



Snow Creek Christian Church

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January 2018

Reflections

I like January. That's an unusual statement for me to make because I don't like cold weather or snow and January usually produces both. But for me January is a time to start anew, to wash the slate clean from the previous year, and to begin fresh with a whole new set of goals and priorities. This, to me, is why I like January.

This past year has seen changes for Snow Creek Christian Church with the departure of a minister and the beginning of my interim ministry. But January brings with it the hope of new and exciting things to come; the hope of a new fulltime minister and the renewed energy a new minister can bring to a church.

January also ushers in new possibilities of how each of us can do our part to serve God. It may be as simple as attending church more regularly or giving more to help sustain the ministry of Snow Creek. Or it may be getting

more involved in the service you already do. Or it could mean developing new ways that Snow Creek can serve the local community or world. Whatever the case, we each have an opportunity to improve the way we show our love of God more fully in the New Year.

So, as we ring in the new year of 2018, let us do so with an attitude of thanksgiving to God for all God has done for us this past year, as well as, abundant excitement for all the wonderful blessings God has in store for this coming year. Welcome the new year with a rejuvenated spirit of service and a refreshed desire to be more Christ-like in the lives we live on a daily basis.

Happy
New Year!

-Rev.
Bill Oliver

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Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting 05-November-2017

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Del Smith had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Changes were noted by G.B. Janet made a motion to approve and Troy seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurers Report- There was no treasurer report other than we were given a list with the statement of certificate of deposits.

Committee Reports-

Finance- Troy has the debit/credit cards in his possession that were for the youth church mission trip. There is still money left on those that can be used anytime for future needs.

Property- The parsonage was one of the main topics of discussion. The den, kitchen and bathroom are all in need of repairs/work being done to try and get ready for renters or next pastor. Laminate flooring was one of the options as far as what to replace current floors with. Tommy Smith may be a source for repairs/replacements so we may have him quote. We are still trying to come to a decision as to whether to keep the wood stove or go with an alternative source for heat. There is an AC unit in the wall that a decision needs to be made on as to if it can be removed or is it needed. Sump pump needs to be installed to correct issues with water backing up in basement. There are some dead trees that either needs to be cut back of cut down before they cause any sort of property damage.

Phil Winn fixed the lights out front in church sign. The church still needs to buy a vacuum cleaner.

Outreach- Curtis would like to send \$100.00 in lieu of flowers for a memorial for Jim Dickerson who recently passed away and was a long time pastor of Broad Street Christian Church. Ruth made a motion to approve and Doug seconded the motion, motion carried.

New Business- We reviewed the 2018 slate of officers. Kitty, Barbara Smith and Jadie made the calls to existing and new officers. They said the calls went well with most everyone accepting. Jadie would like to come off of being Sunday School Superintendent. Ruth made a motion to accept this list of officers and Gusta seconded the motion, motion carried.

The contract has been signed between Snow Creek Christian Church and William Oliver beginning November 19, 2017 and continuing through May 31, 1018. The contract and terms were approved at the last Congregational meeting.

G.B. has the purposed budget for 2018. He tried to keep the total amount in line with 2017's budget. There is a \$15,000.00 amount set under Property Expense for Maintenance. This will be for the work that needs to be done to the parsonage. Del made a motion to approve and Krystal seconded the motion, motion carried.

Calendar of Events-

October 7th, 7-10AM, Breakfast, crafts and baked goods sale here at the church.

Sunday, November 19th @ 6:30PM will be the Community Thanksgiving Service at Jones Chapel Church of Brethren.

Ruth would like to use the fellowship hall November 4th to host a baby shower. Gusta made a motion to approve and Barbara seconded, motion carried.

Curtis had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary

Snow Creek Christian Church Congregational Meeting

October 15, 2017

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Curtis Washburn had the opening prayer.

Due to the exodus of Rob Lovett as minister of Snow Creek Christian Church. The Pastoral Relations Committee and Church Board wish to enter into a contract with William S. Oliver beginning November 19, 2017 and continuing through May 31, 2018. The details of the contract are as follows:

Nature of Ministry

The Interim Ministerial Pastor's duties include but are not limited to the normal functions of a minister of the Christian Church - Disciples of Christ, such as:

- Serving as Interim Minister with a work schedule of Sunday - Wednesday
- Establishing regular business hours that also specify non-work days
- Respond to Emergency needs within the congregation
- Conducting Sunday worship and other worship services
- Conduct baptisms, weddings, funerals, etc. as needed
- Pastoral support to individual members of the congregation
- Administrative and Pastoral guidance to the Church Board and Congregation
- Pastoral support and duties in relation to visiting shut-ins, prospective

members, members not attending church, and others as needed.
Pastoral support and coordination with youth programs and services.
Involvement in the community and the area which includes participation responsibilities and holding leadership positions.

