



Snow Creek Christian Church

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April 2023

Reflections

There is a lot going on this first week of April. Starting bright and early on the 2nd will be the Fellowship Breakfast at 7:30. All are welcome to come and join for some good food and fellowship. Then for Palm Sunday the youth will be helping with the service as we remember Christ's passion that fateful week in Jerusalem.

On Maundy Thursday we will commemorate the Last Supper of our Lord in conjunction with Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church at a special service at Snow Creek. The next evening we will turn around and go to their place to recall the Crucifixion of Jesus Christ on Good Friday. Both of these ceremonies will be at 7:00.

On Saturday we will have a little fun. At 10:00 we will host our annual Easter egg hunt for the youth. Lunch will be served, there will be crafts and stories for the little ones, an escape room for middle-school aged kids, and we will plan on having a good time rain or shine. If you have kids, grandkids, neighbors come on out for a joyful day.

Then it will be time for the main event. Sunday, April 9th, is the most important festival of the Christian year as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Not only that, but we will also

celebrate the baptism of Addison Brown that morning. There is a lot going on this upcoming Holy Week and then on Easter Sunday and we look forward to worshipping with everyone.

It is a busy time, but after Easter everyone gets a little bit of a break. The kids will be out of school for a week and the church will go back to a bit more normal format for the rest of the month. This is good in a way, especially if you work for the church. Everyone needs a break once in a while – every seven days according to God. But a busy faith is a good thing too. If you picked up a spiritual discipline for Lent like daily prayer or scripture reading, see if you can stick with it. I assure you that Easter is not the only Sunday that Snow Creek will have worship services in April. Make time to come and join together with us for worship. Seek to find what God would have you do to fill up your days. If you don't, I assure you someone or something else will find ways to occupy that time. Let God keep you busy this month.

God be with you,

Scott.

April Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

April 2 (Palms Sunday)

- Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29
- *Matthew 21:1-11*

April 9 (Easter)

- Acts 10:34-43 OR Jeremiah 31:1-6
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4 OR Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18 OR *Matthew 28:1-10*

April 16 (2nd Sunday of Easter)

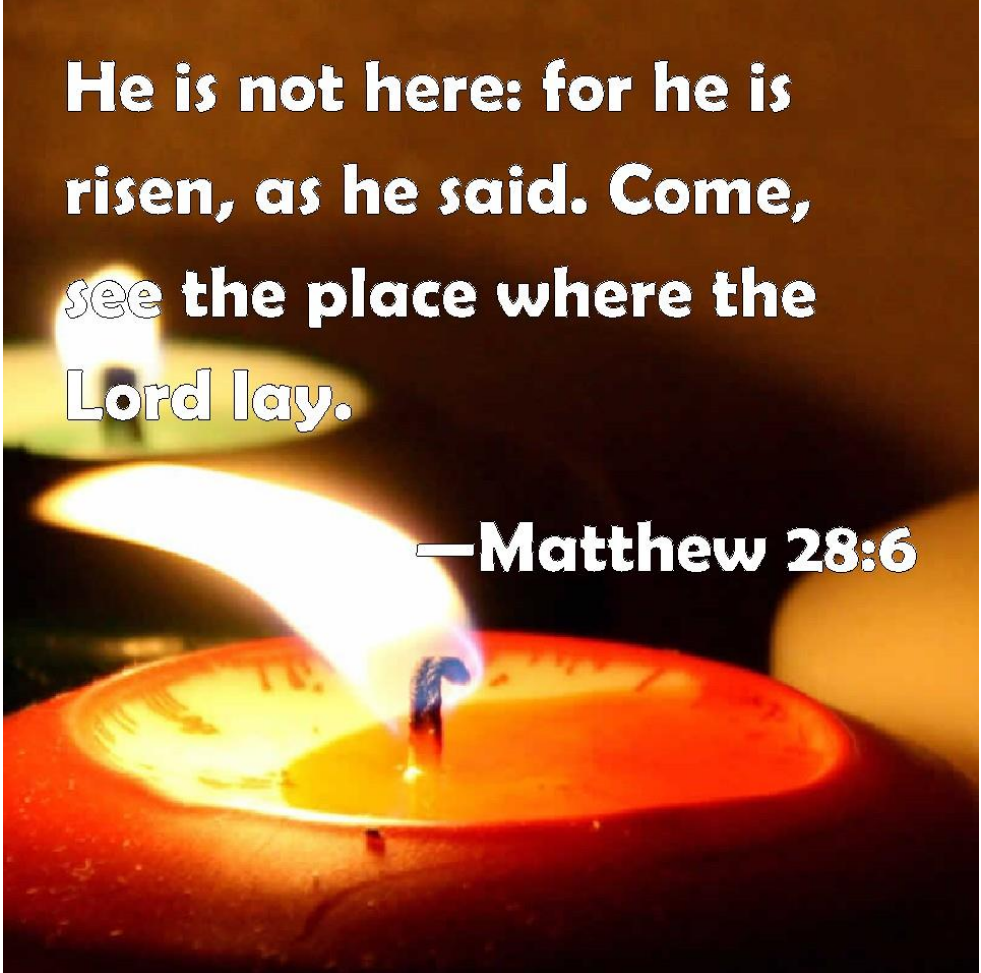
- Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Psalm 16
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- *John 20:19-31*

