

THE BIRD'S NEST

“This is the most despicable national campaign ever! That candidate couldn’t tell the truth if his/her life depended on it! I get so confused as to who I can trust. I’m so sick of all these political ads and phone calls. I will be relieved when the election is over!”

These are a few, among many, comments I have heard through the portals of social media. We hear backers of this or that candidate list the evils of the one they oppose and shower with accolades the one they are for, so much so, their candidate of choice would give Jesus a run for His money. Then, of course unfortunately, there are many who have burned out on this representative government sport that begins even now as this election ends.

However, for Presbyterians and other reformed traditions, “election” holds a peculiarly important and meaningful place in our doctrine and beliefs. It refers to those who hear and respond to God’s love and give their lives, hearts and souls to him through Christ. The doctrine of Christian election in its simplest expression refers to those who through Christ overcome the separation of sin between God and humanity-in other words those who affirm God and give their lives to him. Hence, in this way becoming one of God’s elect, confessing our sins and our self-centeredness and accepting the gift of His grace. Those who choose to be reconciled or overcome their sins do so through the Sacrament of Baptism which represents the grace and love that washes away the sins which separate us from our Lord and makes us one of God’s family in the Church.

So amid the name calling and ire that earthly elections display in disgusting ways this time of year, let us remember our own given election that guarantees a safer and more abundant life now and until we go home to be with our heavenly Brother and Father and all the other saints that are waiting for us in our heavenly home.

“To God’s elected strangers in the world.....God the Father chose you because of what he knew beforehand. He chose you through the Holy Spirit’s work of making you holy because of the faithful obedience and sacrifice of Jesus Christ. May God’s grace and peace be multiplied to you.”

(I Peter 1:1a,2)

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU!!!!

- November 1 – Kim Gretz
- November 1 – Nancy Kiser
- November 3 – Myrtle Ann Buchanan
- November 5 – Sara Hutton Tallman
- November 7 – Shannon Gentry Brown
- November 9 – Shannon Rogers Simpson
- November 12 – Amber Hardy
- November 13 – Jeff Buchanan
- November 17 – Edward Reames
- November 17 – James C. Smith
- November 18 – James Allison
- November 18 – Will Hutton
- November 19 – Margaret Orr
- November 19 – Lisa Green
- November 20 – Mary Lominack
- November 22 – Trish Capparelli
- November 22 – William Naylor
- November 27 – A. J. Henderson
- November 29 – Lonnie Wallace
- December 3 – Michael Shaffer
- 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 26 – Lola Smith
- December 28 – Alice Freeman
- December 30 – Martha Buchanan McBride
- December 31 – Peggy Robinson

ANNIVERSARIES

- November 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Blevins
- November 23 – Mr. and Mrs. Wayne McNeil
- November 25 – Mr. and Mrs. John Robinson
- November 28 - Mr. and Mrs. Andy Williams
- December 18 – Mr. and Mrs. Steve Johnston
- December 25 – Mr. and Mrs. Scott Simpson
- December 27 – Dr. and Mrs. Robert Lominack

Sunday School Update

- October 7, Attendance 24, Offering \$30.00**
- October 14, Attendance 16, Offering \$19.00**
- October 21, Attendance 20, Offering \$20.50**
- October 28, Attendance 22, Offering \$25.00**

We warmly welcome our visitors
Mary Jane Halsey
Ryan Sawyer
Amanda and Ally Crosswhite
LeAnne Crabtree
Cindy and David Jackson
Brenda and Gerald Jackson
Arbutus Echols
Tom Taylor
Linda and Barry Curtis
Michael, Anna, Donna and Ben Smith
Wythe Hull

MEETINGS AND EVENTS

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

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

Abingdon Presbytery meeting – Thursday, November 8th, at Hillsville Presbyterian Church.

Circle Number 4 – Monday, November 12th, at 6:00

Circle Number 3 – Tuesday, November 13th, at 2:00.

Community Thanksgiving Eve Service – Wednesday, November 21st, at Fairview Baptist Church.

Sacrament of Holy Communion – Sunday, December 2nd, during worship.

Board of Deacons – Sunday, December 2nd, 5:00

Session – Sunday, December 2nd, 6:00

Caroling and Stone Soup Dinner – Saturday, December 15th, beginning at 5:00.

Christmas Pageant and Dinner – Sunday, December 16th, beginning at 6:00.

Christmas Cantata, Sunday, December 23rd, during morning worship.

