



Snow Creek Christian Church

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April 2022

Reflections

April is here and most years for the church that means Easter. I hope you will come celebrate with us this year. This is my third Easter here at Snow Creek and I realized that it will be the first one that I will have actually inside of a church. I am excited and I hope everyone else is as well. Christ's Resurrection is the Good News. It is what we as the church exist to celebrate and to share. So I look forward to being able to do so with everyone on April 17th.

In addition to the Easter Sunday service, we will also be having an Easter egg hunt for the youth and young at heart the day before Easter on Saturday, April 16 at 10. Lunch will be served afterwards, so bring your kids, grandkids, neighbor's kids, etc. to come and join the fun. Also, if anyone would like to donate candy for this event that would be greatly appreciated.

Easter is late this year, so hopefully the spring weather will be in full effect by then, but Easter being in the middle of the month means that much of the month will still be during the season of Lent. It is important that we not get in too much of a rush to celebrate the holiday without reflecting on why we do so. Be careful not to run past the cross on your way to the empty tomb.

To prepare ourselves mentally and spiritually for Easter, the church will host a series of events during Holy Week. This will begin on April 10th, Palm Sunday, as we will adjust the service slightly in order to introduce the events that led up to Jesus' Passion. We will begin the service in the parking lot and then process inside together laying palm

branches on the chancel. You can tune in to the first part of that service on your car radio on 95.9 FM and hopefully the weather will be nice enough for everyone to gather by the porch.

Later in the week, we will commemorate the events of Jesus' Passion in two joint services with the congregation at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. On Thursday, April 14th, we will host a Maundy Thursday service here at Snow Creek recalling the events of Jesus' Last Supper. Then on Friday, April 15th, we will participate in a Good Friday service at Pleasant Grove to remember the great sacrifice that Jesus made on our behalf on the Cross. Both of these events will begin at 7 PM and I could use readers and other helpers for those, so please let me know if you are interested. I know this is a busy time of the year, and Friday evenings are typically not the ideal time to host a worship service anyways, but it is easy to miss the profound meaning of Easter's good news if we do not take time to focus our attention on the events that brought it about.

April this year brings with it the renewal and celebration of Easter, but also the solemnity of Lent and Holy Week. Take time to be holy. Keep up your Lenten disciplines. Continue to repent of those things that need to change in your life. Remember the Good News, even the bad parts. Come and join together with the church as April gives us the full picture of all that God has done on our behalf through Jesus Christ.

God be with you. Scott

April Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in italics

April 3 (5th Sunday in Lent)

- Isaiah 43:16-21
- Psalm 126
- Philippians 3:4b-14
- John 12:1-8

April 10 (Palm Sunday)

