



The Voice of Appalachia

Southern Baptists on Mission in the Appalachian Region

Glade Community Church takes a Giant Step of Faith



Little did Gene and Peggy Johnson know what God had in store for them when Gene retired after pastoring for fourteen years in Delaware. Formerly the pastor of Hermitage Hills Baptist Church, Hermitage, Tennessee where he served for 20 years, he felt God calling him to start a new church in Glade Springs, West Virginia, a planned community that had no church or evident Christian witness.

With limited support they moved into the Glade Springs Village and started home Bible studies. Soon a core group was developed. In time the Glade Community Church was formed as a mission of North Gate Baptist Church, Beckley, West Virginia. Over the past two years the church meet in several locations ranging from conference rooms to living rooms. When space allows they average between 40 to 50 each Sunday. However, this year, with the property management needing the conference room on Sundays, they have been meeting in homes and struggling with a decline in attendance of 20 to 25 each week due to space limitations.

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If a task is once begun,
Never leave it till it's done.

Be the labor great or small,

Do it well or not at all.

- Anonymous

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As the new congregation sought the will of God, the only rentable building in the village with enough space to allow for a church became available. Knowing that it would be 5 years before they can develop property that has been made available to them, by faith they rented the available building for \$3,750 per month, about half of which the new congregation can handle at their current level of income. On Sunday, August 17th, Bill Barker, Director of ARM, met with the **Johnson's to look at the property and review their needs as they move from into the building.** Below are their immediate needs. Please pray that God will supply the additional monies each month and the other basic needs they have as they move forward as a new church start.

- 100 Padded chairs
- Plexiglas Pulpit
- Sound system

The Johnson's are natives of Georgia (Gene is from Forest Park and Peggy is from Jeffersonville).

Below is their contact information so that you let them know that you are praying for them or to see how you can become involved in this new church start.

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Reports from the field

Freedom Center Ministries, Cumberland, Kentucky

Recently the Freedom Center purchased a house in Lynch, Kentucky to house the director and his family. Volunteers are needed to help with some renovations that need to be completed before being occupied. The work includes remodeling the bedrooms, bathroom, kitchen and living room areas. The remodeling will include replacing old windows and doors and installing a heating and air conditioning system. Once the renovations are completed the house will also provide a guest bedroom as well as an office for FCM. If you would like to get involved in this vital ministry in Harlan County, Kentucky please contact the FCM. George and Robin Lewis are natives of South Carolina and serve as MSC Missionaries with the NAMB.

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