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REFLECTIONS



I am grateful that I have this opportunity to share some Spring thoughts with my friends at Snow Creek.

There for a while, when we were having more rain days than sunshine, I wondered if we might want to start building another Ark! But the rainbow reminds us that God will never again flood the earth.

However, it makes me wonder what those who have lost everything to the most recent rain and flooding are thinking? It has certainly made it difficult to start my vegetable garden as my 82 X 60 plot has looked more like a rice paddy than my usual garden. But we all know that there is little we can do to change weather patterns. So, about all we can do is talk about it and hope for the best.

April has gotten here so quickly – why it was just a bit ago the we celebrated Christmas (we still have our poinsettias in the sunroom). Now we are well in Lent, that time when we prepare ourselves for the Resurrection event, we call Easter. The last days of Jesus were spent preparing somewhat for the Jewish Passover – the time when God freed his people from slavery and promised them a special land of their own. It appears that Jesus took this opportunity to offer freedom from the slavery of sin through his crucifixion, death, and resurrection.

It has been a tradition that we give up something during Lent – something that we would have difficulty giving up. I suppose some still do that – but I think that is something like New year's resolutions – they are either so easy or easy forgotten that they are mostly meaningless. It seems to me that this needs to be a time when we practice a bit of self-sacrifice even as our Lord gave his very self for us and our freedom from sin. In our culture self-sacrifice is an antiquated term and people mostly seek to get whatever they

can with less effort or expense. I know for myself I certainly have not sacrificed self anywhere like Jesus did for me. Maybe during this time of lent I may well be looking for some ways to give myself significance for others.

In seminary, I was exposed to those theologians who did not accept a literal resurrection and the explanations were about as ridiculous as those thinkers thought physical resurrection was. But if we put any credibility at all in what the Bible says how can anyone deny that Christ rose from the dead? The resurrection even is in all four Gospels and it spread throughout Acts and the Epistles. I like what Paul wrote to the *Corinthians (15:12-14)*; *“But if it is preached that Christ has been raised from the dead, how can some of you say that there is no resurrection of the dead? If there is no resurrection of the dead, then not even Christ has been raised. And if Christ has not been raised, our preaching is useless and so is your faith”.*

Just lately I went to the Dollar Tree to check on some decorations for Easter and all I saw were eggs, bunnies, daffodils - not one word of mention as to what Easter is truly all about.

These actually have roots in Pagan worship but have been given Christian significance which is all right as long as one does not forget what Easter is truly about. Christ died for our sins so that we do not have to suffer guilt the rest of our lives – that without the burden of guilt our lives can be so much fuller.

Grace and Peace
Jim Compton

*A BIG THANK YOU TO JIM COMPTON FOR OFFERING TO
PROVIDE THIS INSPIRING MESSAGE FOR EASTER*

SNOW CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

10-February-2019

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

Treasurers Report- Bud stated he would like to start a dialogue in regards to the summary for the 2018 transactions that he is working on. He said the process was

taking longer than he thought it would take. He is currently working on providing donation letters for members as well as getting 1099's sent out. Del said he thought the 1099's were only required when the amount was \$600.00 or greater. Bud said at this point the balance sheet is at the bottom of the priority list. Bud also said the church took in twice what was spent out in January.

The IRS has sent out a new letter stating they want another 60 days to review the church's documents further.

G.B. said Union Bank is changing its name.

Committee Reports-

Finance-

Property- Joyce said she and Kay changed the water filter at the parsonage and it was full of red mud. George said the well may need to be pumped off because of all the rain we have had. It was also discussed there could be a water line leak that may be causing the pump to run continuously. George is going to check and see if the switch on the pressure tank is clicking on and off when no one is using water. Kay stated they also got all the glass up. There is a light switch that needs to be fixed in the master bedroom.

Worship- Ruth said she needs to have a worship committee meeting.

Media- Barbara said she had been given the following dates for upcoming events.
The

Easter Egg Hunt will be Saturday, April 6th at the church from 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM. There will be crafts, games, egg hunt and pizza.

There will be a Mother's Day Buffet breakfast Saturday, May 11th at the church.

The Community VBS will be at Snow Creek this year from June 24th-28th.

Churches include Snow Creek, Pleasant Grove and Jones Chapel. We will be needing volunteers.

Fundraiser- The church made over \$500.00 on the soup and sub lunch. Kitty and Phil would like to do another barbecue fundraiser. The date for that fundraiser will be Sunday, March 10 following the church service. They will need to know in advance about how many plan to eat so they can plan on much to prepare.

Pastoral Search- Barbara said the potential pastor they interviewed turned down the position. The other candidates are all from out west or from somewhere far away. G.B. said there was a call out for a regional minister. It was also discussed possibly getting someone just out of seminary school.

