



# Snow Creek Christian Church

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June 2023

## Reflections

It is not fair. This month, my wife finally gets some time off from her job as a teacher, my kids are out of school, many of you in the congregation have vacations planned as summer has arrived. I, on the other hand, have to go to class. Not only that, but I have a whole day's drive just to get there.

I will be out of town from June 19<sup>th</sup> through June 26<sup>th</sup> taking intensive courses on-site at Lexington Theological Seminary in Lexington, Kentucky. Most of my schooling for seminary I am able to do online so that I can be here serving the church simultaneously. Intensives, however, are what they sound like: intense. I will be in one class all day for several days straight and I have several pre-class and post-class projects due before and after. This session will be particularly intense as I have to complete two of the 'crucible' classes of the curriculum: Exegesis (that is the fancy seminary word for interpreting scripture) and Sermon Preparation. As part of those classes, I will have to preach several sermons on multiple texts and then be critiqued on every aspect of the process.

If I am being honest, I am not looking forward at all to taking these courses. That may sound a bit strange considering that I do biblical exegesis and prepare a sermon on a passage of scripture every week and have for the past four years. One would think that I would have figured out what I am doing by now. There is, however, a

level of humility, or maybe I should say a humiliation, involved in learning how much better one could be at their craft.

On the other hand, it is always good to be challenged and to grow. I feel sure that the seminary will take care of the former, but I am hopeful that through that process I will experience the latter. And hopefully you will too. That is, after all, the purpose of learning about the scriptures or coming to listen to a sermon. Jesus was not in the entertainment business. His ministry was to transform the relationship we all have with God; to help us to grow in our faith, especially when we are challenged. We can always learn from the scriptures and benefit from seeing them in a new light. Even if you don't have to preach a sermon, we can all learn new ways to share our faith with the world through words and our actions.

While I am gone, you all will be in good hands in that regard. Bob Mooty, who filled in for me in January and is my former pastor and current mentor, will lead worship on June 25<sup>th</sup>, the Sunday that I will be away. Other than that, plans are pretty much business as usual for the rest of June. But just because school is out for the kids doesn't mean we can't all learn, grow, and be challenged by God. No matter how much I want whine about it beforehand.

God be with you. Scott

## June Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

June 18 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 18:1-15, 21:1-7
- Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
- Romans 5:1-8
- *Matthew 9:35-10:23*

June 4 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 1:1-2:4a
- Psalm 8
- 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
- *Matthew 28:16-20*

June 25 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 21:8-21
- Psalm 86:1-10, 16-17
- Romans 6:1b-11
- *Matthew 10:24-39*

June 11 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 12:1-9
- Psalm 33:1-12
- Romans 4:13-25
- *Matthew 9:9-13, 18-26*