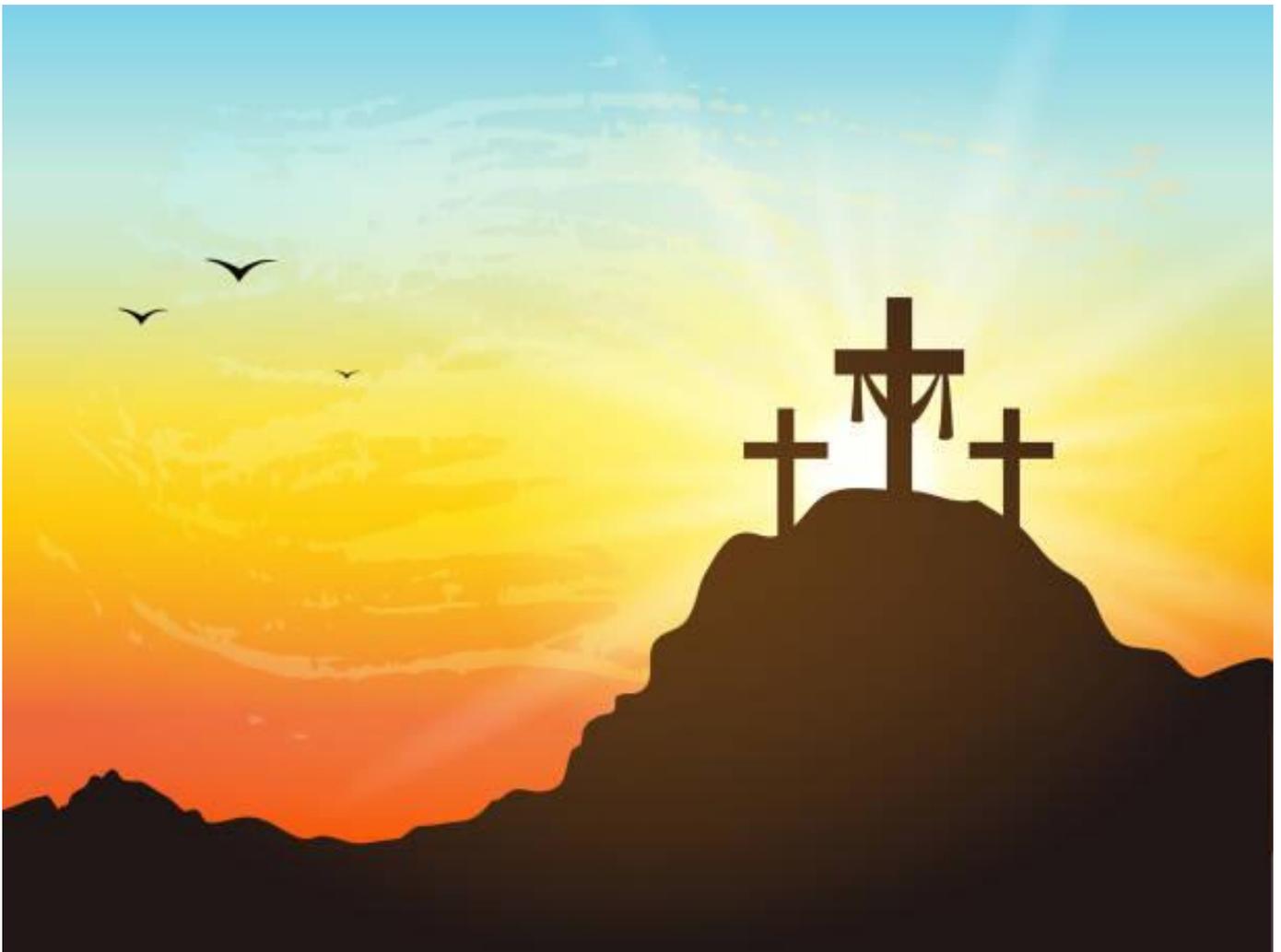
- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- Luke 19:28-40

April 17 (Easter)

- Acts 10:34-43 OR Isaiah 65:17-25
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- 1 Corinthians 15:19-26 OR Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18 OR Luke 24:1-12

April 24 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 5:27-32
- Psalm 118:14-29 OR Psalm 150
- Revelation 1:4-8
- John 20:19-31



Easter Special Offering

Easter is the basics of the Christian faith. It is when we remember God raising Jesus Christ from the dead. Similarly, the Easter special offering for the Disciples Mission Fund goes to fund the basics. This is our yearly contribution to the General Ministries of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). These General Ministries cover a wide range of responsibilities, but this is the work and administration that is necessary to support the main goal of the denomination, witnessing to and serving God. It is the stuff that is not real exciting to talk about, but is really important to do. As we bear witness to the gift of life inherent in Christ's Easter Resurrection, I would encourage everyone to consider their own giving as well. This is the first of four holiday offerings that we will take up in 2022 (Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, and Christmas). I hope we can continue to build on the outstanding support that we gave to the denomination last year through everyone's gracious generosity. If you would like to contribute, we will be taking up this offering on Palm Sunday, April 10th and Easter, April 17th. Please make any checks out to Snow Creek Christian Church and make sure to write on them Easter Offering. You can also mail a check to the church at 4970 Snow Creek Rd. As we celebrate the abundance of God's generosity this Easter, thank you so much for your own as well.



Church Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

13-February-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 Kay seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Bud had a copy of the Treasurer's Report for January 2022. Total giving for the month of December, which included backpack donations, was \$9,305.00. Total expenses were \$4,372. Bud had gotten a letter from the IRS stating that form 944 had not been filed in a previous year. It was mentioned that the church might need to have a tax service in Rocky Mount review. Bud also said the light bill had went up approximately 60 percent and usage was up 40 percent. Joyce made a motion to approve the report and Curtis seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report- Scott said in looking back, it had been a busy month. He said there would be a planning meeting on Thursday, February 17 at 6:30 at Trinity Baptist Church for anyone who was interested in helping out with Vacation Bible School. He does not have a date for VBS at this time.

