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Reflections

Where did the time go? As I get older I seem to be saying that more but it really does seem like it was just yesterday we were celebrating Easter and here we are looking at all the events that will happen in the busy month of May. And May does promise to be a glorious month with Mother's Day, Pentecost, Graduate Recognition Sunday, and Memorial Day. Add to that being able to get outside more and enjoy God's creation in the life-giving sunshine and there sure is a lot going on this month.

When I think about all that is going on I am reminded of a song the youth sang during Youth Sunday on April 29. It's a song we all know so well from our youth as well, "*He's Got the Whole World in His Hands.*" It's reassuring to me that with our busy lives God is with us watching over us and providing for us. We can

celebrate the fact that God has all our brothers and sisters in God's hands. We rejoice that the sun, rain, moon, stars, wind, clouds are all in God's hands. We delight in the fact that the rivers, mountains, ocean, and seas God holds in God's hands. And we take comfort that you and me and everyone here and there and everybody everywhere are cradled in the loving hands of God for all time.

What greater joy can we have as we enter into the month of May knowing that God is with us no matter where we are and what we are doing. God truly does have the whole world in God's hands and what a blessing it is knowing we are secure in God's love.

Blessings,

Bill

Board Minutes

II-March-2018

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Bud Hippisley had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Gusta made a motion to approve and Ruth seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- There was no treasurer's report. G.B. did state that the church had been actively looking for another bank for some time. After much discussion and careful consideration Snow Creek Christian Church has decided to move accounts to Union Bank. A motion was made by George Martin and seconded by Janet Perdue and unanimously approved by the Church Board to do the following:

Open two checking accounts and obtain one debit card for each account.

Troy Washburn, Delmas Smith, and Gordon B. Washburn, Jr. will have full access to all accounts which includes writing checks, making debit purchases, and completing online and in person transactions.

Debra W. Haynes will be able to use a Debit Card and write Checks on Account Number two.

Pastor's Report- Bill reported that he has been very pleased with the way things are going at the church especially with the youth and their excitement to collect money for the Week of Compassion offering.

Bill made 17 home, hospital or rehab facility visits since our last meeting. He still wants to work on doing more home visits. He attended one Senior's meeting, one VBS planning meeting and one Easter community service planning meeting. He participated in the World Day of Prayer and completed the course he was taking on the book Revelation.

Bill stated the coming month will be a very busy month with all of the various Easter events coming up. Bill will lead the Easter Sunrise Service at Boones Chapel Church of Brethren at 7:00 a.m.

Committee Reports-

Property- Kay said the floor had been put down in the den of the parsonage but nothing had been started in the basement.

James Lovell has said he would cut down the trees at no charge. It was mentioned that the indoor parsonage work should probably be completed before the tree removal takes place in order to not hinder any progress with that.

Worship- Ruth has ordered the palm leaves for the youth to carry in on Palm Sunday.

Media- Del found a site that has the bible scriptures and songs. He said Molly could do a copy and paste from this site as versus hand typing in. This site would be at no charge.

New Business- G.B. said there is going to be a Christian based camp at Franklin Heights that would be held from 6/18-6/22. It is titled Winshape Camp for Youth. It is a youth camp for those who have completed first grade - middle school. It is a day camp with hours between 8:30 and 5:00. The cost per attendee would be \$214.00. G.B. proposed that the church possibly pay half that fee in the amount of \$107.00 per. G.B. thought there were around 3 youth that would fit the age criteria. Bud suggested that the church pay the 1/2 cost with a cap of \$535.00 which would cover 5 attendees. There will be a special offering to help fund this. Ruth made a motion to approve and Gusta seconded the motion, motion carried.

Calendar of Events- The community Easter Service will be at Trinity Church on Sunday, March 25th beginning at 6:30pm. Maundy Thursday service will be at Snow Creek, March 29th at 7:00pm. Easter Sunrise service will be at Boones Chapel this year with Snow Creek having the service. It will begin at 7:00am.

VBS at Pleasant Grove UMC June 25-29. Community events are rotated between 4 churches. Bill is going to confirm who hosts the Thanksgiving service this year.

