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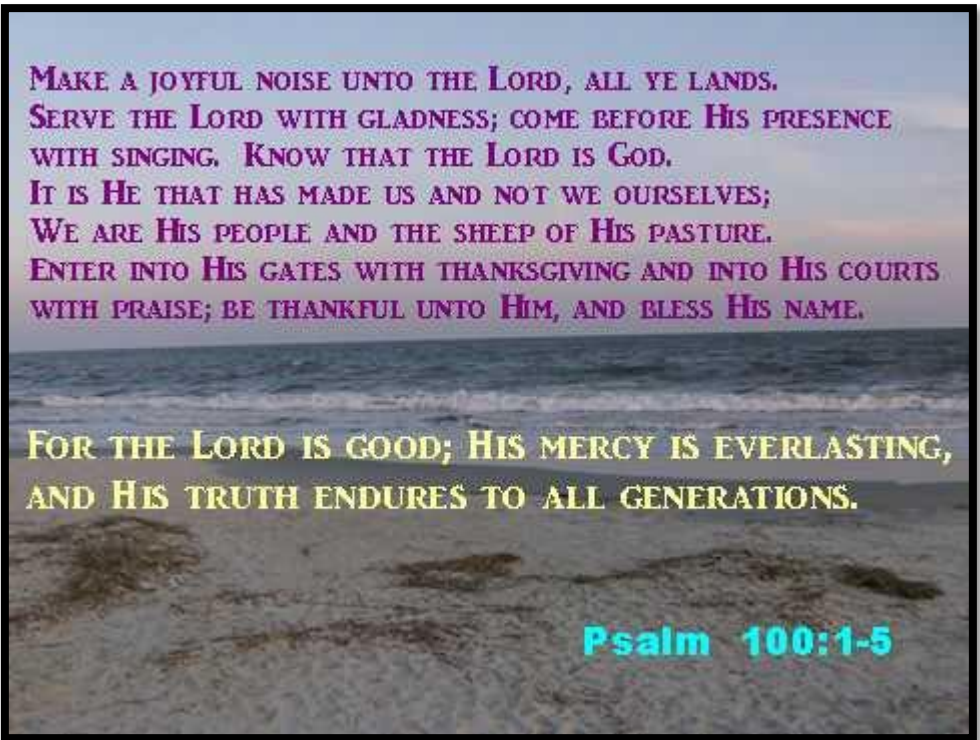
Reflections

Greetings everyone. November is here and that means it will soon be Thanksgiving. It seems redundant to say this, but it does sometimes get forgotten that Thanksgiving is a time for, well...giving thanks. To help us keep a spirit of gratitude in the forefront as we proceed through the month, let me call your attention to some spiritual practices to take advantage of here at Snow Creek.

One of the most important ways that we can show our appreciation to God is through community worship. This month offers us a special opportunity to do so with the

Community Thanksgiving Service on November 24 at Jones Chapel Church. Members of Snow Creek Christian Church, Trinity Baptist Church, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, and Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren will join together to offer thanks to God for his many blessings. This embodies the premise behind the original Thanksgiving celebration by bringing together a diverse group of people – whether they be Native Americans or Pilgrims, native-born or immigrants, Disciples or Baptists or Methodists or Brethren – to express gratitude to God. So, let us bring a big crowd to Jones Chapel on the 24th and here to Snow Creek each and every Sunday so that we can unite and give thanks. One important note that I do need to pass along is that the community service will be at 3:00 this year in order to make it easier for everyone to find their way home afterwards.

Alongside communal worship, let us remember to give thanks through intentional private prayer. There will be a lot to get done in the coming month. Let me remind you though that preparing for Thanksgiving means preparing to be thankful. Before you go to the grocery store or make your Black



Friday shopping list or check that fire extinguisher next to the deep fryer, I challenge everyone to take five minutes, go through the past year in your mind, and truly give some thought to specific moments where you have received God's blessing. Right before you get started on your holiday preparations, offer these to God in prayer, maybe even write them down. It is a way to invite God into your celebration and to help keep perspective amidst the hustle and bustle.

