



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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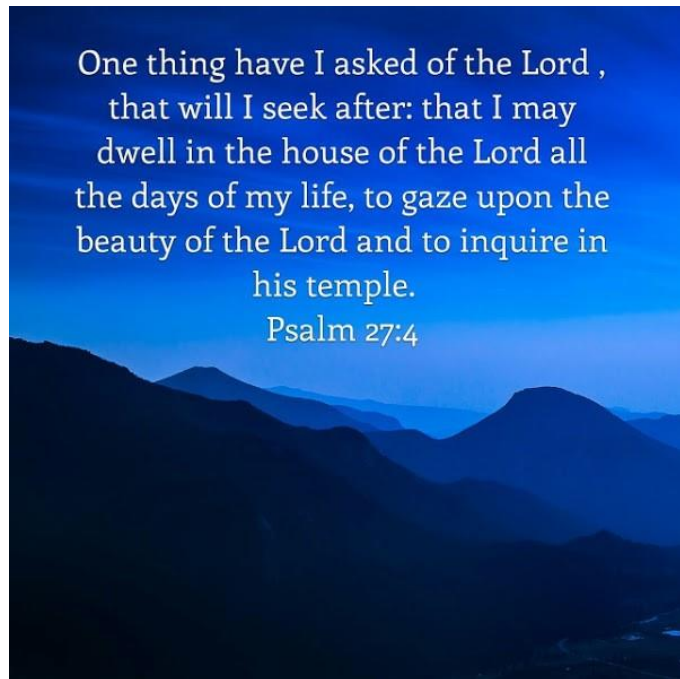


January 2020

## Reflections

One thing have I asked of the Lord ,  
that will I seek after: that I may  
dwell in the house of the Lord all  
the days of my life, to gaze upon the  
beauty of the Lord and to inquire in  
his temple.

Psalm 27:4



Happy New Year! This January everyone is encouraged to come to Snow Creek Christian Church and smile. Not because of all the wonderful blessings that God has bestowed upon us for 2020. Not because of the delightful people that we have the opportunity to worship together with each Sunday. Those are all things to smile about at Snow Creek, but this month you are encouraged to come to Snow Creek and smile so that we can take your picture.

On January 22 and another date that is at this moment to be determined, we will be photographing everyone for a new church directory. Everyone is encouraged to come be a part of this as it will serve a number of very useful purposes for the church.

First and foremost, it will help us build on the terrific sense of community that is already so well established at Snow Creek. It is much easier to love your neighbor when you know their name. This directory will be a tool that can help everyone to reach across the aisle and get to know those that may sit on the other side of the church or be of a different generation.

Additionally, it is a huge asset to welcome new members (and new ministers). We see the same people each Sunday. For people new to the church, everyone they meet is a new name and face to remember. A complete directory can help visitors and new members to feel more comfortable with this new group of people that they have chosen to join with in worship. Also, the directory will be online and updatable so that we in turn can be more engaging and welcoming to visitors and new members.

Finally, it will help us to communicate and communication has always been a core function of a church. In the first chapter of John's Gospel, Christ is even described as the Word, a means for God to communicate directly with humanity. Communication is important and the directory will allow the church an opportunity to improve it. When you show up for your photo session, you will be asked update your contact information. A directory will then give everyone a central reference to find that information. As mentioned earlier, it will be online and updatable, so it will make it easier to keep up with people if addresses or phone numbers change, keep in touch with people who may move away, or welcome those who will join us

in the future. Better communication allows us to better inform people of mission and fellowship opportunities, pass along the needs of the church, and get to know each other better.

So, as we welcome in 2020, smile. Smile as we look forward to an exciting new year at Snow

Creek. Smile at the opportunity that we have to worship and celebrate God's love for us each week. And smile and say "cheese" when you come to help us create our new directory.

Blessings Scott

### **Psalm 72:1-7, 10-14**

72:1 Give the king your justice, O God, and your righteousness to a king's son.

72:2 May he judge your people with righteousness, and your poor with justice.

72:3 May the mountains yield prosperity for the people, and the hills, in righteousness.

72:4 May he defend the cause of the poor of the people, give deliverance to the needy, and crush the oppressor.

72:5 May he live while the sun endures, and as long as the moon, throughout all generations.

