



## **Snow Creek Christian Church**

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**July 2018**

## Reflections

Growing up my family always spent the Fourth of July at my grandparent's cottage on the Mattaponi River in West Point where they lived. We always had a lot of our friends come over and my uncle would bring his boat over from his house and we would go water skiing and just enjoy the fun and fellowship. Of course, my sister always thought it was because her birthday was on the Fourth of July and thought all the celebration should be about her! It didn't matter if we were celebrating her birthday or just celebrating the freedom to be with our family and friends, we always had a wonderful time doing that.

And that is what summer is so much about. It's taking time from our daily grind to spend with the ones we love. Whether it is at the beach or on vacation to some distant location, or just sitting on the back porch with family and friends, summer is a wonderful time to celebrate life.

Another good way to celebrate life is to celebrate on Sunday mornings and on every day of the week spending time with Jesus and God. God wants us to enjoy our lives by utilizing the wonderful world God has created for us. But we need to remember that as

I want to personally thank each of you at Snow Creek for allowing Beth and I to enjoy the month of June on our own. We were able to do several things we had wanted to do culminating with our trip to France to celebrate our 40<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary.

In particular I want to thank Mike Doyle for filling the pulpit, and to the youth for their service during Father's Day. Snow Creek is truly blessed to have such wonderful and faithful members who can easily step in.

Again, thank you to everyone but especially Mike and the youth along with all the adults who helped them. We are looking forward to being back with you beginning July 1.

Blessings,  
Bill

we celebrate our summers not to forget about God and the role God plays in our lives. It's when we forget about God that we find ourselves moving away from God's love. So, enjoy the summer months like July but also keep in mind our creator God who is always with us both in good times and bad. Happy July!

Blessings,

Bill

## **SNOW CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING**

No Board Meeting was held in June

## *HOME COMING*

Snow Creek Christian Church will celebrate the 146<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Church on **July 8**. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Spiritualaires will follow the service with music. A pot luck meal fellowship will follow the music in the social hall. **PLEASE JOIN US**

The guest speaker will be Ed Parrish III. He currently is the Chaplain of Centra Health in Lynchburg. He has a Bachelor of Arts degree from Lynchburg College.

Furthermore, he has a Master's and Phd. from Lexington Theological Seminary. He is involved in several leadership roles including President of the Interfaith Outreach Association and President of the Lynchburg Area Ministers' Association. Ed is married to Jane. They have two children, Catherine and Blanton. They also have 3 granddaughters and 1 grandson.

## CHURCH HISTORY by Barbara Smith, Church Historian

Homecoming is a special time for the Church. We give awards to some of our Church family for service to our Lord. We have a guest speaker and beautiful music. Furthermore, we enjoy a great meal and fellowship. We also are honored with several guests to share this day with. Some are family or prior members of the Church. The Church has been in existence 146 years. Some of our ancestors may have supported the original Church. I am not sure the details of the Homecoming events many years ago but I am certain it probably included worship, music, food, and fellowship. Does that sound familiar? This is also a good time to enjoy our many blessings and celebrate life by remembering and spending time with Jesus and God as Reverend Bill mentioned in his Reflections above.

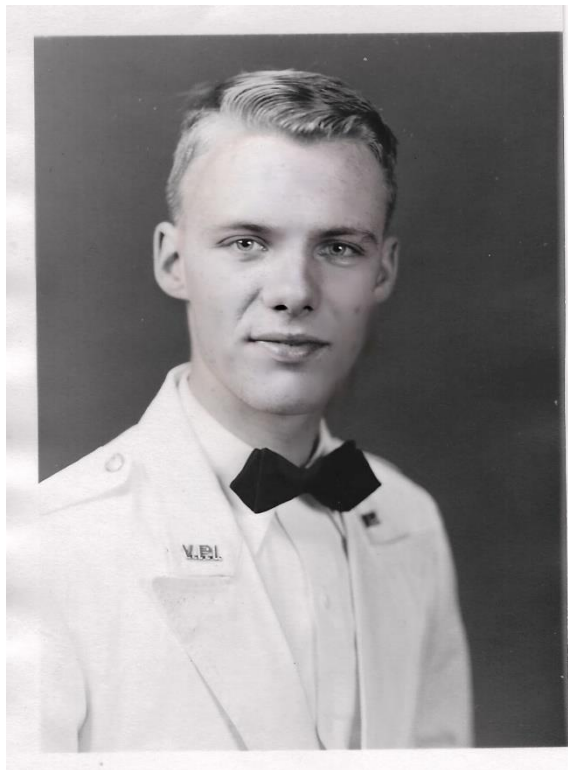
The family of Curtis Washburn have at least six generations that have attended or been involved in the Church. This includes his grandparents, parents, himself, children, grandchildren, and great grandchildren. This is the story of his family and the Church. Thanks you Louise and Curtis for sharing your precious memories with us.



## ***Memories of Curtis and Louise Washburn***

Curtis and Louise were the last couple to be married in the old Church building of our Church (PICTURE ABOVE). The parents of both of them were at the wedding. Paul and Vergie Motley and Calvin and Lucille Washburn are included in the picture above. They were married in December 1953. Reverend George Renick performed the wedding. Most of the attendees followed Curtis and Louise to Martinsville in their vehicles after the reception. Curtis said he took several turns in Martinsville trying to lose the others in their cars. It was the custom to try to follow couples after the wedding in those days.