Give thanks by offering God your time and attention you through study of the scripture. I have some homework for you all in this regard. I would like to hand out an Advent devotional booklet prepared in-house here at Snow Creek on the Sunday after Thanksgiving. This would include a scripture and a SHORT devotional for each day of Advent leading up to Christmas Day. There are more details elsewhere in the newsletter, but I would encourage all who feel moved to share their faith to submit a short devotion this month. This will help us as a community to spiritually prepare to celebrate the coming of Christ and show our thankfulness for the blessing He has been in our lives.

Finally, I would be remiss if I did not take this time to be thankful for the tremendous opportunity I have had to serve as your minister at Snow Creek Christian Church. Like the Pilgrims trying to survive in their new situation, I am extremely grateful for all of the help I have received in my new role. I look forward to the many opportunities I will have to give thanks for this with all of you in the month to come.

Blessings,

Scott

November Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

November 3 (21st Sunday after Pentecost)

- Habakkuk 1:1-4; 2:1-4
- Psalm 119:137-144
- 2 Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
- *Luke 19:1-10*

November 17 (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

- Isaiah 65:17-25
- Isaiah 12
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- *Luke 21:5-19*

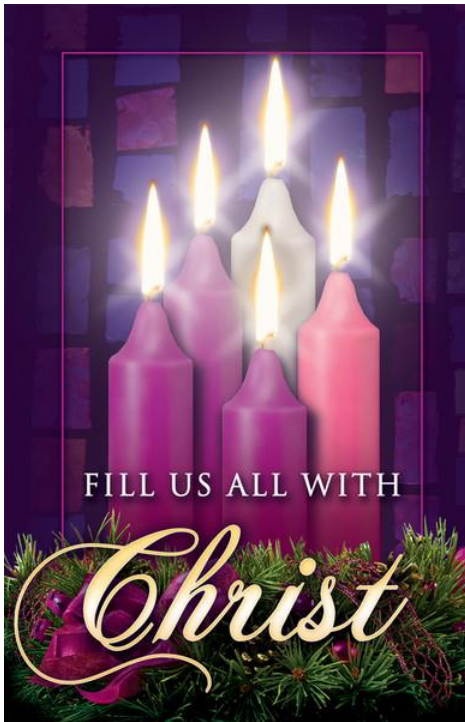
November 10 (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

- Haggai 1:15b-2:9
- Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 OR Psalm 98
- *2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17*
- Luke 20:27-38

November 24 (24th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Luke 1:68-79
- Colossians 1:11-20
- *Luke 23:33-43*

Advent Devotional



Contrary to popular belief, early December is really NOT supposed to be the Christmas season, at least not according to the church calendar. Traditionally, the Christmas season is the 12-day period including and following December 25 where we remember the time from Jesus' birth until his revelation to the world in the visit of the magi. Hence the song and the lords a-leaping and the partridge in her pear tree.

The church season leading up to Christmas is Advent. It is the beginning of the church year, and is meant to be a time of waiting, longing, and preparing both for the celebration of Christ's coming and his prophesied second coming. To participate in this, I would like Snow Creek to experiment this year with creating an Advent devotional. This will be distributed and read during the Advent season as a way to prepare our hearts for the celebration of Christ's birth and when He will return in glory at the end of time. *So how does this work?*

1. **Sign up** – There will be a clipboard going around the next few Sundays during announcements. Pick a scripture and write your name and email next to it.
2. **Read** – Read the scripture and consider what it means to you, what it means in regards to the birth of Christ, or what it means in regards to Christ's second coming.
3. **Write** – Write up a SHORT (around a paragraph or two) response to the reading. If you get stuck responding to the reading, simply write a devotional about what Christmas means to your faith.
4. **Name** – I would encourage everyone to put your name at the bottom of your devotional. If you would like to do one anonymously, that is fine. Just do not write your name on the actual devotional and I will put it in the booklet without one
5. **Return** – Email them back to me at soliver@vt.edu by **November 10**. If you don't have email, give me a hard copy one Sunday or stick it in the church mailbox. Email is preferred.

