

THE BIRD'S NEST

How many times do we hear the refrain in conversation of how fast time flies. We comment that it is hard to believe that we are already on the brink of spring. It seems as though the weeks and months have flown by. Time for all of us is moving on and grows short as the demands of our families, society and other engagements seem to constantly increase, eating away at the time we have for spiritual meditation, calm, and prayer.

There are two quite different ways of being by oneself. One is called solitude. The other is loneliness. Solitude is a time out chosen by us for thought and spiritual renewal through prayer, meditation and reading. Loneliness, on the other hand, is not by choice and is characterized by a sense of alienation, feeling ignored, and filled with self-pity. Solitude leads to a more peaceful life and renews our strength and faith amidst our activities both secular and spiritual. Loneliness makes us weary to our bones, apathetic and lethargic. We can become hapless at best and hopeless at worst.

As we, at Old Glade, enter the season of Lent, I ask you to intentionally set aside times for solitude so our attitudes and actions may be grounded in inner strength, spiritual discernment, and Christ's guidance. It is important for us as servants of the Lord to be aware of those who are caught or trapped within themselves in the lonely corners of their existence. It is our calling as Christians to reach out to those whether in public places, at work, in their homes, and pay special attention to those in hospital rooms or rest homes where illness or disability have restrained them, or where grief has taken hold of their spirit, drawing them into despair.

In the upcoming Lenten season, may we seek new ways to build up our own connection with our heavenly Father through His Holy Spirit in solitude, so it can provide physical and spiritual refreshment inspiring compassionate action toward others. Let us also, beloved, bring new excitement to our own worship, fellowship and work as we look to the future. Not a future clouded by anxious worries of what may be, but a future that heralds the truth that no matter what happens God will be with us as individuals, as families, as a congregation and a nation. This is the message of the Gospel to empower and enable us to fulfill our calling even when time flies. For our Saviour even took times of solitude to be renewed by his Father God.

“Take time to be holy, speak oft with thy Lord. Abide in him always and feed on his word. Make friends of God’s children. Help those who are weak, forgetting in nothing his blessings shall seek. Take time to be holy. Be calm in thy soul, each thought and each motive beneath his control. Thus led by his spirit to fountain of love though soon shall be fit for service above.” (from hymn – Take Time to Be Holy)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- February 1 – Courtney Brannon
- February 1 – Preston Ross Rogers Simpson
- February 1 – Eric Fleenor
- February 4 – Robert Baldwin
- February 5 – Grey Robinson
- February 9 – Sarah Bird
- February 10 – Reid Buchanan
- February 13 – Betty Wagner
- February 14 – Niz Barker
- February 15 – Kelly Thomas
- February 17 – Susan Henderson
- February 17 – Bob Hutton
- February 19 – Cathy Hutton
- February 20 – Sherrye Snapp Williams
- February 21 – Amanda Bird
- February 22 – Ina Corder Stephenson Marbury
- February 23 – Ron Tallman
- February 24 – Michael Colston
- February 25 – Susan Johnston
- February 29 – Debra Simpson
- March 1 – Sally Agee
- March 2 – Pam Cook Yarber
- March 4 – Stacey Williams
- March 4 – Ruth Colston
- March 4 – Susan DeBusk
- March 6 – Cole Thomas
- March 7 – Dennis Smith
- March 7 – John Robinson
- March 23 – Leigh Ann Copenhaver
- March 30 – Jane Coulthard

ANNIVERSARIES

- February 10 – Mr. and Mrs. Paul Tuell
- February 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Wythe Hull
- March 2 – Mr. and Mrs. James S. Hutton
- March 3 – Rev. and Mrs. Tim Bird
- March 17 – Mr. and Mrs. Jay Henderson
- March 17 – Mr. and Mrs. James F. Hutton

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

- January 8 – Attendance 43 – Offering \$55.15
- January 15 – Attendance 20 – Offering \$6.00
- January 22 – Attendance 36 – Offering \$47.00
- January 29 – Attendance 28 – Offering \$25.88

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 March 4th.

We warmly welcome our visitors
Corey Henson
Logan Amerson
Brian Hasville
Meagan Lester

Congratulations to Kelsie Addison upon her acceptance to the University of Virginia at Charlottesville, and to Cadence Wilmoth upon her acceptance to Mars Hill. Way to go, Kelsie and Cadence!

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.

Altar Committee – Sunday, February 12, at 3:30

Board of Deacons and Session – Sunday, February 5th, at 5:00.

Circle Number 4 – Monday, February 13th, at 6:00 p.m.

Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, February 14th, at 2:00 at the fellowship hall.

Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper – February 21st, at 6:00 at the fellowship hall.

Ash Wednesday – February 22nd – church will be open for meditation and prayer

Membership Committee – February 28th, at 6:30 p.m. in Ladies Parlor

Circle Number 2 – Friday, March 2nd, at 2:00 p.m.

Presbyterian Men – Breakfast meeting on Sunday, March 4th, at 8:00 a.m.

Intergenerational Sunday School – Sunday, March 4th, at 10:00 a.m.

Board of Deacons – Sunday, March 4th, at 5:00 p.m.

Session – Sunday, March 4th, at 6:00 p.m.

Abingdon Presbytery meeting – Thursday, March 8th, at Walnut Grove Presbyterian Church

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 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 –**

Mary Allen
J. G. Lester
Roland Lester
Linda Parsons (missionary in Africa, sister-in-law of Sarah Helton)
Josephine Patrick
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
Joella Barbour
Dr. Robert Lominack
Daryl Phillips
Jack McCarty
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)
Shirley Bordwine
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

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.

Congratulations to Kelly and Matthew Hill upon the birth of their daughter, Kenley Lynn, on January 29th. Also congratulations of proud grandparents, Tom and Pam Hill.

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to the family and friends of Mary Dudley Porterfield who joined her Lord on January 31st. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Thanks to your generosity, \$318.75 was collected on Souper Bowl Sunday. This money is used feed those who are in need in our community.

On Shrove Tuesday February 21st, at 6:00 p.m., please join us in the fellowship hall for a Pancake Supper. Our youth will use this as a fund-raiser project under the supervision of the Presbyterian Men. There will be activities for the younger children (masks, beads, etc.)

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.

Ecumenical Faith in Action Food Pantry Schedule – March 4-9, May 6-11, July 8-13, September 9-14, November 11-16.

On Friday, February 3rd, The Southern Manna Soup Kitchen opened at the Senior Center in Glade Spring Town Square. A hot meal will be served every Friday from 11:00 – 1:00. If you are able to volunteer or donate to this mission, please call Debbie Bise at 429-2139.

Sermon Series – Beginning Sunday, February 12th, Rev. Bird will begin a sermon series on the Ten Commandments and their meaning for Christians in both the Hebrew Bible and The New Testament.

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.

Dresses for children in Africa....

At the Presbyterian Women's Fall Gathering hosted by Old Glade in September, information and dress patterns were shared by women from other churches. Circle Number 3 committed to this project and made a total of 25 dresses. In February a group of doctors from Wellmont and surrounding areas will be going to Africa to work in poverty stricken areas. The dresses will be taken to Central Presbyterian Church where they will be packed along with the medical supplies. The doctors will distribute these dresses to those in need. If you are interested in making dresses, please speak with Christine Wallace or Delores Wagner.