



# Snow Creek Christian Church

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May 2023

## Reflections

The final Sunday of this new month is the celebration of Pentecost. It occurs every year exactly fifty days after Easter Sunday, the word Pentecost literally meaning fiftieth in Greek. The celebration, however, predates Easter as it was originally a Jewish pilgrimage festival meant to commemorate the giving of the Law to Moses and occurring fifty days after the Passover festival. Christians appropriated it to celebrate God's giving of the Holy Spirit that occurs during the Pentecost festivities according to Luke's account in Acts.

The disciples there become filled with the Holy Spirit and as people from all over the world flock into Jerusalem they begin proclaiming the teachings and revelations of Jesus in a myriad of different languages. Some respond to what must have sounded like incoherent babble by dismissing the disciples as a bunch of drunks who must have been enjoying the festivities a bit too much, but Luke tells us that others responded in amazement and asked, "What does this mean?"

As May completes the transition of the world around us from winter into summer, the question is still an appropriate one. On nature's calendar new life becomes abundant as the season of spring reaches its peak. The leaves are back on the trees. The grass (and the weeds) are growing. April showers have brought May flowers. A similar phenomenon occurs on the church's

calendar. The season of Easter which stretches from Easter Sunday to

Pentecost Sunday is meant to bring new life in similar fashion.

By the time Luke's account reaches the day of Pentecost, the newly resurrected Jesus has ascended to the heavens and has left in his place God's Holy Spirit. This event of the Spirit filling the disciples and them beginning to proclaim the Good News to people from all over the world is often regarded as the birth of the church. As we move through this season of Easter during the month of May, the question of the onlookers that day is still relevant, "What does this mean?" We have declared that "Christ is risen, indeed." Do we now just wait around for summer to come and school to be out and our beach vacations to roll around? Or do we begin to examine what Christ's resurrection means for our lives? Do we search for how this Holy Spirit is moving us and the church? We have been gifted the Holy Spirit by God through Christ. Now what do we do with it? The month of May and the season of Easter are an opportune time to revisit that question of, "What does this mean?"

God be with you,

Scott.

## May Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

May 7

- Acts 7:55-60
- Psalm 31:1-5, 15-16
- *1 Peter 2:2-10*
- John 14:1-14

May 14 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

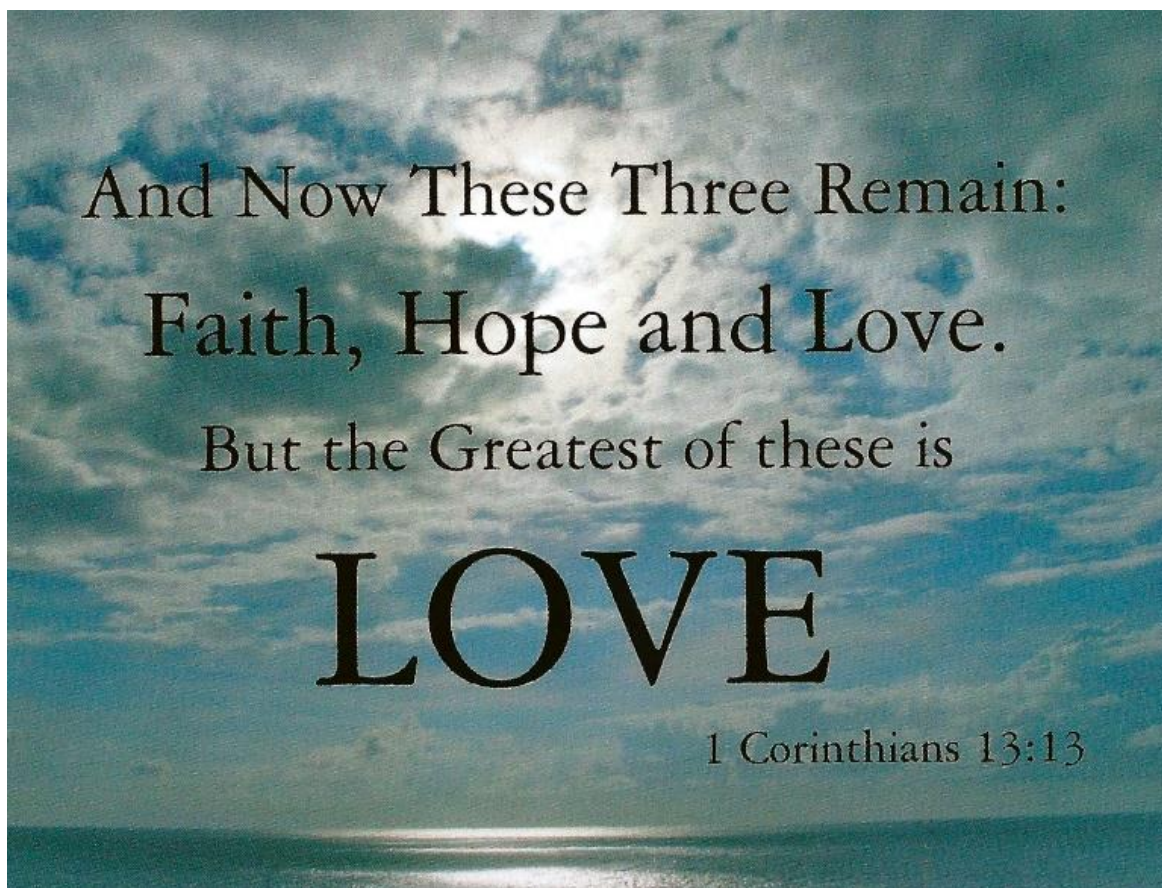
- Acts 17:22-31
- Psalm 66:8-20
- 1 Peter 3:13-22
- *John 14:15-21*