Bill had our closing prayer.

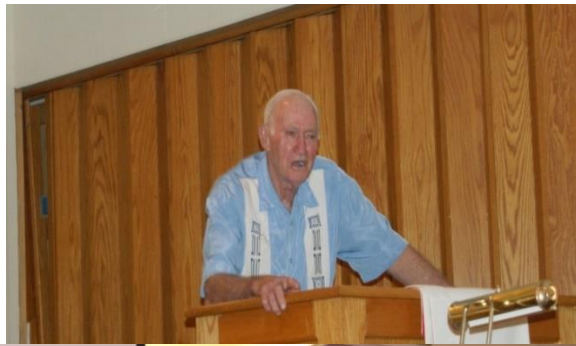
Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary

THE BAPTISM OF DONALD BELCHER

On April 29, Donald Belcher was baptized by Reverends Bill Oliver and Gill Lee at the church. Music was provided by Mike, Ronnie, Pam, and Veronica Doyle. Several of Donald's family and friends attended the event. Ruth presented him with a certificate and bible from the church. More pictures on the Church Website.





Memorial Day



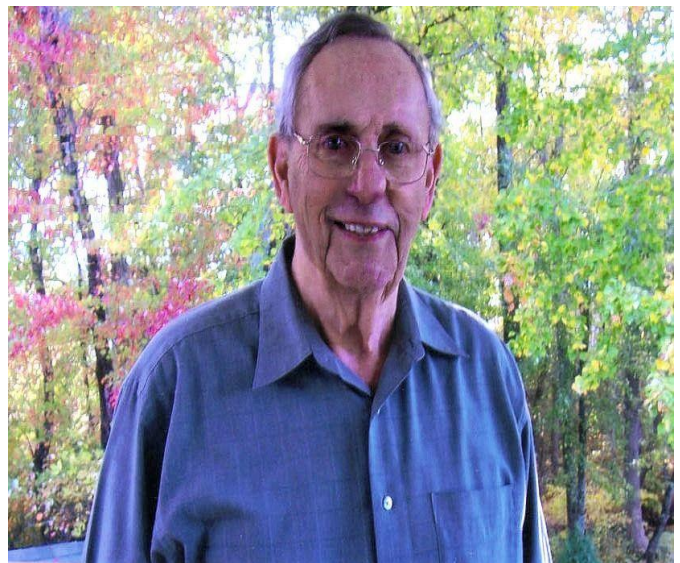
This year, we will honor our beloved former **Minister Berlin Hanks** for Memorial Day. Berlin served in the U.S. Army from August 1952 to May 1954 during the Korean War. He was stationed in Korea. He served in the U.S. Army Reserves following active duty. Mr. Hanks was born on November 7, 1931 in Carrol County and departed this world on November 1, 2016. He married Opal in 1958. Their children are Angela and Jonathan. Their grandchildren are Megan, Hunter, and Haley. He attended Lynchburg College and also received a Master of Divinity from Lexington Theological Seminary.

Mr. Hanks was the Minister of Snow Creek Christian Church for 28 ½ years. He and his

family lived in the Church Parsonage. He wholeheartedly embraced his duties as pastor in numerous ways. He continued to support the Church after Retirement, including serving as an Elder. Our Church was truly blessed to have Mr. Hanks serve the Church and Community for a long period of time. He was a charter member of the Snow Creek Rescue Squad and the Obie Minter VFW Post 10840. He served on the Franklin County School Board in the late seventies.

Many Veterans continue to provide service to others after returning from military service. Mr. Hanks continued his mission of service to others when he returned home from the military. Mr. Hanks was a true inspiration to all. He served his Country, Church, and Community but more importantly he was an “Ambassador for Christ” as quoted in his “Celebration of Life” service.