Christmas Eve Communion Services – Monday, December 24th, 7:00 and 11:00.

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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FAITH IN ACTION FOOD BANK – *Our times to work are:*

Monday, November 12, 10:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Tuesday, November 13, 5:00 – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, November 16, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Feel free to come earlier to prepare for food distribution. There is always something to do.

**GLADE SPRING PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
PRAYER LIST –**

*Dr. James Herndon Ross Rogers (father of
Shannon Rogers Simpson)
Sue Young Payne
Margaret Orr
Betty and Willis Wagner
Molly Haynes
Denny Snodgrass (father in law of William
Moore)
Raymond DeFriece (uncle of Wayne Moore)
Della Gregory (neighbor of Sarah Helton)
Rachel Crabtree Cocke
Ellen Bell Campbell
Kevin Perrigan
John Robinson
John and Ruth Sheffield
Michele Wagner (daughter of Betty and Willis
Wagner)
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)
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*

“Betty and Willis Wagner would like to express their sincere appreciation for the church’s thoughts, prayers, cards, and other contacts concerning the loss of their son, Larry, on October 2, 2012. Thanks also to Tim who stood by us during the process”

Presbyterian Women have a few church sweatshirts for sale. Please speak with Nelia Little if you are interested in purchasing one.

“As your pastor, I was surprised and honored by your gift and card presented to me during the worship service on Sunday, October 28th. Ann and I will certainly enjoy the gift certificate to one of our favorite eateries. But even more precious were the sentiments on the card and the many that were able to sign it. I thank you, not only for those expressions of appreciation, but for the thousands of prayers and support that have made being your pastor a joy. Thank you! Tim”

We extend our Christian love and sympathy to Betty and Willis Wagner upon the death of their son, Larry, on October 2nd and to the family and friends of Alice Maebelle Smith upon her death on September 29th. Please remember these families and all those who have lost loved ones in your thoughts and prayers.

SPECIAL OPPORTUNITIES

YOU ARE INVITED TO JOIN THE CHOIR DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON. A SPECIAL PRACTICE FOR THE CANTATA WILL BE HELD ON SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 11TH, AT 2:00 P.M. PLEASE JOIN US.

PLANS FOR OUR ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PAGEANT ARE IN THE WORKS. ALL FROM THE CONGREGATION ARE INVITED TO PARTICIPATE. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP IN ANY WAY, PLEASE SPEAK WITH DAVID BEVINS, TIM BIRD, OR CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE. THIS IS A WONDERFUL OPPORTUNITY TO SERVE OUR LORD DURING THIS CHRISTMAS SEASON.

ANNOUNCING an opportunity for a double serving of sharing: The congregation is invited to join the youth for Stone Soup and Christmas Caroling on December 15. Bring a canned item for the soup and gather at 5 p.m. in the fellowship hall. We will split up for caroling, visiting the shut-ins and others who will welcome us. Then we will share stone soup upon our return at 7:30. Let the church office (429-5731) know if you would like a visit from our carolers.

Glade Spring Presbyterian Church

Minutes of the Stated Session Meeting

Sunday, October 7, 2012

5:00pm

The monthly stated meeting of the Session and the Board of Deacons of Glade Spring Presbyterian Church was held jointly at 5:00pm in the church basement. The following members, constituting a quorum, were present: Elders: Lee Brannon, Clark Hutton, Sonny Porterfield, Jay Robinson, James Allison, Dirk Wilmoth, Rebecca DeBusk, Patrick Buchanan, Steve Johnston, Rebecca DeBusk, Sara Hutton Tallman and Deacons: Tammy Allison, Anita Robinson, Alice Freeman, Kay Williams, Mary Kay Stanberry, Ruth Ann Arington, Nancy Hagen, Susan Henderson, Betty Jo Tuell and Reverend Tim Bird, Moderator. Elder Michael Colston and Deacon Debra Simpson were excused.

Reverend Bird called the meeting to order.

Rebecca DeBusk gave a devotional from the book of Matthew and offered a prayer.

Approval of Minutes

MOTION: Kay Williams moved, and Betty Jo Tuell seconded the motion, that the minutes of the stated deacons’ meeting on September 9 be approved as written. The motion passed.

MOTION: Lee Brannon moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, that the minutes of the stated session meeting on September 9 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 invitation to the retirement reception for Kathi Lowe, executive director of Ecumenical Faith in Action, Sunday October 21 at The First Christian Church.