May 21 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

- *Acts 1:6-14*
- Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35
- 1 Peter 4:12-14, 5:6-11
- John 17:1-11

May 28 (Day of Pentecost)

- *Acts 2:1-21* OR Numbers 11:24-30
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- 1 Corinthians 12:3b-13 OR *Acts 2:1-21*
- John 20:19-23 OR 7:37-39



## **Pentecost Special Offering**

The Pentecost special offering is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 holiday offerings (Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) that we take up annually for the Disciples Mission Fund of the Disciples of Christ. In the spirit of Pentecost and the celebration of the birth of the church, this particular offering goes to support new Disciples of Christ churches. Acts recalls how at the birth of the church the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and then spread throughout the new church community. This Holy Spirit is the foundation of the church, but it goes nowhere without those who work to support it. I would encourage you to continue the work of those first Apostles as the Disciples of Christ strive to plan, nurture, and sustain new places for people to come worship God and engage with the Holy Spirit. If you would like to contribute, we will be taking up this offering from Sunday, May 21<sup>st</sup> through Pentecost Sunday, May 28th. Please make any checks out to Snow Creek Christian Church and make sure to write on them Pentecost Special Offering. You can also mail a check to the church at 4970 Snow Creek Rd. Thank you so much for your support in helping to grow the church as a whole by helping to plant new communities for its work to be done.





GREAT SERMON SUNDAY April 24 by Minster Scott and his son Sam.



# *Board Minutes*

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

12-February-2023

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

**Treasurer's Report-** Bud had the treasurer's report for the months of December and January since we did not meet in January. There were 5 offerings in the month of December counting the Disciples of Christ Christmas offering totaling \$7741.00. There was \$50.00 in donations made to the backpack program bringing the total giving to \$7791.00. Total expenses for the month of December were \$7048.00.

There were also 5 offerings in the month of January totaling \$7766.00. There was \$50.00 in donations for the backpack program and \$5548.00 for the year-end gift that brought the total giving to \$13,364.00. Operating expenses were typical except for the utilities which jumped from \$585.00 to \$1373.00 due to an above average electric bill. Operating expenses do include electric, phone and B2X however electric was the sole cause of the extreme increase. Bud expects the next electric bill to be high as well. There could be a couple of potential causes which will be further evaluated. It could be a thermostat issue. It could be an issue with the furnace that Curtis said was installed in 1953 and parts are no longer available for. There is also an air handler in the attic that G.B. is going to contact Sammy St. Clair about. Barbara made a motion to approve the report and Kay seconded, motion passed.

**Pastor's Report-** Scott said there have been three Lenten services scheduled to be held jointly with Pleasant Grove Church. The Ash Wednesday service will be on February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pleasant Grove. The Maundy Thursday service will be at Snow Creek on April 6<sup>th</sup>. The Good Friday service will be at Pleasant Grove on April 7<sup>th</sup>.

Lent begins on February 22<sup>nd</sup> and Scott plans to resume sending the daily Lenten devotions by e-mail. Scott wanted to thank everyone who helped while he was gone to Kentucky. Bob Mooty who served as guest preacher had high praise for the congregation. Scott is now looking at having to go back to Kentucky in June.

Dates for this summer's Vacation Bible School have been set. It will begin on Sunday evening, July 9<sup>th</sup> and run through Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant Grove. Snow Creek is scheduled to host the summer of 2024.

Scott is waiting to hear from Bill Spangler-Dunning in regards to him serving as our guest pastor at homecoming. He had been scheduled to come in 2021 when homecoming was cancelled.

Scott wanted to thank everyone who helped with the adult Sunday school class held this morning. This helped Scott to complete all his requirements for a class he took at intensives. He is

hoping to have all the follow-up work for those classes completed this week. He will begin another class on February 27<sup>th</sup>.

Scott will be taking vacation days Friday, February 17<sup>th</sup> and Monday, February 20<sup>th</sup>. He will be here Sunday the 19<sup>th</sup>.

### **Committee Reports-**

#### **Outreach-**

**Old Business-** There is nothing new to report in regards the cemetery transfer.

**New Business-** There has not been a date set yet for the Easter Egg Hunt. Use of the church for a community exercise group is off the table as it believed they are using Trinity Church.