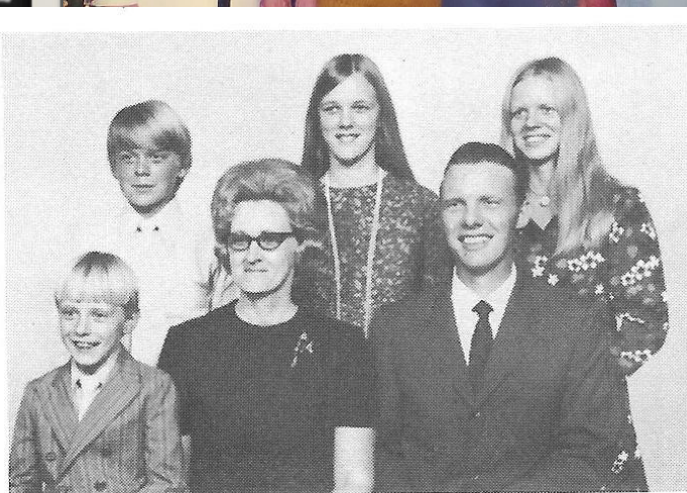
Curtis began attending the Church as a toddler when his mother would bring him to Church. He and his brother, Bobby, and sister, Lavern, attended the Church with their parents. He has continued to attend the Church all of his life. Louise began attending the Church as a youth. She and Curtis were very active in the Youth Group. They enjoyed trips to Lakeside and up the mountain. Curtis and Louise have 5 Children. All of the children have attended the Church. Most of the children continue to attend and support the church. They also have several grandchildren and great grandchildren that visit or attend the Church.



### ***Memories of the Church by Curtis***

“I was fortunate to start out and grow up with 2 wonderful parents. My mother was a school teacher and taught Sunday School in Church. I’ve been involved in Snow Creek Church since early childhood and I was baptized into the Church after accepting Christ at age 12. I was involved with the C.Y.F during my teenage years. I graduated from Franklin County High School at age 18 and attended Virginia Tech that year. I was much influenced by my parents and others. One person in my early years was Fannie Cook. She lived several miles into Turkey Cock Mountain and rode horse back to Church and most always was at Church. Snow and cold did not stop her. Sometimes

rain would but not always and sometimes she rode the horse with an umbrella. Several ministers were influential in my life. I think Reverend Barnwell baptized me in Snow Creek. These ministers were Reverend Carl Howard, Reverend Jimmie Goad, Reverend Mike Stump, and of course Reverend Berlin Hanks. My Sunday School teacher was Mrs. Adele Thompson. There were numerous other people who influenced my life. I have always been in Church even in college. I attended Blacksburg Christian Church. In 1953, Louise Motley and I were married in the original Snow Creek Church building by Reverend George Renick. We have 5 wonderful children. My wife is a great mother and even greater grandmother. Together, with family help and God's grace, we survived some tough financial times and are still working together after 56 years."



Curtis Washburn Family

**FUN, GOOD FOOD, AND FELLOWSHIP AT THE MEN'S FELLOWSHIP PRAYER BREAKFAST**





# Y o u t h   N e w s

Thanks to the Youth, Children, and  
Debbie for a great **Father's Day Service**











Barbara Carter Tilley, 63, of Snow Creek, passed away Wednesday, May 30, 2018. She was born in Martinsville to Jadie Gauldin Carter and the late Posey L. Carter, Jr. She was a member of Snow Creek Christian Church. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband, George Russell "Buster" Tilley, son; Shane Tilley, daughter; Lauren Tilley, sisters; Brenda (Dale) Matherly, Janie (David) Hall, Susan (Dwayne) Hatchett, and Sandra Clark, step-daughter; Christy Yaple, and step-grandson, Nick Yaple, many nieces, and one nephew. A memorial service will be held at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, June 5, 2018 at Snow Creek Christian Church with Pastor Bill Oliver officiating. Memorials may be made to Snow Creek Christian Church, 4970 Snow Creek Rd, Martinsville, VA 24112 or St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, P.O. Box 1000 Dept. 142 Memphis, TN 38148-0142.

Barbara was a long-time member of the Church and Snow Creek Community. As mentioned in her memorial service, she always greeted you with a gorgeous smile and maybe some humor. She loved her family, friends, Church, and Community. She was always a hard worker in a traditionally male profession. As also mentioned in the service, her supervisor stated she was performing a hard-physical job because she was the best at doing that job.

Barbara was a very active member of the Church. To name a few of the duties, she was a lay leader, Diaconate, Choir member, Vacation Bible School Teacher, member of various committees, and Church Officer. She always helped with the Church Fundraisers, kitchen duties, and maintenance of the Church. The list is endless. She

was a valued member of the Church and will be truly missed by the Church. Our thoughts and prayers continue for the family.

## FUTURE EVENTS

July 1 7:30 a.m. Men's Fellowship Breakfast

July 8 10:00 a.m. Homecoming Details above. **ALL WELCOME**



### JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Casey Eanes
- 7 Zack Lambert
- 8 Carlton Oakes
- 12 Brodie Eanes
- 14 Gusta Morris
- 25 Terry Doyle
- 27 Troy Washburn
- 29 Robert Lambert

### JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Mark & Pam Gabriel

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