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

08-September-2019

G.B. called the meeting to order. Scott had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes and Kitty seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- There was no treasurer's report. Bud did state that the rental account had been set up. Union Bank told Bud that if the church wants to move money from checking to a CD that the paperwork will start with the church. G.B. said they could look at that after finishing up the budget.

Pastor's Report- Scott said his classes would start the upcoming week. He said at some point the Regional Minister would have to come out for a church service as part of what has to take place to get Scott officially commissioned.

Committee Reports-

Property- G.B. said there is a leak in the roof of the fellowship hall entry that needs to be fixed.

Kay wanted to thank George and Ken for the work they did in fixing the fence at the playground area. Joyce said they needed to get the building behind church cleaned out and taken to the big dumpsters.

Media- Patti is going to order a clicker and bring to church to test. If it works the church will reimburse her.

Outreach- The CD's in the Doyle Trust Love Fund have matured and need to be renewed. Charlotte and Aileen will make decisions regarding outreach needs. They said when something was needed for Outreach to call them.

Fundraiser- Kitty said she and Phil will plan on doing another fund raiser at a later time.

A motion was presented by Joyce and seconded by Ruth for the monies from the October fundraiser breakfast be used to buy more tables for the fellowship hall. The motion was passed.

Old Business- There needs to be a worship committee meeting.

New Business- The budget is being worked on for next year.

Calendar of Events-

Saturday, October 5- Breakfast fundraiser

Sunday, October 13th_ Board meeting

Sunday, October 27th Trunk or Treat from 6:00-7:15

Sunday, November 3rd - Barbecue Fundraiser

Sunday, November 24th_ Community Thanksgiving Service beginning at 6:30.

Del had our closing prayer. Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Called Meeting OS-October-2019

G.B. called the meeting to order

Resolution to handle donation of corporate stock- There has been a donation of corporate stock to the church. In order to handle it, a holding account must be opened by an individual to receive the stock on behalf of the church, cash it in, and transfer the proceeds to the church treasury. Joyce Ingram made a motion and Gusta Morris seconded the motion to authorize George W. Hippisley to handle the transaction for the church by opening an account at Davenport and Company, LLC.

Motion passed unanimously.

No other business was conducted.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted,
Susan Walker, Secretary

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS

*JARED AND ERICA PRUETT. THEY HAVE 2 SONS,
WALKER AND BARRETT.*





PASTOR APPRECIATION DAY

The Children and Youth honored Minister Scott on October 13 with messages, music, and a special poster filled with candy. Thank you Scott for all you do for the Church and Church families.