A letter from the Living Waters for the World, a ministry of the Synod of Living Waters Presbyterian Church detailing their ministry to build clean water systems throughout the world and requesting financial assistance and prayer;

A letter from the Special Offerings Committee of the Presbyterian Mission Agency requesting any financial assistance and prayer we can furnish. The clerk will take these requests to the Outreach Committee for a recommendation.

A letter announcing scholarships to the Westminster College in New Wilmington, Pennsylvania.

Minute for Minister

Reverend Bird opened the floor to discuss any ideas about the deacons and session meeting together quarterly. The responses were positive.

At the Presbytery meeting held here on September 12, they approved the sale of the Presbytery building in Wytheville. The office will be moved to Wytheville Presbyterian Church during the transition toward a virtual office. A contract has been signed to rent the space for \$500.00 per month. April DiYorio, executive assistant, will staff the office. All monies left over from the sale of the building will go to mission work.

The Glade Area ministerial association met on October 3. Reverend Bird passed out the minutes of the meeting.

The Thanksgiving Eve community service will be at Fairview Baptist with Reverend James Walls leading the service.

Old Business

Patrick Buchanan reported that the paving is finished with a final cost of \$75,400. He also mentioned plans for marking the parking lot spaces will be accepted. A called meeting will be set to approve the parking lot marking.

A date will be set for the dedication of the tombstone marking cemetery stones which were unreadable.

The youth will be rebuilding the playground. Anita Robinson brought a request for funding from the youth. MOTION: Jay Robinson moved, and James Allison seconded the motion, for \$3000 from session fund to buy the playground kit to build a climber and swings. The motion passed.

New Business

Reverend Bird reported that youth Sunday will be October 21. This year instead of the youth group doing two youth Sunday services, they will do one service here and we will invite Meadowview Methodist to worship with us and have a potluck luncheon. MOTION: Rev Bird moved, from the CE committee, to hold the potluck luncheon. The motion passed.

Anita reported ideas on improving the nursery and Sunday School rooms.

Committee Reports

Property:

Jay Robinson reported that Tom Hill has called someone to fix the pump at the fellowship hall.

CE:

Anita reported that they are considering asking different groups within the church to lead Intergenerational Sunday School. They are open to suggestions ideas about ISS.

Plans are in the works for the Christmas Pageant. Ideas were shared about the possibility of a young couples' group.

The youth are requesting an increase of the youth budget as more kids are participating and they want to expand their activities.

Worship:

Rebecca DeBusk reported that the committee met on September 19. The choir director has a new robe. World communion was celebrated today. MOTION: Rebecca moved from the committee to approve the purchase of two stoles for Reverend Bird for \$250.00.

The discussion of purchasing of new hymnals was tabled.

The Christmas Cantata will be Dec 23. The Christmas Pageant will be Dec 16.

Two services will be offered on Christmas Eve: 7:00pm and 11:00pm.

Betty Jo Tuell extended her thanks to Andy and the choir for the moving music today in celebration of Worldwide Communion.

Personnel:

Will meet Wednesday Oct. 17 to discuss salaries and evaluations.

Shepherding:

No meeting

Budget & Finance:

Sonny Porterfield reported that they are in the process of developing a budget for 2013.

Outreach:

Apple butter cooking is October 13. The committee will furnish lunch for workers on a Habitat House in Abingdon. Opportunities are available for anyone who wants to work on the house.

Membership:

No meeting.

Presbyterian Men:

Jay Robinson reported that they had breakfast today.

Presbyterian Women:

Circles #3 and 4 will meet this week.

Next meeting: Nov 4, 2012 at 6:00pm.

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

Reverend Bird closed the meeting with prayer.

PARKING LOT

Stripping for the parking lot will be completed shortly.

PLAYGROUND AREA

The Session allocated \$3,000 for construction of a new playground area. The youth will be working on this in November. If you would like to help, please contact David Bevins.

THE OUTREACH COMMITTEE wishes to thank those who worked so diligently in the apple butter making. You are greatly appreciated....those who picked up the apples, peeled, washed jars, cooked meals for those working, stirred, and canned. Our final tally was 609 pints. Proceeds will be used to help those in need in our community.

Congratulations to Alice and Isaac Freeman upon the birth of their granddaughter, Isadora St. Clair Freeman Fouse, born on October 28th. Isadora is the daughter of Clay and Schaap Freeman Fouse.