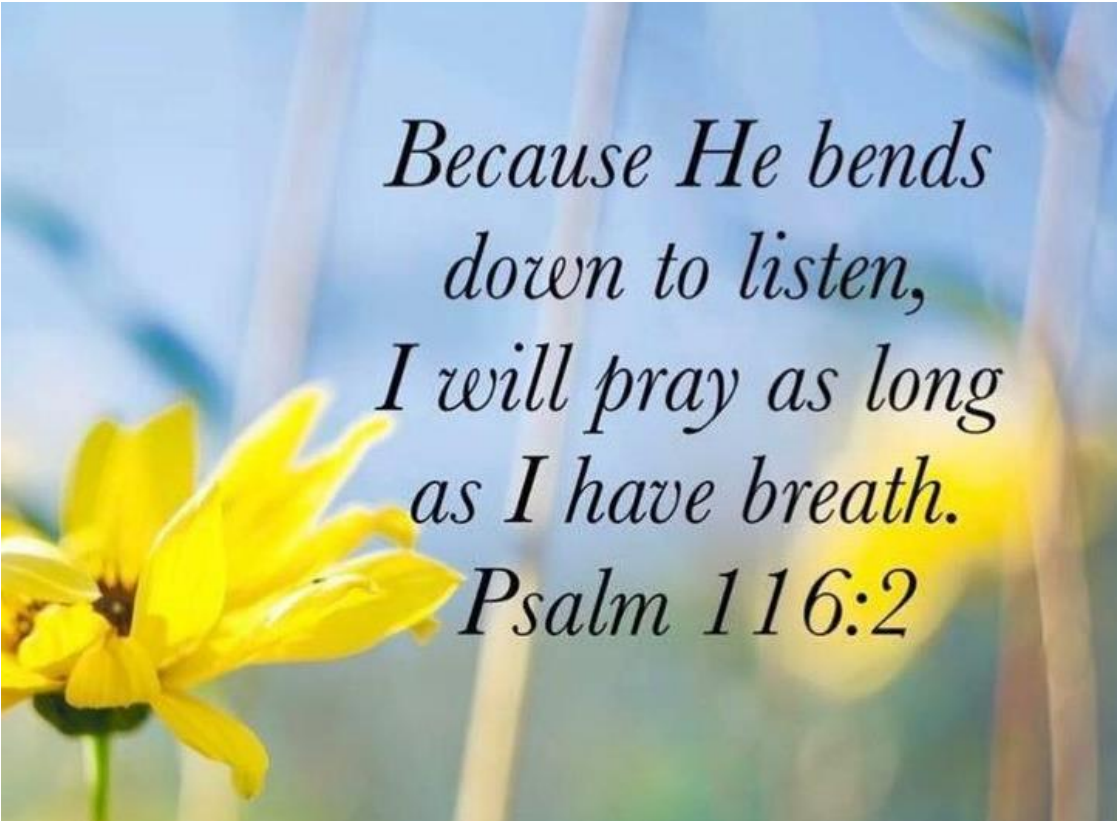
Finally, brethren, farewell.  
Become complete. Be of  
good comfort, be of one  
mind, live in peace; and the  
God of love and peace will  
be with you.

**2 Corinthians 13:11**



### 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 on the final Sunday of May, May 28<sup>th</sup> and on Pentecost Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup>. Please make any checks out to Snow Creek Christian Church and make sure to write on them Special Pentecost 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.



*Because He bends  
down to listen,  
I will pray as long  
as I have breath.  
Psalm 116:2*

# Church Board Minutes

**April 16, 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 presented the treasurer's report for the months of February and March since we did not meet in March. Utilities showed a slight decrease from February to March. The insurance on the church will be going up about 17%. Barbara made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Joyce seconded, motion carried.

**Property** - I presented the cost of replacing two sinks (men's bathroom downstairs and the one in the nursery). Linda made a motion to approve up to \$300.00 for the 2 sinks, faucets, and plumbing, Barbara seconded motion, motion carried. We will check with Ricky about installation.

**Outreach** - Linda suggested that we look at getting a flower or something for the shut-ins at Easter.

**Pastor Report** - Scott wanted to thank everyone who helped out the last couple of weeks with Lenten services and Easter Egg Hunt. The work days at Craig Springs will be May 20-21. Anyone interested in going needs to get with Scott. Scott will not be here the last two Sundays in June (18th & 25th). Bob Mooty will fill in. July 9 will be homecoming and Scott is trying to get the Regional Minister to speak. VBS is scheduled for July 9-13. General Assembly will meet July 31 - August 1 in Lewisville Ky. Scott asked to be reimbursed the fee of \$140.00, the board approved. Scott will be gone on August 27 for a wedding.

G.B. moved the board meeting in May to the 21st due to Mother's day.

Sammy St. Clair came to check out the air conditioner and it turns out that the unit on the roof will need to be replaced. The estimate to replace is around \$6,000.00 plus whatever it cost to get it on the roof (crane).

The church will be participating in the Yard Sale on June 3. Barbara made a motion to rent a space for \$25.00, Linda seconded, motion passed.

Bud made a motion to adjourn.

Scott had or closing prayer, Meeting adjourned.