Calendar of Events-

Barbecue lunch March 10th after church

Easter Egg Hunt April 6th from 10-12

Community Easter Service April 14th, need to find out location and time

Mother's Day Buffet breakfast Saturday, May 11th

VBS June 24th-28th

Other- Del mentioned possibly having diaconate training.
Kay is looking for suggestions to be put on the sign in front of the church. She will make the changes.

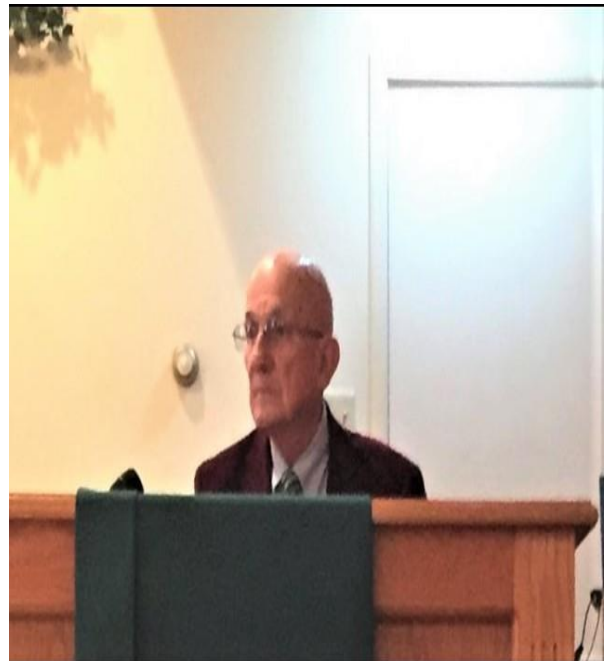
George had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary

Thank you to all our Ministers, Jim Compton and Bill Oliver, and Elders Mike Doyle, George Martin, and Bud Hippiisley for providing Sermons and messages from the word of God. We appreciate you all.





Delivering the message:

April 7 Mike Doyle

April 14 Jim Compton

April 28 George Martin

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 6 10:00 a.m. – 12 noon Easter Egg Hunt at the Church. Hunt, Crafts, Games, and Pizza for lunch.

April 7 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

April 7 Board Meeting. **Rescheduled from 4/14**

April 13 10:00 a.m. Auction at Karen Laprade's. The Church will be selling food as Backpack Fundraiser

April 14 Fundraiser Spaghetti Lunch following service. **PREORDERS DUE APRIL 7.** Forms available Sunday 4/7. Spaghetti, Bread, Salad, Dessert, Drink

April 14 at 6:30 p.m. Community Easter with several area Churches at Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. The service will include a spiritual message, music by the Community Choir, and refreshments.

April 21 at approximately 7:00 a.m. A Joint Sunrise Easter Service with Boones Chapel Church of the Brethren at Snow Creek Christian Church. Light refreshments will be provided.

April 21 Easter Worship Service at Church. Reverend Bill Oliver will deliver the message.

May 11 8:00 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. Mother's Day Buffet Breakfast Fundraiser at the Church. Details below.

May 12 Mother's Day Honor Mothers during the service

May 26 Honor Deceased Veterans for Veteran's Day



Mother's Day Buffet Breakfast



**Snow Creek Christian
Church**

**Saturday May 11th
from 8:00 - 10:00 AM**

Adults-\$8.00

Children Under 8
\$4.00

Crafts
and
baked
goods
will
also be
for
sale

Y o u t h N e w s

THE KIDS, YOUTH, AND COORDINATORS PROVIDED **ANOTHER GREAT YOUTH SUNDAY**. THANKS TO EVERYONE INVOLVED WITH THE DAY.









Vacation Bible School

JUNE 24TH TO JUNE 28TH

COMMUNITY VBS WILL TAKE PLACE AT SNOW CREEK

CHRISTIAN CHURCH. OUR CHURCH, PLEASANT

GROVE METHODIST CHURCH, AND JONES CHAPEL

CHURCH WILL BE INVOLVED.

STAY TUNED-- MORE DETAILS WILL FOLLOW.



May will be Mother's Day and Memorial Day. If you would like

to honor a mother or deceased veteran with a recipe and a

picture (optional), please Provide by email to

barbsmith@b2xonline.com or give in person to

Me with a deadline of May 1. Thanks, Barbara



LET'S CELEBRATE



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Joyce Ingram
- 7 Isaiah Jordan
- 22 Whitney Eanes
- 22 Pam Gabriel
- 23 Betty Lou Cooper

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Todd & Melody Martin

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