



Snow Creek Christian Church

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August 2019

Reflections Reflections

I went on line in order to see what special observances were in August. On my regular calendars there are no special days listed. But when I went on line to see what was offered I was amazed. I didn't count them all but there were "a plenty". I never heard of most of them and some were sort of ridiculous – to name a few; Dog days of summer, India Pale Ale Beer Day; International Hangover Day; Romance Awareness Month; National Girl Friends Day; National Hobo Week; and National Hobo Week. Every day in the month of August is some so called special day. I was amazed, to say the least, how in the world someone came up with some of these escapes me. I can't see myself having friends over for National Hobo Week or even better India Pale Ale Beer Day.

If you haven't guessed it yet, we Christians live in a crazy world with so many distractions – it is no wonder people are straying from church and from living upright lives! It is hard enough under normal circumstances to live the Christian life, but add in a few of the things that pull away from our commitments and it gets even harder, so hard that sometimes we get discouraged and say "What the heck".

We Christians have our very own special day; not Christmas; not Easter; not Thanksgiving; our special day is, of course, the Lord's Day. A time set aside in the New testament to put our focus on Jesus Christ and what he did for us – what God continues to do for us – Jesus once said that the Sabbath was made for mortals and not mortals made for the Sabbath. Yet this is a very special day when we focus on our faith and practice. In practice we observe Easter every Sunday, in that we observe the Lord's Last Supper as a reminder and a celebration of his death and resurrection which opens

the door for any who would walk through to experience the forgiveness of sin and a new life based on what God wants us to do rather than what we want to do.

My continuing prayer for Snow Creek Christian is that you will experience new life and a renewed faith under the leadership of your Pastor, Scott Oliver, a third generation Pastor. Nancy and I both have very special feelings for Snow Creek Christian Church and if it were possible, we would have a Celebrate Snow Creek Christian Day.

Grace and Peace – Jim C.

Thanks to Reverend Jim Compton for the wonderful thoughts about our church mentioned in the article above and the help you have provided to us in the absence of a minister. You have always stepped up to the plate to assist us in many ways over several years. We truly appreciate you and may God bless you.

Also, thanks to Reverend Bill Oliver, Elder Mike Doyle, Elder George Martin, and Elder Bud Hippisley for all you have done to assist us during the absence of a minister.





Welcome Our New Minister

Scott Oliver is the new minister of our church. His first sermon will be August 4. Please welcome him and his family to our church family. He provided a brief bio for us below.

Scott Oliver was named minister at Snow Creek Christian Church beginning in August of 2019. He will begin work on his Master of Divinity degree from Lexington Theological Seminary in September of 2019 in order to become an ordained Disciples of Christ minister. Scott has worked the past five years at Southern Landscaped Group in Evington, VA as a certified horticulturist and landscape construction foreman. Previously, Scott served as a high school government and history teacher in Lynchburg City, Campbell County, and Martinsville city schools. Scott received a bachelor's degree in political science from Virginia Tech in 2006 and a master's in education also from Virginia Tech in 2007. For the past 10 years, Scott has been a member of Timberlake Christian Church in Lynchburg, VA. He has been married to Laurie Oliver for nine years and they have two sons: Samuel (Sam), age 3 and Andrew (Drew) who is 10 months old. Laurie has worked as a math teacher at Nelson County Middle School for the past 12 years.

To Our Pastor



Our God has sent you to this place
To lead us in the way
That He would have us work and think
And live from day to day.

No matter the hour; whenever the need
You go the extra mile -
Always ready and willing to share
A comforting thought and smile.

We're grateful that you're here with us
To teach us from His word,
And we will try to do our best
In service of our Lord.

We thank you for your ministry,
Your guidance and your care.
His greatest blessings for your life
Is our most humble prayer

Author Unknown

Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting 9June-2019

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

Treasurer's Report- Bud presented the board with the total monies coming in through the month of May, 2019. This included the offering, backpack and other events for a total of \$33,261.00 against an annualized amount of \$68,000.00. He also discussed some potential low risk investment options that may need to be considered in the future. The timing of cash needs and having a rainy day fund would usually require a mix of investment options. There is currently \$43,000.00 on a checking account that is not drawing interest.

Committee Reports-

Finance- A motion was presented by George and seconded by Ruth to authorize church Trustees; Doug Perdue, Curtis Washburn, and Michael Doyle, Treasurer George Hippisley, and Finance Chairperson Delmas Smith to have access to all safe deposit boxes at Carter Bank and Trust. The motion passed unanimously.

A motion was presented by George and seconded by Ruth to authorize Treasurer George Hippisley and Finance Chairperson Delmas Smith to have access and authorization to complete all actions related to Checking, Savings, and Certificate of Deposit accounts at Carter Bank and Trust. The motion passed unanimously.

Outreach- George reported that Linda Hippisley will be taking over as chairperson of the Outreach program.

Fundraiser- G.B. and George plan to provide a barbecue luncheon June 23rd. e will be pork and chicken barbecue, sides and dessert for a monetary donation of \$10.00 a plate. Funds will be going to Outreach. Janet reported that Debbie has agreed to keep the Fundraiser chair position.

Pastoral Search- G.B. presented a letter of offer contract to extend to Scott Oliver a position to serve as the Church's minister while he is attending seminary school. Ruth made a motion to accept the contract and Gusta seconded the motion, motion carried.

There will be a congregational meeting after service June 23rd for the congregation to vote on.

Old Business-

New Business- The real estate firm will be drawing up the lease this week for the rental of the parsonage. The parsonage will rent for \$900.00 a month. No pets and no smoking.

Kay and Sammy battled water issues at the church over the weekend with all the rain we had. Kay said there was a fan and a dehumidifier used.

Calendar of Events-

Sunday, June 16th, Father's Day

Sunday, June 23rd, Fundraiser Luncheon BBQ

George and GB

Monday-Friday, June 24-28, Community VBS at Snow Creek

Meeting Adjourned. Respectively Submitted,
Susan Walker Secretary

H+MECOMING



The Church celebrated the 147th anniversary of the Church on July 14 with a large crowd in attendance (107). Reverend Randy Winn provided an inspiring message. The adult and children's choir and Spiritualaires provided beautiful music. Following the service, there was A pot luck meal in the social hall with delicious food and great fellowship.

The winners of the certificates of achievement award for "service to the lord" this year are Jimmy Doyle, Bud Hippisley, and Linda Hippisley. Congratulations to them and thanks for all they do for the church.









Y o u t h N e w s



Another great youth Sunday by the youth and kids and coordinators!
The kids sang songs and read verses from Vacation Bible School
of "GOD IS GOOD".



VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED FOR THE NURSERY DURING THE
WORSHIP SERVICE. SIGN UP SHEETS ARE IN THE VESTIBULE AT THE CHURCH
ENTRANCE

FAMILY NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS TO JOSH AND MORGAN WASHBURN ON THEIR
ANNOUNCEMENT OF A BABY DUE IN MARCH

Community News

THE SNOW CREEK AUXILIARY WILL HOST A FUNDRAISER BREAKFAST ON AUGUST 3 FROM 7:00 A.M. TO 9:00 A.M. AT THE RESCUE SQUAD BUILDING. THE BREAKFAST WILL BE IN SUPPORT OF THE SNOW CREEK FIRE AND RESCUE SQUADS.

Future Events

8/4 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast
8/11 Board Meeting following worship
9/8 Church Picnic following worship
9/29 Youth Sunday



LET'S CELEBRATE



AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

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

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

05 Bill and Beth Oliver
10 Ken and Michele Beall

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.