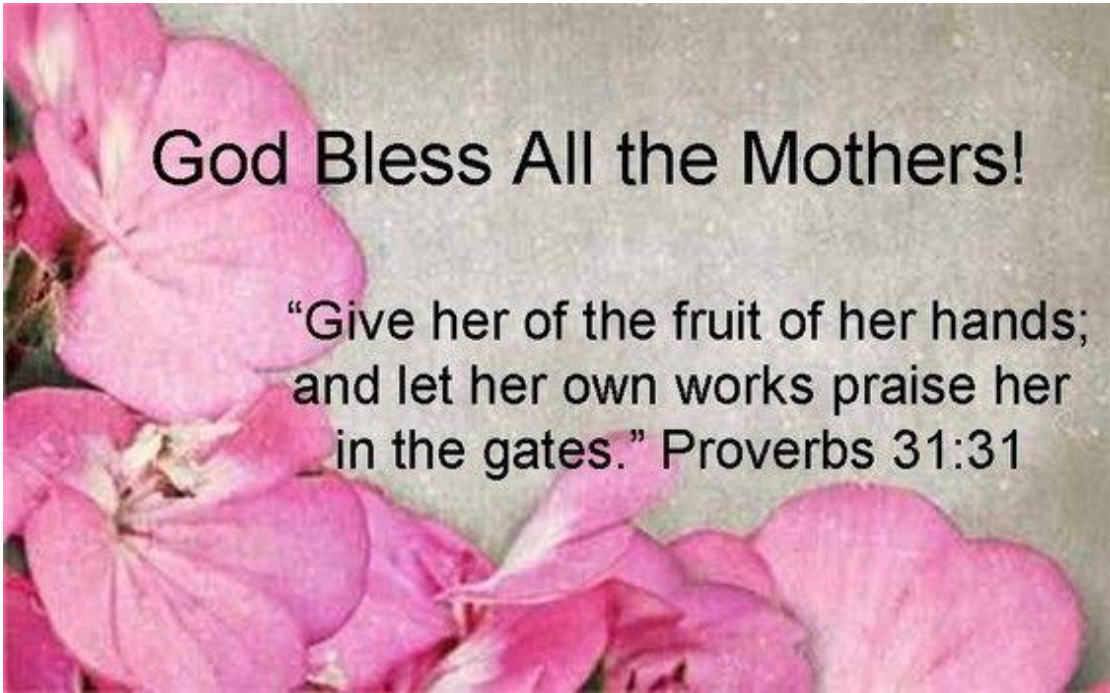
By Barbara S.



MOTHER'S DAY

God Bless All the Mothers!

**“Give her of the fruit of her hands;
and let her own works praise her
in the gates.” Proverbs 31:31**



MOTHER'S DAY TRIBUTES TO LYNN AND BETTY LOU BY WHITNEY

“A mother is she who can take the place of all others but whose place no one else can take,” (Gaspard Mermillod).

When I think of my mom I think of love, kindness, beauty, hard work, sacrifice, sunshine, laughter, support, great food, fun, warm hugs and so much more. I admire my mom so much, there is no one like her. Not only is she my mom, but she's one of my best friends. She has been here for me every step of the way.

The only thing better than having Lynn Mitchell as my mom is having her as my children's Mimi. Seeing her with my children melts my heart. She is the best mom and Mimi anyone could ever dream of. I'll never be able to thank my mom enough for all she's done for myself and my family. All I can do is strive to be half the woman she is and try to make her proud. I am so truly blessed to have her and I thank God for her everyday.



My grandma is one of my favorite people. I admire the characteristics that she has embedded on the Mitchell family. She is kind hearted, loving, thoughtful, hard working, an amazing cook and so much more. Some of my favorite memories of being with grandma are sitting on a bar stool in her kitchen eating icecream and cookies, sneaking her Freshen Up gum that she always kept, trying to learn how to make her famous angel biscuits and silver queen corn, and dancing to “Wagon Wheel”. I love my grandma dearly. She is the matriarch of the Mitchell family and we are SO grateful for her.

One of the most admirable qualities of both my mom and my grandma is that they are very hardworking. My grandma and my mom used to work out in the tobacco fields with the guys and they would leave a little early to go back to the house to prepare lunch for everyone. Around noon, all the guys came and ate. After lunch, Grandma and Mom would clean up while they guys rested. When they were through, they all went back to the fields together.