April 23 (3rd Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- 1 Peter 1:17-23
- *Luke 24:13-35*

April 30 (4th Sunday of Easter)

- *Acts 2:42-47*
- Psalm 23
- 1 Peter 2:19-25
- John 10:1-10



**He is not here: for he is
risen, as he said. Come,
see the place where the
Lord lay.**

—Matthew 28:6

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 2023 (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 2nd and Easter, April 9th**. 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.

Board Minutes

No board meeting was held for March therefore minutes were approved to share

Upcoming Events

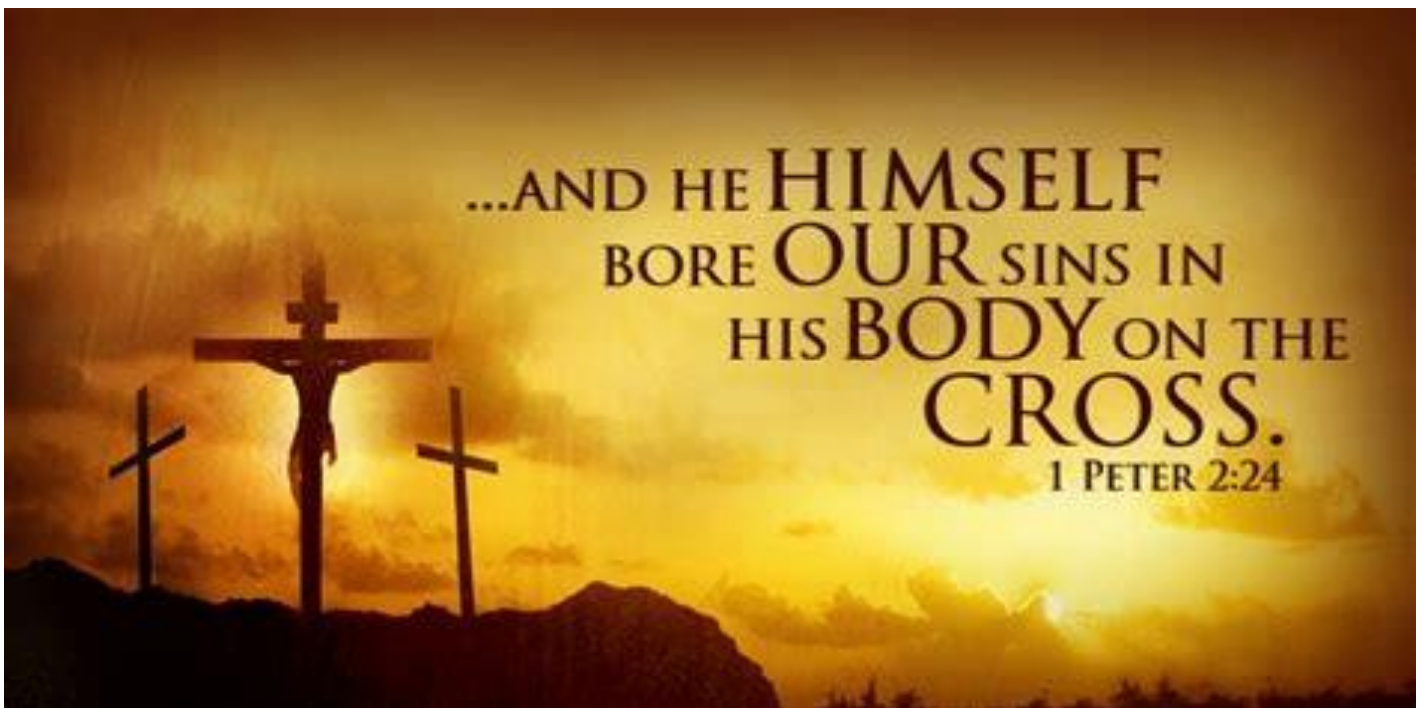
Sunday April 2 at 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Social Hall.