72:6 May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass, like showers that water the earth.

72:7 In his days may righteousness flourish and peace abound, until the moon is no more.

72:10 May the kings of Tarshish and of the isles render him tribute, may the kings of Sheba and Seba bring gifts.

72:11 May all kings fall down before him, all nations give him service.

72:12 For he delivers the needy when they call, the poor and those who have no helper.

72:13 He has pity on the weak and the needy, and saves the lives of the needy.

72:14 From oppression and violence he redeems their life; and precious is their blood in his sight.

## **January Lectionary Readings**

Sermon topic in *italics*

January 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Christmas Day) –  
*Youth Sunday*

- Jeremiah 31:7-14
- Psalm 147:12-20
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- John 1:1-18

January 12 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Isaiah 42:1-9
- Psalm 29
- Acts 10:34-43
- *Matthew 3:13-17*

January 19 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Isaiah 49:1-7
- Psalm 40:1-11
- 1 Corinthians 1:1-9
- *John 1:29-42*

January 26 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Isaiah 9:1-4
- Psalm 27:1, 4-9
- 1 Corinthians 1:10-18
- *Matthew 4:12-23*



Congratulations to Scott!

### **Dean's Scholarship Awarded**

The Lexington Theological Seminary presented the 2019-2020 Dean's Scholarship, a four-year 75% tuition award to Scott Oliver. Scott is currently serving as the minister of Snow Creek Christian Church in Snow Creek, VA. He is a certified horticulturist and landscape construction foreman, and has been a high school government and history teacher. He has a Bachelor's degree in Political Science and a Master's in education, both from Virginia Tech. He is a member of Timberlake Christian Church in Lynchburg. He is married to Laurie (Foster) Oliver and has two sons, Sam and Drew. Congratulations Scott!

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# Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

10-November-2019

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

**Treasurer's Report-** Bud presented copies of the Treasurer's report focusing on several different areas. He had a copy of the 2019 YTD sources and uses of Outreach funds. Sources included budget, fund raisers and donations, etc. Funding uses included a list of local and non-local recipients. Bud was not sure of what was owed to the Disciples of Christ Organization fund.

Bud also had a copy of the Church's 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter checking accounts. This would include beginning and ending balances as well as receipts and expenditures from the main checking account, backpack checking account and rental checking account. He also had a very detailed listing for all the Church's transactions in those checking accounts for the month of October.

Doug made a motion to approve this report and Gusta seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report-** Scott said he has completed his second introductory class. He is now participating in an "Introduction to Worship" course. He said as part of this class he will have several assignments that he must complete with the congregation.

He was very excited about the joining of our new church members, Jared and Erica Pruett along with their sons Walker and Barrett. He also discussed several events the youth have enjoyed during this month. The youth are now working on the Christmas play and Christmas caroling may be in the future.

Scott said he has been involved in the planning of the Community Thanksgiving Service. He has also had talks with Lifetouch about the possibility of creating a directory for the Church. This would mean members would have photos taken that would be added in the directory. He said it would be at minimal cost to the church. Linda made motion to approve the church directory and Joyce seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **Committee Reports-**

**Property-** Joyce asked who was ordering the tables for the reception hall. She also asked about shelving being put in the junk room so it could be organized. She is going to ask Kitty about the shelves she mentioned that they used in the store that were sturdy.

**Outreach-** Linda said the DOC (Disciples of Christ Committee) has to publicly know what the church

is involved in as far as Outreach. Linda said she also thought the church members need to have a better understanding as well and it should be discussed so the members know exactly where the monies are going.

### **Worship-**

**Media-** Vivian brought up the fact that we are still having issues with the on screen media during church service.

### **Fundraiser-**

**Old Business-** Krystal said the speaker does not always work downstairs. G.B. will have Mike check on it to see if something is unplugged.

G.B. had the list of 2020 Church Officers. He thought some of the newer Acolytes may need some training. He also thought they should be added to the list of Officers. Vivian made a motion to approve the list of officers and Gusta seconded the motion, motion carried.

G.B. had a copy of the Pastors Contract for the Year 2020. There had been a few changes made. There was an increase of \$200.00 a month in the Pastor's salary. Board members wanted to encourage Scott to keep up with and turn in his mileage so he could be reimbursed. He has not turned any mileage in up to this point and he has made some long trips visiting church members in the hospital, etc.