It’s awesome to have such exemplary role models in my life. I can only dream that my children look at me with the same love and admiration that I have for my mom and grandma.



RECIPES

The Family of Ruby Martin Plybon are remembering her for Mother's Day by showing some of her great recipes. She was a wonderful mother, grandmother, and great grandmother! She supplied the family with abundant love and lots of great meals. She is always in our thoughts.



BACHELOR BUTTON COOKIES

1 cup butter	2 cups flour
1 cup light brown sugar	1 tsp. soda
1 egg	1 cup chopped walnuts
1/8 tsp. salt	1 cup coconut

Mix in order listed. Roll into balls one inch in diameter. Press center with finger. Bake at 450 degrees for 5 minutes. Makes 5 dozen.

HOT HAMBURGER CASSEROLE

2 lbs. hamburger	1 (8 oz.) pkg. macaroni
2 medium onions, chopped	salt and pepper to taste
2 cans tomato soup	1 cup grated American cheese
2 soup cans of water	bread or cracker crumbs

Brown hamburger and onions. Add tomato soup, water, uncooked macaroni, salt and pepper. Pour into buttered casserole. Cover and bake for 1 hour at 350 degrees. Remove cover, stir in cheese. Cover with crumbs. Continue baking until brown, about 10 minutes. 5 cups strained, canned tomatoes may be used in place of soup and water if desired. Yield: 8 servings.

If anyone would like to provide a recipe for the newsletter please email or give a copy to Barbara S. You might want to use your favorite recipe or that of a loved one.

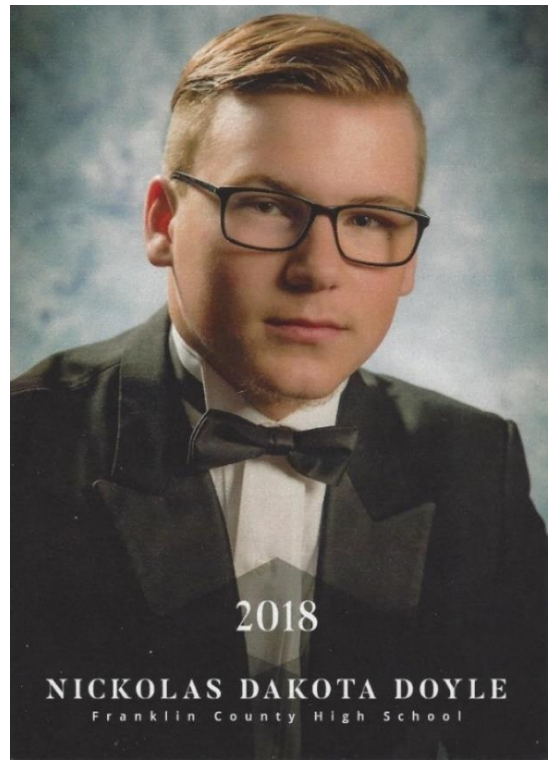
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Nick

Nick will graduate from Franklin County High School with Honors. He was a member of the National Honor Society. He plans to attend Radford University and major in Criminal Justice and Minor in Business and Accounting.

He is the son of Veronica Doyle and grandson of Mike and Pam Doyle



Morgan

Morgan will graduate from Franklin County High School with Honors and an advanced diploma. She was a member of the National Honor Society. She plans to attend Radford University and study Elementary Education. She is the daughter of Donald and Michele Via.

T y l e r

Tyler will graduate from Franklin County High School with Honors. He plans to attend Dabney Lancaster Community College in Covington to study Forestry. He is the son of Steve and Cynthia Jordan and grandson of Gusta Morris.



