, Jay Robinson, James Allison, Steve Johnston, Michael Colston, Clark Hutton, Dirk Wilmoth, Patrick Buchanan, Sara Hutton Tallman and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Kay Williams represented the deacons. Elders Rebecca DeBusk and Lee Brannon were excused.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Michael Colston gave a devotional about the hymn The Lord Bless You and Keep You and offered a prayer.

Eleanor Williams was welcomed by the session as a new member of GSPC by transfer of letter.

Sarah Bird reported on her first year of seminary. She will appear before Presbytery on June 14 to be examined for endorsement as a candidate. The clerk moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, that Sarah be endorsed for candidacy in Abingdon Presbytery. The motion passed.

Amendment....Jay Robinson has agreed to become treasurer of the Trustees.

MOTION: Dirk moved, and Sonny seconded the motion, to authorize Jay Robinson to become treasurer of the Trustees and have access to the accounts and safe deposit box. The motion passed.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Dirk Wilmoth moved, and Jay Robinson seconded the motion, that the minutes of the joint stated meeting on May 6 and of the congregational meeting on May 20 be approved as written. The motion passed.

Financial Report

Clark Hutton presented a financial report.

Clerk's Correspondence

The clerk presented the following correspondence: an application for use of the fellowship hall. Reverend Bird suggested we wait to review this application until we have more information; a letter from Presbytery requesting the minutes of 2011 session meetings for review.

Minute for Minister

Reverend Bird reported that we need a representative for Presbytery on June 14. He stated that if no one could attend, Alice Freeman had reported that she could represent the church. MOTION: Clark Hutton moved, and Dirk Wilmoth seconded the motion, that Alice Freeman represent GSPC at Presbytery on June 14.

Old Business

Goals for the Session

Steve reported the following goals from the committee. Goal #1: To promote spiritual growth through Bible study and other small group opportunities he proposed a four day Bible study during which Reverend Bird would give a lesson and then the session members would lead small groups in discussion. The Bible study will be in the second and third weeks of August and will meet on Tuesdays and Thursdays. A light supper will be planned for at least one of the evenings.

Goal #2: To be more intentional in getting people to participate in fellowship, ministries and groups. Jay Robinson and Dirk Wilmoth presented strategies for increasing Sunday School attendance by 20%: fellowship between Sunday School and church, pew cards with an explanation of church activities and work and how people can be involved.

Goal #3 To be more active in contacting the congregation members and prospective members. Reverend Bird developed a list of members who are in need of a visit. Each elder will maintain contact the members on the list and will report any needs.

Reverend Bird presented two proposals on water coolers. Deacons reviewed and recommended that we use Pristine Water Company. MOTION: Dirk moved, and Jay seconded the motion, that we use the services of Pristine Water Company. The motion passed. One unit will be placed in the church near the elevator and the second unit will be in the new fellowship hall.

The application for the use of the church, picnic shelter and fellowship hall has been updated by the altar committee and recommended by the worship committee. MOTION: Jay Robinson moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, that we accept the updated application with one amendment. It states that church members' families have precedence over nonmembers for use of the facilities for a wedding with a six month notification timetable. The motion passed.

New Business

Clark Hutton reported that we have been given \$20,000, anonymously, for a special project. MOTION: Sonny Porterfield moved, and Steve Johnston seconded that we use this money for paving the parking lots. After discussion, the motion passed.

Three bids have been received for this project. One more bid is expected.

Committee Reports

Property:

Patrick reported on three bids for the replacement of 830 feet of fence between the cemetery and the Robinson property. MOTION: Patrick moved, and James seconded the motion, that we use the bid for \$3.25/foot and use funds from the cemetery square fund. The motion passed.

Jay will write an article in the newsletter about the need to pave the parking lot.

MOTION: Jay moved, and Steve seconded the motion, that we place envelopes in the pews to collect extra money for paving. The motion passed.

Kay Williams requested that a reflector be placed at the end of the fence on the lower end of the parking lot. There is a sharp drop-off into the ditch.

CE:

No meeting.

Worship:

No meeting.

Personnel:

No meeting.

Shepherding:

No meeting.

Budget & Finance:

No meeting.

Outreach:

Volunteers will be here July 9-13 to help build another home for tornado victims.

Deacons:

Kay reported that the deacons want to know how we will transition from 12 elders and deacons to nine. Reverend Bird explained the process. Election of officers: For the Class of 2014 we will need to add one deacon and we will need to ask one person from the classes of 2012 and 2013 ask if they will move to the class of 2014 and 2015.

For the class Elders of 2014 we will ask one elder to move to the class of 2015 and elect two people.

Volunteers are needed to serve on the nominating committee from the youth, Presbyterian Men and Women of the Church.

There will be a congregational meeting on June 17th to present the names of those willing to serve on the nominating committee.

Presbyterian Men:

They will have breakfast next week. Sonny reported that PM will pay \$400.00 for the tombstone for those known only to God.

Presbyterian Women:

No report.

Next meeting: August 5, 2012 at 6:00pm.

MOTION: James moved, and Steve seconded the motion, to adjourn. The motion passed.

Reverend Bird closed the meeting with prayer.