Bud made a motion to approve the Pastor's Contract and Joyce seconded the motion, motion carried.

**New Business-** Bud had the Purposed Operating Budget for 2020. The Operating Budget included Ministerial Expenses, Property Expenses, Christian Education, Worship, Membership and Outreach.

There were a couple of minor changes or re-allocations made. Gusta made a motion to pass the Budget and Linda seconded the motion, motion passed.

The Budget will be presented to the Congregation November 17th for the members to vote on.

### **Calendar of Events-**

Sunday, November 17<sup>th</sup>- Congregational Meeting

Sunday, November 24<sup>th</sup>- Community Thanksgiving Service at Jones Chapel Church at 3:00PM

Sunday, December 1<sup>st</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup> is Christmas play

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> is Youth Sunday

Sunday, February 2 will be Souper Bowl

Scott will be at Lexington June 14th and 21st

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,



Respectively Submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary

Snow Creek Christian Congregation Meeting

17-November- 2019

The 2020 list of officers as well as elders and diaconates were presented to the congregation for approval. Ken Beale made a motion to approve the list and Andrew Mitchell seconded the motion, motion carried.

The congregation was also presented with a purposed operating budget for 2020. Gusta Morris made a motion to accept the budget and Ken Beale seconded the motion, motion carried.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary

## *A BIG THANK YOU*

*The raffle tickets for the quilt accumulated over \$900 to support the Back Pack Program at Snow Creek Elementary School. A **Special Thanks to Ruby Mae Oakes and Morgan Washburn** (helping to cut) for making the quilt. Congratulations to Curtis Washburn for winning the quilt raffle.*

*A **Special Thanks to the Masons** for a \$1100 donation to the Back Pack Program.*

*Thank you to all of the volunteers from the Church Family that rang the bells for the Salvation Army for contributions to assist others in need.*

# GLIMPSES OF CHRISTMAS 2019

This Christmas was special at the Church. Thank you, Minister Scott Oliver and all the individuals responsible for guiding and assisting with the events of Christmas. We were blessed with inspiring sermons, the advent calendar, beautiful music from our talented Adult and Children Choirs, a great "Charlie Brown Christmas Play" with our traditional orange and candy bar and even Santa, an inspiring Christmas Eve Service with beautiful music from Jared and Emily and bible verse readings by Church Members, delivery of fruit baskets from the Outreach Committee to some of our Church Family, Advent Lighting of the candles by our Church Families, ringing the Salvation Army Bells for donations, and Christmas Caroling and music during home visits by Church Youth and Adults.

















# "A Charlie Brown Christmas"

|                                     |                 |
|-------------------------------------|-----------------|
| Charlie Brown: Brodie               | Sally: Taylee   |
| Linus: Nathan                       | Violet: Leslie  |
| Lucy: Lacey                         | Shermy: Breyer  |
| Snoopy: Barrett                     | Frieda: Kellyn  |
| Woodstock: Walker P.                | Pig Pen: Landon |
| Schroeder: Max                      | Patty: Addison  |
| Prayer Leader: Kailea               | Rerun: Ryland   |
| Narrator: Asher                     |                 |
| Shepherds: Asher, Walker A., Conner |                 |





*BABY SHOWER  
FOR MORGAN  
AND JOSH AT  
THE CHURCH*





# Upcoming Events

January 5 Youth Sunday

January 5 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast

January 12 Board Meeting

January 22 Church Directory Photographers Sessions  
2:00 p.m. to 9:00 p.m.

February 2 Sub & Souper Bowl Sunday Fundraiser on  
Super Bowl Sunday.



## JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

## JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

2 Krystal Washburn  
3 Ed Ingram  
4 Tyler Jordan  
4 Ryan Haynes  
8 Nancy Compton  
9 Vickie Washburn  
12 Michelle Via  
13 Lisa Shepherd  
16 Ashlee W. Dalton  
16 Haley Morris  
17 Nancy Martin  
20 Taylor Amos  
22 Jonathan Mitchell  
23 Donald Via  
24 Colton Haynes  
26 Heather Amos  
29 Curtis Washburn  
30 Barrett Pruett  
31 Lacey Mitchell

20 Mike & Pam Doyle

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