1. Minister's compensation:
 - A. Salary - \$1500 per month (gross)
 - B. Housing Reimbursement - \$1000 per month
 - C. Pension Fund -14 of (\$1500 + \$1000 housing allowance) = \$350 per month
2. Vacation/Sick Leave - 10 days per contract period
3. Continued Education leave and Spiritual Retreats - Upon Board Approval for each (Items 2 & 3 together shall not to exceed 2 Sundays per contract)
4. Reimbursement for expenses incurred in service to the church:
 - A. Mileage beginning and ending at the church at a rate of \$.50 per mile not to exceed \$1,000 per contract period
5. This ministry can be terminated by either party upon 60 days written notice. If a full-time minister is employed, the contract can be terminated upon 30 days written notice.

The motion to approve the contract as presented was offered by Janet Perdue and seconded by Howard Mitchell. The motion passed unanimously.

Being no further business, Jimmy Doyle made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by George Martin. Motion passed and meeting was adjourned with a prayer by Mike Doyle.

Respectively submitted,

G. B. Washburn, Chairperson

Snow Creek Christian Church Congregational Meeting

November 12, 2017

G.B. Washburn called the Annual Congregational meeting to order.

The purpose of the meeting is to review and consider approval of the 2018 Budget and Officers including Elders and Diaconate. Both were previously approved by the Church Board.

The Budget was presented and discussed. There is a \$15,000 estimate to make some needed renovations to the parsonage. After some discussion, Ken Beall motioned to approve the budget as presented. The motion was seconded by Kay Boyd. The motion passed unanimously.

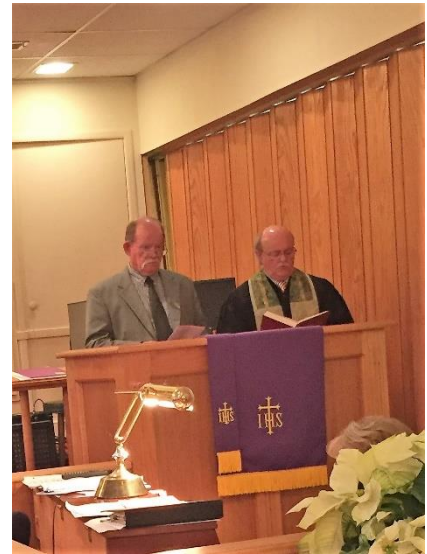
The list of officers was presented next. Thanks to Jadie Carter, Kitty Plybon, and Barbara Smith for serving on the Nomination committee. There was no discussion on the list. The motion to approve the 2018 officers as presented was offered by Ruth Davidson and seconded by Ken Beall. The motion passed unanimously.

The 2018 Budget and List of officers is attached.

Being no further business, G. B. Washburn closed the meeting with a prayer.

Respectively submitted, G. B. Washburn, Chairperson

The Christmas Services have been inspirational this year. Reverend Bill Oliver delivered inspiring messages. The Outreach Committee provided fruit baskets for several people. The Christmas Eve Service was moving. The Adult and Children's Choir provided beautiful music. The Children assisted with the trimming of the Chrismon Tree and the parade of poinsettias. They also provided a wonderful Christmas Program. Thanks to all involved in making these events so special.



ADVENT SERVICES

A Special part of the Church Christmas Services was the "Lighting of the Advent Candle". Our Church Children and Youth were a big part of the service. They led the Advent Prayers.

Great Job LACEY, BRODIE,
NATHAN, AND KAILEA



Faith

Hope





Joy

Love



Y o u t h N e w s

Honor Roll

Elementary: Jacob (Principal's list), Carsen (Principal's list), Breyer
Principal's Scholar, Lacey (Principal's list), Brodie (Principal's list),
Nathan (Principal's List), Joshua

Middle School: Hailey (Principal's list)
Kailea

High School: Morgan (Principal's list), Tyler (Principal's list)
Nick, Bryce

Children's Christmas Program









Poinsettia Parade







LET'S CELEBRATE



JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Krystal Washburn
- 3 Ed Ingram
- 4 Tyler Jordan, Ryan Haynes
- 8 Nancy Compton, Patricia Brown
- 9 Vickie Washburn
- 11 Phil Winn
- 12 Michelle Via
- 13 Lisa Shepherd
- 16 Ashlee Washburn
- 17 Nancy Martin
- 22 Jonathan Mitchell
- 23 Donald Via
- 24 Colton Haynes
- 29 Curtis Washburn
- 31 Lacey Mitchell

- 20 Mike & Pam Doyle

Upcoming Events

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| 1/7 | 9:00 a.m. | Men's Prayer Breakfast | LADIES INVITED |
| 1/7 | | Installation of Officers, Elders, and Diaconate during the Worship Service | |

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