Thursday April 6 at 7:00 P.M. Joint Maundy Thursday worship at Snow Creek Christian Church. with Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Please contact Scott if would be willing to participate in the service.

Friday April 7 at 7:00 pm Joint Good Friday service at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Please contact Scott if you are willing to participate in the service.

Saturday April 8 at 10:00 a.m. Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Church. Events for Elementary age youth and older youth. More details to follow.

Sunday April 9 during worship service on Easter Sunday, planned baptism of Landon Mitchell, Ryland Mitchell, and Addison Brown



Youth News





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

The date will be April 8 at 10:00 a.m .

Lunch will be served after the hunt.

Candy donations will be greatly appreciated.

PLEASE BRING KIDS TO THE EVENT!!



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. Please email to barb-smith@b2xonline.com by April 21 for The May Newsletter and May 22 for the June Newsletter. THANKS

Community Vacation Bible School



Community VBS 2023

Location: Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church

Address: 1000 Snow Creek Rd Martinsville, VA 24112

Dates: July 9 – 13, 2023

Time: 5:30 – 8:30

We hope you will come Shine Jesus' Light with us!

In Memory of

Susan Matherly Walker

March 1, 1965 - March 10, 2023



Susan Matherly Walker, age 58 of Penhook, passed away peacefully Friday, March 10, 2023 following a short battle with cancer. She was an employee of NewBold for over 17 years. Susan was the proud Aunt of a special niece and nephew, McKinlee and Zeke Shrader. Also surviving are her special friend, Lisa Shepherd; father and step-mother, Ronald and Betty Matherly; sister, Christy Shrader (Kris); her canine companion, Oscar; other special family and friends. Susan was preceded in death by her mother, Brenda Matherly; grandparents, Fred and Liz Wingfield, Roy and Kate Matherly. Her family request memorials be made to Franklin County Animal Shelter, 81 State Street, Rocky Mount, VA 24151.

Susan was a long-time member of the Church. She supported the Church in many ways. She was the Church Secretary and recorded the monthly minutes of the Church Board. As mentioned by Minister Scott and G.B. Washburn at her funeral, she was very good at recording minutes for the Church. Scott said she told him not to try to record the minutes in her absence after he attempted to keep notes for her. Furthermore, she instructed Scott not to repeat all the great things he mentioned about her when she received the Church award. She will be greatly missed.



LET'S CELEBRATE



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

MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Carsen Haynes
- 4 Sam Oliver
- 9 Jadie Carter
- 9 Laurie Oliver
- 10 Jim Compton
- 12 G. B. Washburn
- 17 Addison Brown
- 17 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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You were not
redeemed with
corruptible
things, as
silver & gold...
but with the
precious blood
of Christ.
I Peter 1:18-19