Scott has spoken to Gil Lee, the minister at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, about participating in several joint Lenten services. The first of these would be an Ash Wednesday service on March 2 at Pleasant Grove. This would be followed by a Maundy Thursday service at Snow Creek on April 14 and a Good Friday service at Pleasant Grove on April 15. All service times would be at 7:00 PM. Scott will resume the emailing of Lenten devotions during Lent. Scott is hoping to have more information this week regarding the joint Palm Sunday service that has traditionally been put on by Snow Creek, Pleasant Grove, Trinity and Jones Chapel.

Scott is currently enrolled in a scripture class on the Gospels. He will have his annual meeting with the regional ordination committee on February 28 to update his progress on ordination.

He has received a couple of recommendations in regards to updating the sound system that would involve \$5,000.00-\$10,000.00 worth of investments.

Outreach

Old Business- We still need to continue to work on a more efficient way of getting people that need to be added to the prayer chain added and having those names made available to church members.

New Business- There will be more discussions going forward in regards to the sound system

Calendar of Events-

Ash Wednesday Service March 2 at 7PM at Pleasant Grove
Maundy Thursday Service April 14 at 7PM at Snow Creek
Good Friday Service April 15 at 7PM at Pleasant Grove

Janet made a motion to adjourn and Kay seconded the motion. Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned.

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary

UPCOMING EVENTS

April 10 Palm Sunday

The Service will begin in the Church Parking lot and proceed into the Church laying the psalms. Attendees can listen to the beginning of the service on channel 95.5 FM.

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. Time is 7:00 p.m.

April 16 Easter Egg Hunt at the Church. More detail in Youth News below.

April 17 Easter Sunday Service

More information on these events in Minister Scott's Message above.



BLESSING OF KERI-JEAN PRUETT

Minster Scott Oliver Blessed Keri-Jean Pruett with her family including her Parents Jared and Erica and brothers Walker and Barret. Other family members Were in attendance.











Youth News

CHILDREN'S SERMON





The Church will sponsor an Easter egg hunt for the youth at our Church.

The date will be April 16 at 10:00 a.m .

Lunch will be served after the hunt.

Candy donations will be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE BRING KIDS TO THE EVENT!!

Easter egg hunt 2020 memory



ATTENTION GRADUATES



Please email me names, photos, honors, and future information plans on our Church Family Graduates. Include Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College, Trade School, etc. This is an unusual year for the Kids and Youth that are graduating but we definitely want to show them how proud the Church Family is of their achievements. Please email to barbsmith@b2xonline.com by April 27 for The May Newsletter and May 25 for the June Newsletter. THANKS



Vacation Bible School

Snow Creek Christian Church will join Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, and Trinity Baptist Church will participate in a joint vacation Bible school at Trinity Baptist Church in July. More details will be announced later. A planning meeting will take place at Trinity Baptist Church on April 4 at 6:30 p.m. for those interested in helping with VBS. Volunteers would be greatly appreciated. Please spread the word to interested children.



Coming in July
Vacation Bible School
Trinity Baptist Church
5:30 – 8:30pm
Dinner provided
Stay tuned – dates TBA

Family News

Congratulations

Josh and Morgan are the proud parents of Layla Jennings. She was born on March 22 and weighed 7lbs and 12 oz.





LET'S CELEBRATE



APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Eddie Brown
- 3 Joyce Ingram
- 7 Isaiah Jordan
- 10 Tressi Mitchell
- 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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Carsen Haynes
- 4 Sam Oliver
- 9 Jadie Carter
- 9 Laurie Oliver
- 10 Jim Compton
- 12 G. B. Washburn
- 17 Addison Brown, Emery Scott
- 18 Morgan Via
- 22 Jane Arrington
- 26 Vivian Doyle
- 27 Lynn Mitchell
- 29 Terry Mitchell

MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Doug & Janet Perdue
- 7 Doug & Ruth Davidson
- 24 Del & Barbara Smith

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"I am the Alpha and the Omega, the Beginning and the End," says the Lord, "who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

Revelation 1:8