Kay Boyd



# *Memorial Day*



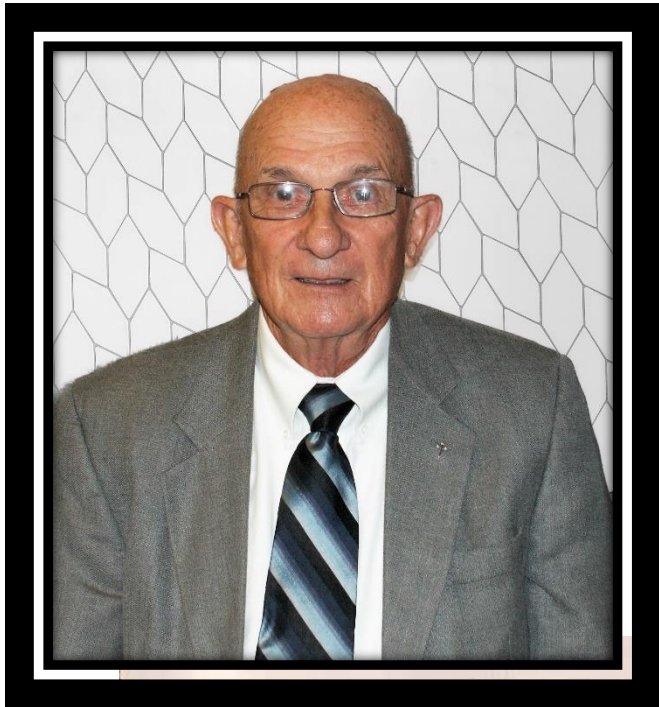
*Ken Beall gave a speech to the Church Family about the meaning of Memorial Day and the importance of honoring our fallen Veterans.*



*And the truth is, all veterans pay with their lives. Some pay all at once, while others pay over a life time.*

