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August 2018

Reflections Reflections

Here we are at the first of August and it seems like we just started summer a few weeks ago. Time really does fly when you are having fun and I know most of you have had a wonderful summer so far. But it's about time for some new beginnings. The youth in Franklin County will be going back to school on Aug. 8. This is a new beginning for each of them. There are new subjects to be introduced to, new friends to meet, and for some of them new schools to attend for the first time.

New beginnings such as these can be exciting and frightening at the same time. But new beginnings are a part of our lives from the time we are born to the time we die. We have the choice of being afraid of new beginnings or embracing the challenges that come with something new.

I would suggest that we embrace new beginnings but we do so with God as our

guide. With the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, we are reassured that God is always with us in good times and in bad. Through God's help we can accomplish anything that is put before us. And it is God who will reach out God's hand when our days on earth are ended welcoming us to the new experience of heaven.

So as we watch our youth go back to school to learn new things and have new beginnings this month, let us take our lesson from them. Let us not be afraid of trying new things, having new experiences, and opening our heart, mind, and soul to the Spirit of God. For God is with us each and every day and we give thanks to God for God's loving grace.

Blessings,

Bill

PSALM 46:1-3 (NKJV)

- ¹ God is our refuge and strength,
A very present help in trouble.
- ² Therefore we will not fear,
Even though the earth be removed,
And though the mountains be carried
into the midst of the sea;
- ³ Though its waters roar and be troubled,
Though the mountains shake with
its swelling.



Board Minutes

06-May-2018

Del Smith called the meeting to order and Bill had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Vivian made a motion to approve and Gusta seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- There was no treasurer's report.

Membership Updates- We have one new member with the baptism of Donald Belcher.

Pastor's Report- Bill said that a great amount of praise was due the youth for a wonderful Youth Sunday. The adults who worked behind the scenes were due praise as well.

Bill visited 9 people in the hospital, nursing home or at home. He also attended one Seniors meeting. He was also part of the baptism of Donald Belcher on April 29th.

Bill said the youth who are graduating this year will take over the sermon portion of the worship service on Sunday, May 20th. The upcoming graduates include Nick Doyle, Tyler Jordan and Morgan Via.

Committee Reports-

Property- Dean and Jessie Cooper have cut down the trees at the parsonage. Andrew is working on getting the wood moved.

Bill said it had been mentioned to him that the church parking lot needed additional handicap spots. Curtis said he was not sure who had the sign/outline that was used to paint the handicap emblem. It was mentioned that most likely Gem Kendrick would have one if the church needed to borrow one. Gusta made a motion to add at least one more handicap parking spot and Ruth seconded the motion, motion carried.

Outreach- Linda Hippisley inquired as to what exactly was Outreach. Louise Washburn told her it could be helping someone with their AEP or other bills if someone had fallen on tough times. It also included visiting and taking communion to those who were not able to attend church service. It could also be volunteering at a soup kitchen. Linda said her and Bud would love to be a part of going out and visiting people. Bill plans to include them in the coming weeks. Curtis also mentioned that there was a meeting that was coming up in regards to outreach.

Worship- Everything is ready for Mother's Day Sunday.

Ed Parrish from Lynchburg will be the guest speaker at Homecoming this year.

Pastoral Search and Call- The church has received some applications for the minister's position at the church. There is nothing to report at this time.

Old Business-

New Business- Bill stated that VBS planning is going well. This year it will be a week-long adventure themed, Ship Wrecked. Whitney, Mollie and Patty are a part of the planning. They still need volunteers from the church. Terry Young will serve in place of Jones Chapel's minister Diana, who recently passed away.

Vivian asked if the church would recognize some of the younger graduates. For example, graduating from pre-k or from elementary school and entering middle school, etc. Nothing to note at this time.

Ruth would like for the church to purchase 2 white gowns for baptisms. During Donald Belcher's baptism, both preachers as well as Donald all wore gowns. Bill supplied those gowns. Ruth said a baptism is a special time and she thought the gowns acknowledged the importance of the event. Del will look into purchasing those. Ruth had found some on the internet for \$18.99.

The contract between the church and Bill is up for renewal. The new contract will run from July 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018. Del indicated that Bill had not used any or very little days off and they were carried over to the new contract. Ruth made a motion to accept that proposal and Linda seconded the motion, motion carried.

Calendar of Events-

Mother's Day May 13th

Recognition of Graduates May 20th

Father's Day June 17th

Winshape Camp at Franklin Heights Baptist Church June 18-22

VBS at Pleasant Grove UMC June 25-29

Del made a motion to adjourn.

Del had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary

H+MECOMING

The Church celebrated the 146th Anniversary of the Church on July 8 with a crowd of attendees . Reverend Ed Parrish delivered an inspiring message. The Adult and Children's Choir and Spirituaires provided beautiful music. The service was followed by a pot luck meal and fellowship in the social hall.

CONGRATULATIONS TO PATTI, KRystal, AND MIKE FOR RECEIVING THE SPECIAL RECOGNITION AWARDS FOR SERVICE TO OUR LORD











Y o u t h N e w s

FUN, WORSHIP, AND FELEWSHIP AT VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL





ANOTHER GREAT YOUTH SUNDAY BY THE YOUTH, KIDS, AND COORDINATORS





Y o u t h N e w s

This is posted on Snow Creek Community Facebook page

Engage Franklin County
in prayer for the next generation

Aug 6 6 pm 16 schools

The graphic features a young boy with a backpack standing in front of a brick wall. The background is decorated with colorful stars and musical notes.

We'd love for you and your families to join us as we pray for our upcoming school year. We'll be at the main entrance of Snow Creek school at 6pm Monday, August 6!

Community News



The Snow Creek Auxiliary will host a fundraiser buffet in support of the fire and rescue squads on August 25th from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m.

The Snow Creek Rescue Squad honored Joyce Ingram and Del Smith with plaques for service to the squad in July. Joyce is the outgoing secretary and Del is the outgoing treasurer. George Martin and Jimmy Doyle are current board members.

Thinking Of You

Billy Barbour is recuperating from heart surgery. He has returned home and recovering well.

Future Events

- 8/5 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
- 8/12 Board Meeting following worship
- 9/9 Church Picnic following worship



LET'S CELEBRATE



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 1 Pam Doyle
- 4 Kenny Beall
- 7 Westlee Martin
- 15 Beth Oliver
- 17 Russell Tilley
- 24 Dean Arrington

- 05 Bill and Beth Oliver
- 10 Ken and Michele Beall

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