



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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# Reflections

**B**elieve it or not, spring will be here before you know it. And though it is late coming this year, pushed back all the way to April 17<sup>th</sup>, Easter will eventually come with it. It is time to start getting ready.

For the church, that means the season of Lent. As nature transforms from being cold and stagnant to warm and full of life, we are called to do likewise. People often associate Lent with giving up things, and I will admit that that does not sound like a real exciting way to welcome the warmer weather. However, I would argue that Lent is about much more and embracing a Lenten discipline can be a good way to make the celebration of Easter that much more meaningful when it finally gets here.

Lent is meant to recall the 40 days of fasting and the tempting by the devil that Jesus underwent before beginning his ministry. It is a time that asks us to take a good look at ourselves and the temptations that distract us from our own ministry to the world. Honest reflection on one's own self is often difficult and that is why people the world over are encouraged to embrace a Lenten discipline during this time.

Traditionally, these disciplines have included fasting, prayer, and giving. Fasting is probably the most recognized practice as people give up

things like meat or smoking or eating sweets in solidarity with Jesus' fast in the wilderness. It helps connect us to Christ's suffering in a season that encompasses Christ's Passion and death on the Cross. It also gives us practice in facing the myriad of temptations that constantly pull us away from the lives that Christ has called us to live.

Remember though that Christ did not go enter the Wilderness completely alone. He was led by the Spirit and did so to pray to God. Lent is an excellent time to establish, or maybe just re-vamp, a regular prayer routine to actively seek God in your daily life. Giving too is a form of self-examination as we weigh the value we place on loving God and our neighbors versus our own indulgence. Lent is a good time to assess your commitments to tithing or giving to the church for the year or to find another worthwhile charity to contribute to that you might otherwise have neglected. If you give something up for Lent, maybe take that money to spend on an activity or donation to help others. It may help you realize the cost of your temptations and will do some good in the world at the same time.

The church too will participate in this Lenten preparation for Easter. On the first day of Lent, March 2<sup>nd</sup> this year, we will participate in a joint

Ash Wednesday service at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church at 7 PM. We will then repay the favor as we get closer to Easter by hosting their congregation for a joint Maundy Thursday service on April 14<sup>th</sup>. Then we will go back to Pleasant Grove to commemorate Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the cross on Good Friday, April 15<sup>th</sup>. All of these services will be at 7 in the evening.

Throughout the season, I will also resume emailing daily devotions to help facilitate this Lenten discipline of prayer by providing you with scripture and reflections to consider. This go-round I will try to walk myself and anyone who wants to join through Jesus' Farewell Discourse in chapters 14-16 of John's Gospel. The Last Supper is a major component of both Lent and

Disciples liturgy and John gives a very different and much more theologically detailed version of it in those chapters than the other three Gospels. I thought it might be interesting to learn more about some of those themes in a way that is not really possible in a sermon.

In any case, spring is coming and with it, Easter. However, you choose to do it, I encourage you to prepare your hearts and minds during this season of Lent for the joy of new life to come.

God be with you. Scott.



## March Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

March 6 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- Deuteronomy 26:1-11
- Psalm 91:1-2, 9-16
- Romans 10:8b-13
- *Luke 4:1-13*

March 13 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- *Genesis 15:1-12, 17-18*
- Psalm 27
- Philippians 3:17-4:1
- Luke 13:31-35 OR
- Luke 9:28-43a

March 20 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- *Isaiah 55:1-9*
- Psalm 63:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
- Luke 13:1-9

March 27 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- Joshua 5:9-12
- Psalm 32
- 2 Corinthians 5:16-21
- *Luke 15:1-3, 11b-32*





# Church Board Minutes

## Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

09-January-2022

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

**Treasurer's Report-** Bud was not present but G.B had a copy of the Treasurer's Report. Total giving for the month of December, which included backpack and outreach donations, was \$10,517.00. Total expenses were \$11,119.00. Janet made a motion to approve the report and Krystal seconded, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report-** Scott had a few things he wanted to discuss. The screen at the front of the church does not raise and lower correctly. Scott has made an effort to reprogram and fix but there are still issues. It may need a motor or completely replacing. No decision was reached on how to move forward at this time. He also said we are continuing to have trouble with the audio. Lorrie's brother had looked at the system and was not able to pin point the root cause. The wiring is a mess and it was agreed that should be the place to start in an effort to improve the system. Scott said he knew attendance had declined since we have moved the service back inside. Some members had told him that they did not feel comfortable with the service being inside with covid still prevalent. There were discussions about having inside services and broadcasting to parking lot if audio was improved. He also wanted to know peoples thoughts on continuing to have services inside going forward. Joyce made a motion to continue the inside service and Vivian seconded, motion carried.