★ HONORING ALL WHO SERVED ★
VETERANS DAY
— UNITED STATES OF AMERICA —

Snow Creek Church Living Veterans and Family Members







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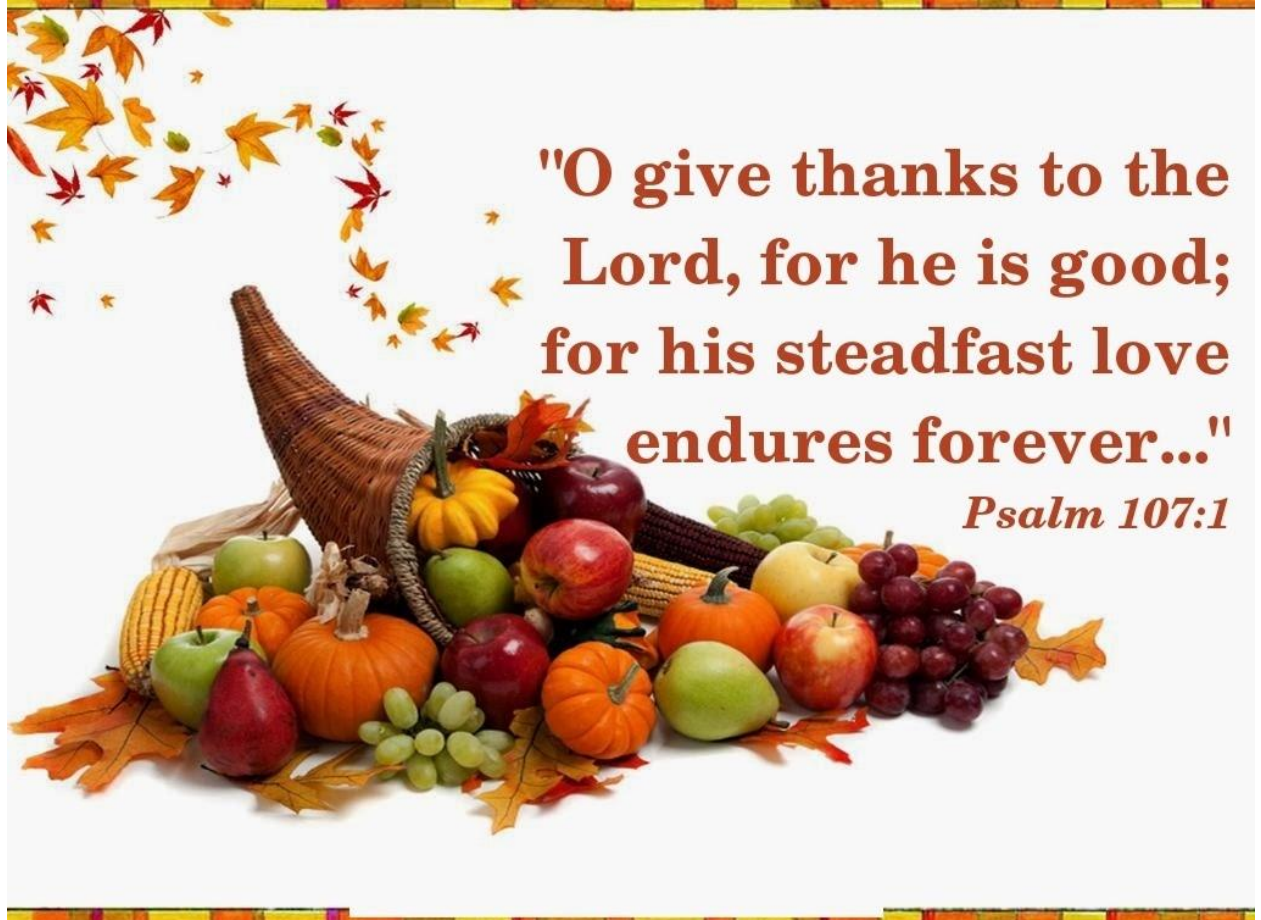


Great Youth Sunday 9/29. Adults and Youth help pack the backpacks for kids at Snow Creek Elementary.



Upcoming Events

Happy Thanksgiving



**"O give thanks to the
Lord, for he is good;
for his steadfast love
endures forever..."**

Psalm 107:1

**DO NOT FORGET THE COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE AT JONES CHAPEL
CHURCH OF THE BRETHERN ON 11/24 AT 3:00 P.M.**

More details in Upcoming events below



Pork BBQ Lunch
Eat-In or Take Out

Snow Creek Christian Church

Sunday, November 3, 2019

12:00pm to 2:00pm

Pork BBQ Sandwich/Chips/Slaw-\$5

Pork BBQ Plate/Baked Beans/Green
Beans/Slaw-\$10

Pork BBQ by the Pound-\$10



NOTE: All proceeds go to Community
Outreach

11/3 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast
11/10 Veteran's Service during worship

11/24 3:00 pm The Community Thanksgiving Service will be held at Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren. The service will involve several Churches In the community. The service will include a message delivered by one of the area pastors and a community choir. Refreshments will be available after the service.
PLEASE JOIN US! NOTE THE NEW START TIME 3:00 pm.

12/1 7:30 am Men's Prayer Breakfast LADIES INVITED
12/1 First Sunday of Advent



LET'S CELEBRATE



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

2 Debbie Haynes
3 Landon Mitchell
5 Kay Boyd
7 Melody Martin
10 Abbey Shepherd
14 Josh Gardener
19 Barbara Smith
26 George Martin
28 Terry Davidson

6 Sammy & Kay Boyd
15 Edward & Joyce Ingram
30 George & Susan Martin

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.