



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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## Reflections

One step forward and two steps back. That is what this fall has felt like to me so far this year. August marked two years since I began both ministering at Snow Creek Christian Church and as a student in seminary in preparation for ordination. Much of that time has been spent trying to deal with the unexpected onset of COVID-19. After a full summer of what was beginning to seem like normalcy, Labor Day weekend ushered in another shift in how the church was doing worship services. Just a month earlier, I was certainly not expecting that and it has put some of the plans for the church that I had discussed with others on hold.

But in taking that step back, I also realized that this was not the end of the world. Stuff happens on God's time and not ours. The church has already shown itself to be incredibly resilient. Sometimes it is in the moments that we have to step back and recalibrate that we most fully get a sense of God's Spirit at work.

Fall seems to symbolize this in many ways. Summer, with its beach vacations and

barbeques, is over. The cool in the air begins to remind us that the winter is on its way. 2021 has been a challenging year in many ways and we still have a quarter of it left. Who knows what the next three months will bring. But I know that for a little while the weather will get nice. The leaves will put on their annual display of color. We will celebrate Thanksgiving and all that we have to be grateful for. Then the church will conclude the year with its focus on why we are here in the first place, to celebrate the coming of Christ into our lives and into our world.

There may be further setbacks along the way. However, there is still beauty to be found, much for which to be thankful, and an opportunity to welcome Christ into our lives. Sometimes we need to take a step back and do these things before we can begin to take that next step forward.

God be with you. Scott.

## October Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

October 3 (19<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Job 1:1, 2:1-10
- Psalm 26
- Hebrews 1:1-4, 2:5-12
- *Mark 10:2-16*

October 10 (20<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Job 23:1-9, 16-17
- Psalm 22:1-15
- Hebrews 4:12-16
- *Mark 10:17-31*

October 17 (21<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Job 38:1-7, 31-34
- Psalm 104:1-9, 24, 35c

- Hebrews 5:1-10

- *Mark 10:35-45*

October 24 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Job 42:1-6, 10-17
- Psalm 34:1-8, 19-22
- Hebrews 7:23-28
- *Mark 10:46-52*

October 31 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Ruth 1:1-18
- Psalm 146
- Hebrews 9:11-14
- *Mark 12:28-34*

Regional Minister of the Virginia Disciples of Christ Churches, Bill Spangler-Dunning, was the guest minister at the Church on September 26. He provided an inspiring message for the Drive in Service.

Minister Spangler-Dunning indicated he was impressed with the Outdoor Services of our Church. Furthermore, he plans on relaying information about our services and pictures to Regional Disciple of Christ Churches in the state.

Special Thanks to Minister Scott and all the many people involved with the Outdoor Services that allow us to continue to worship at the Church.







# *Food Trunk*

Some of you may have noticed the large trunk that has been up on the porch of the church the last few Sundays. George Martin,

in conjunction with the Rotary Club and Heavenly Manna Food Pantry, has set up a food collection point at the church to supplement the food distribution area located at the Snow Creek Rescue Squad. What we would like to do is have people drop off non-perishable food items (canned tuna, peanut butter, soup, etc.) each Sunday or during the week. These will then be sent to the pickup area at the Rescue Squad as a convenient pickup location for those in need in the community who might have difficulty driving into a food pantry in Rocky Mount or Martinsville. Any excess will then be sent to Heavenly Manna in Rocky Mount to be distributed there. So while you are making your weekly grocery run, pick up a few extra items bring them with you to church to place in the trunk. It is a simple way for us to help our neighbors right here in the Snow Creek community who may be in need and to share the love and daily bread with which God has so richly blessed us.

Thanks so much. Scott.



# Church Board Minutes

12-September-2021

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

**Treasurer's Report-** Bud had an itemized list of August 2021 offerings as well as other funding from memorials, special offerings and giving's. The backpack offering included money taken up by the church as well a donation from Homestead Dairy. Total giving amount was \$6255.00 and total expenses were \$3687.00. The report did not include the rent taken in for the parsonage. Kay made a motion to approve the report and Doug seconded, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report-** Scott wanted to thank everyone for his or her patience during these trying times especially since we have moved the service back to the parking lot. He also had a report that had confirmed cases for Martinsville and Henry County as well as a report from UVA's Covid-19 model projections that took into account the same area. He chose this area because Franklin County is grouped into the same bucket as the Roanoke area, which may not be as accurate for our county.

## **Committee Reports-**

### **Media-**

**Old Business-** We will cancel cleaning of the grounds on September 25. We will also hold off on having the septic lines cleaned. The tree removal will proceed.

**New Business-** The attention was now turned to how to move forward as a church with our worship services and future events with covid-19 cases once again on the rise. There were a number of people who voiced their concerns. Vivian made a motion to continue with the parking lots services and Doug seconded the motion, motion carried.



Joyce made motion to cancel Homecoming and Kay seconded, motion carried. Scott said he would reach out to the Regional Minister as well as the Spiritu-  
alaires.

**Calendar of Events-** The board will continue to meet monthly and make decisions based on the status of covid.

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary





CHURCH SERVICES WILL CONTINUE AS A DRIVE IN SERVICE AT 11:00 A.M. IN THE CHURCH PARKING LOT UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE. MINISTER SCOTT WILL CONTINUE TO MAIL THE WEEKLY ONLINE SERVICES ON SUNDAY MORNING.





## ***LET'S CELEBRATE***



### **OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 3 Trey Washburn
- 4 Donald Belcher
- 10 Ruth Davidson
- 10 Russell Tilley
- 10 Lucas Perdue
- 13 Ricky Doyle
- 16 Brian Doyle
- 17 Ken Beall
- 18 Jeannie Plybon
- 22 Jennifer Brown
- 25 Mike Doyle
- 25 Max Mitchell
- 28 Janet Perdue
- 29 Taylor Biggs

### **OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 24 Jimmie & Vivian Doyle
- 28 Ryan & Melissa Haynes

### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

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

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 6 Sammy & Kay Boyd
- 15 Taylor & Heather Amos
- 15 Edward & Joyce Ingram
- 30 George & Susan Martin

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*With men it is impossible,  
but not with God;  
for with God  
all things are  
possible.*

Mark 10:27