### **Outreach-**

**Old Business-** The copy machine is currently working

**New Business-** G.B. has been made aware of there being issues in the communication chain with the prayer list. Ruth said she was head over the prayer list. When she is notified of people needing to be added she calls her people and they in turn make calls. The problem lies in that no one in that line of people are getting the alerts therefore not knowing when someone needs to be added to the list. Efforts will be made to get this flow of information going again. Ruth also had some questions in regards to how the acknowledgement of memorials was being handled.

Joyce made a motion to adjourn and Janet seconded the motion.

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary

## UPCOMING EVENTS

February 27 Dedication Service for Keri-Jean Pruett will be during The Church Service. She is the baby of Erica and Jared.

March 13 Board meeting following the worship service

March 2 Joint Ash Wednesday Service with our Church at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church at 7:00 P.M.

April 14 Joint Maundy Thursday Service at Snow Creek Christian Church with Pleasant Grove at 7:00 p.m.

April 15 Joint Good Friday Service with our Church at Pleasant Grove to commemorate Christ's ultimate sacrifice on the cross. The time is 7:00 p.m.

Minister Scott will email daily devotions during the season of Lenten. More information About Lenten and the email mailings in Scott's article above.



# *Dedication*

DEDICATION OF OAKLYN WASHBURN













## OAKLYN'S FAMILY



OAKLYN'S MOM MORGAN AND DAD JOSH WASHBURN





## GLIMPSES OF THE CHURCH



# *In Memory of*



Diane Sink Arrington, 74, of Martinsville, VA passed away Thursday, February 17, 2022 at Viviant Healthcare of Bristol, TN. She was born September 29, 1947 in Rocky Mount, VA to the late Peter Oscar Sink and Winfred Lucy Martin Sink. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Danny Herman Arrington; sister, Eleanor Sink Washburn (Bobby); special niece, Cathy Hickson; and twin nephews, Michael Gene Washburn and Robert Dean Washburn.

She is survived by her son, Michael Dean Arrington and wife, Jane of Piney Flats, TN; half-sister, Sharon Pagans of Rocky Mount, VA; half-brother, P.O. Sink of Rocky Mount, VA; grandchildren, Taylor Biggs-Arrington and Mason Arrington. Also surviving are many special nieces and nephews.

A funeral service will be held at 3 p.m. on Sunday, February 20, 2022 at Snow Creek Christian Church with Reverend Scott Oliver officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service from 2 – 3 p.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Snow Creek Christian Church Backpack Program; 4970 Snow Creek Rd. Martinsville, VA 24112.

On a personal note: Diane was a long-time member of the Church. She served as a deacon and was a regular attendee of the Adult Sunday School Class. She helped in the Kitchen for many events at the Church. She was always willing to help and known for her baked hams. I especially liked her laugh. She will be greatly missed. Barbara





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



### **MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Susan Walker
- 2 Kellyn Eanes
- 5 Doug Davidson,
- 5 Ryland Mitchell
- 6 Bryce Mitchell
- 9 Joshua Washburn
- 11 Nancy Robertson
- 20 Stevie & Davy Mitchell
- 24 Louise Washburn
- 30 Breanna Robertson
- 31 Todd Martin

### **MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 16 Tony & Nancy Plybon

### **APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Eddie Brown
- 3 Joyce Ingram
- 7 Isaiah Jordan
- 10 Tressi Mitchell
- 17 Tim Scott
- 22 Whitney Eanes
- 22 Pam Gabriel
- 23 Betty Lou Cooper
- 25 Walker Pruett
- 30 Josh Washburn

### **APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

- 2 Todd & Melody Martin
- 15 Jarrett & Patti Amos
- 21 Josh and Morgan Washburn

Please email me any additions or corrections to the birthday or anniversaries list.

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