#### **Calendar of Events-**

**Ash Wednesday service February 22<sup>nd</sup> at Pleasant Grove**

**Maundy Thursday service April 6<sup>th</sup> at Snow Creek**

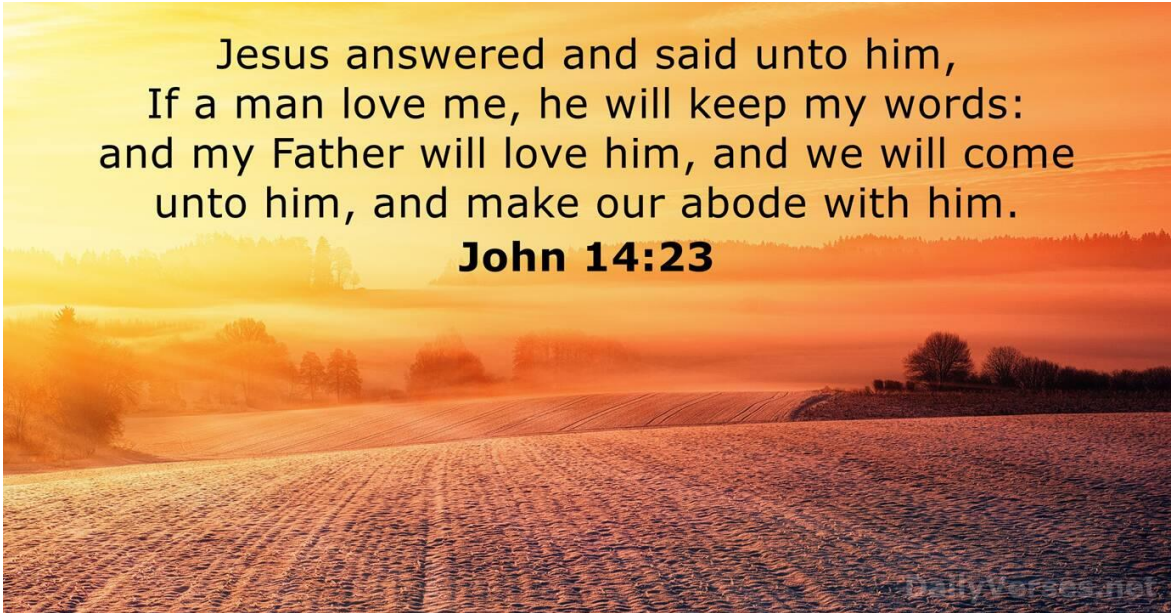
**Good Friday service April 7<sup>th</sup> at Pleasant Grove**

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary



Jesus answered and said unto him,  
If a man love me, he will keep my words:  
and my Father will love him, and we will come  
unto him, and make our abode with him.

**John 14:23**



# *Easter Service in Pictures*











# *Baptism*

**OF ADDISON**









# *New Members*

WELCOME TO THE BROWN FAMILY. EDDIE, JENNIFER, AND  
ADDISON BROWN BECAME MEMBERS OF OUR CHURCH ON EASTER  
SUNDAY – APRIL 9<sup>TH</sup>.








## *HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY*

### **A MOTHER'S LOVE**



**A mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away...  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is break-  
ing...  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it grows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems...  
It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation...  
A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wonderous evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand  
Helen Steiner Rice**





"God Bless The USA"

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life  
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife  
I'd thank my lucky stars to be livin' here today  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away

And I'm proud to be an American where as least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA

From the lakes of Minnesota, to the hills of Tennessee  
Across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea  
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to LA  
Well, there's pride in every American heart  
And it's time to stand and say that

I'm proud to be an American where as least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA

~Lee Greenwood

# Youth News

## 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](mailto:barb-smith@b2xonline.com) by May 22 for the June Newsletter. THANKS

I will not leave you  
comfortless: I will  
come to you.

~John 14:18~





*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!

Churches involved are Covenant Community Church, Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Snow Creek Christian Church, And Trinity Baptist Church.



## LET'S CELEBRATE



### 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
- 24 Tessa Scott
- 26 Vivian Doyle
- 27 Lynn Mitchell
- 29 Terry Mitchell

### JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kitty Plybon
- 2 Andrew Mitchell
- 3 Opal Hanks
- 4 Melissa Gabriel
- 9 Douglas Perdue
- 10 Kailea Martin
- 19 Leslie Amos
- 21 Amy Mitchell
- 25 Noah Bessette
- 26 Ruth Ann Prillaman
- 28 Nathan Amos

### MAY ANNIVERSARIES

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

### JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Donald & Michelle Via
- 10 Casey & Whitney Eanes
- 11 Jared & Erica Pruett
- 13 Tim & Tessa Scott
- 29 GB & Krystal Washburn
- 30 Kevin & Susan Doyle

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