G a g e

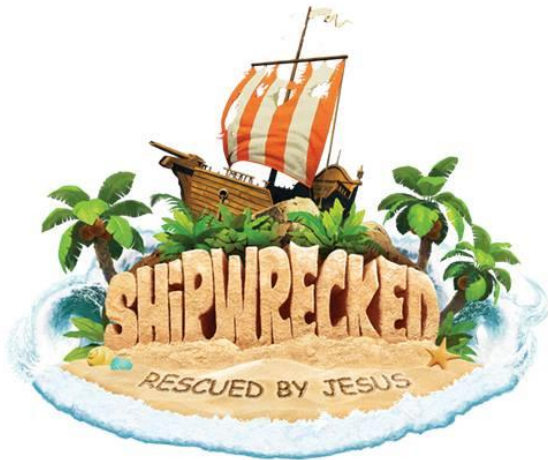
Gage will graduate from Franklin County High School. He plans to attend Virginia Western Community College. He is the son of Jimmy and Dana Washburn and grandson of Curtis and Louise Washburn.

B a i l e y

Bailey will graduate from Radford University. She is the daughter of Jimmy and Dana Washburn and Granddaughter of Curtis and Louise Washburn.

May 20 Graduate Recognition Sunday. Morgan, Nick, and Tyler will be delivering remarks that day in place of the sermon.

Vacation Bible School



The Community Vacation Bible School will be at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church June 25- June 29. 5:15 p.m. till 8:45 p.m.

A light Dinner will be Included.

Open to children ages 3 - 13

Bible lessons, Games. Imagination Station, Songs and Fun!

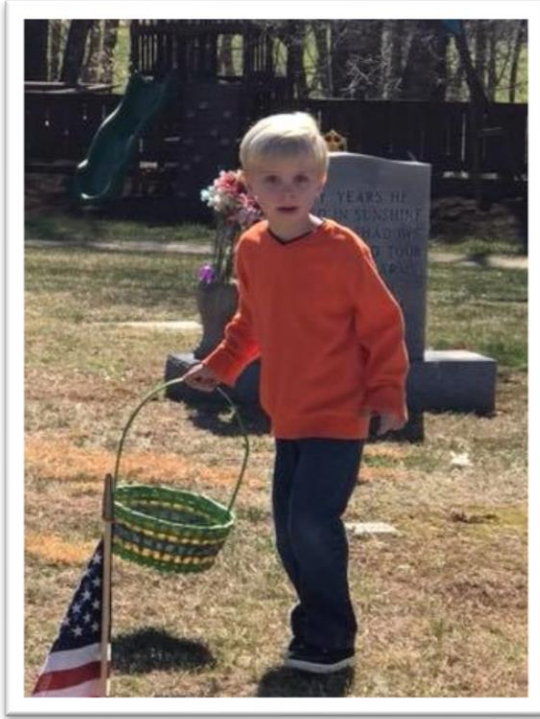
Preregister

at <https://vbspro.events/p/events/cc4ee3>

FUN AT THE EASTER EGG HUNT



“Such a fun day today at Snow Creek Christian Church! A Morning full of egg hunts, games, crafts, gooey slime, food, Candy, prayer, and a bunch of smiles and laughter!!! Thank you Pastor Bill for coming and joining us in the fun!” These pictures and comments are from our Church Facebook page. More pictures on the facebook page.





F u t u r e . E v e n t s

May 6 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

May 6 Church Board Meeting following the Worship Service

May 13 Mother's Day Service

May 20 Senior Recognition Day. Graduating Seniors Morgan, Nick, and Tyler will deliver remarks that day In place of the service.

May 27 Memorial Day Service.

June 3 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast **(LADIES INVITED)**

June 10 Church Board Meeting following the Worship Service

JUNE 6/18-6/22 **Winshape Camp for Youth** at Franklin Heights



LET'S CELEBRATE



May BIRTHDAYS

May 1 - Jenna Lambert
May 3 - Carsen Haynes
May 9 - Jadie Carter
May 10 - Jim Compton
May 12 - GB Washburn
May 18 - Morgan Via
May 22 - Jane Arrington
May 26 - Vivian Doyle
May 27 - Lynn Mitchell

May ANNIVERSARIES

May 6 - Doug & Janet Perdue
May 7- Doug & Ruth Davidson
May 24 - Del & Barbara Smith
May 29 - Carlton & Bernice Oakes

If you have information for the newsletter on our church family please email me at barbsmith@b2xonline.com or call me at 540 352 4535 or relay in person.