*JmStorm*

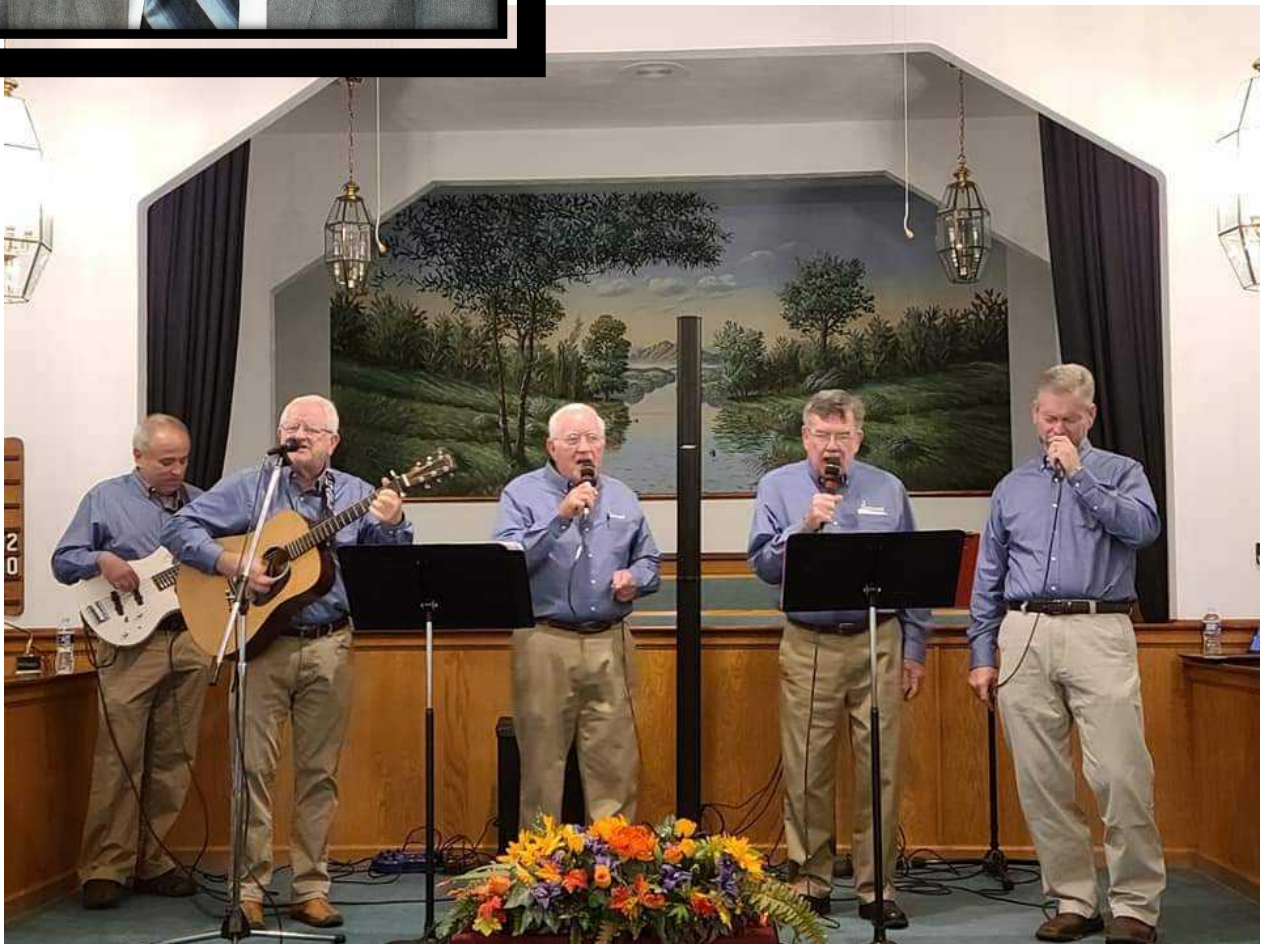
# Homecoming



The Church will celebrate the 151st anniversary of the Church on July 9 at homecoming.

Minister Jim Compton will give the sermon. The Spiritualaires will provide the music. A pot luck meal will follow in the social hall.

*PLEASE JOIN US!*





# HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

Congratulations to all of these mothers



Morgan Washburn was honored for being the youngest Mother at church on Mother's day.

Ruby Mae Oakes was honored for being the oldest Mother  
at Church on Mother's day.





Louise Washburn was honored for being the Mother with the largest number of children present at Church.



# Youth News

## Congratulations!



### *Kailea Martin*

She graduated from Patrick & Henry CC with Associates in Arts and Science in Science for General Education

She graduated from Magna Vista High School on May 27<sup>th</sup>.

She received an award for Graduate of Distinction, Academic Excellence in FFA and was a member of the National Honor Society/Bata. She was also accepted into the Piedmont Governor's School

She is the daughter of Todd and Melody Martin and Granddaughter of Jimmy Martin.

She plans to pursue a career as a Nurse Anesthetist.







*A TIME FOR CHILDREN OUTSIDE SERVICE WITH MINISTER SCOTT*





# SPACE?



## We've got a Stellar spot for you!

*Community Vacation Bible School 2023*

New friends • Amazing experiments • Creative games  
Super-fun snacks • Surprising adventures • Incredible music

***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.*

*You can preregister on line at **[vbspro.events/p/events/625520](https://vbspro.events/p/events/625520)***

*Call for additional information **276-638-3726***



## UPCOMING EVENTS

**JUNE 3 Community Yard Sale** The Church will participate by renting booths and selling Food. The tables rent for \$25 and start at 7:am. We will sell biscuits for breakfast and Hot dogs and hamburgers for lunch. More details on the flyer below.

June 11 Board Meeting

June 18 Fathers Day

June 19 till June 26 Minister Scott gone for training at Lexington Theological Seminary.

June 28 Minister Bob Mooty will deliver the sermon in the absence of Minister Scott.

June 9 Homecoming Details above

June 9 Community Vacation Bible School at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church.  
Details above.







# LET'S CELEBRATE



## 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 Besette
- 26 Ruth Ann Prillaman
- 28 Nathan Amos

## 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

## JULY BIRTHDAYS


- 1 Conner Amos
- 1 Casey Eanes
- 12 Brodie Eanes
- 14 Gusta Morris
- 16 Jarrett Amos
- 16 Wanda Damon
- 21 Ericia Pruett
- 25 Terry Doyle
- 27 Troy Washburn
- 31 Scott Oliver

## JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Scott & Laurie Oliver
- 28 Mark & Pam Gabriel

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A decorative card with a light green border and a white background. The card is adorned with several blue flowers of different sizes, some with yellow centers, and a blue butterfly with white spots. The text is written in a cursive font. The top section contains the text "Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ:". The bottom section contains the text "Peace with God ~Romans 5:1~".

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*Peace  
with God*

*~Romans 5:1~*