



Snow Creek Christian Church

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July 2023

Reflections

Homecoming is this month and this year it will be a literal one. On July 9th, we are looking forward to the return of long-time former pastor Rev. Jim Compton. As Jim did for so many years and on so many different occasions as interim minister for the church, he will once again have the opportunity to fill the pulpit that Sunday to share the Good News of God in Snow Creek.

As much as I am sure everyone is looking forward to that, there is much more going on that day to be excited about. At 10:00, come to see Jim. Stick around at 11:00 to hear our own Mike Doyle and the talented gospel quartet, the Spirituales. Then at 12:00, taste the delicious offerings of our many wonderful cooks at the potluck luncheon. Most importantly, feel the presence of the Holy Spirit throughout in the love of all that will gather together that morning. July 9th will be a feast of the senses all meant to glorify God.

But homecoming does not just happen. There is much to be done both before and after. To begin with, spread the word. This is an excellent opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to

come and worship with us. Then on Saturday, July 8th we will have a workday at the church to touch everything up and get the building looking nice and pretty for the crowd. Afterwards, on the evening of July 9th we will begin Vacation Bible School for the youth of the. This will take place nightly at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church from Sunday, July 9th through Thursday, July 13th from 5:30 to 8:30. Pass the word on to any relatives, neighbors, or other young kids that you may know. Also, I can attest that us old people have just as much fun there as the kids and we could use all the help that we could get from the young at heart of all ages.

All in all, there is a lot of excitement at Snow Creek the first half of July, but do not forget that the church is not on summer break afterwards. We will be hosting worship every Sunday of the month. Every Sunday we invite you to come home, not to Snow Creek Christian Church, but to the love of God, as revealed in the ministry of Christ and the work of the Holy Spirit.

God be with you. Scott

July Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

July 2 (5th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 22:1-14
- Psalm 13
- Romans 6:12-23
- *Matthew 10:40-42*

July 23 (8th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 28:10-19a
- Psalm 139:1-12, 23-24
- *Romans 8:12-25*
- Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43

July 9 (6th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 24:34-38, 42-49, 58-67
- Psalm 45:10-17 OR Song of Solomon 2:8-13
- Romans 7:15-25a
- Matthew 11:16-19, 25-30

July 30 (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 29:15-28
- Psalm 105:1-11, 45b OR Psalm 128
- Romans 8:26-39
- *Matthew 13:31-33, 44-52*

July 16 (7th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Genesis 25:19-34
- Psalm 119:105-112
- Romans 8:1-11
- Matthew 13:1-9, 25-30



Church Board Minutes

Board Meeting – May 21, 2023

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott Oliver had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Joyce Ingram made a motion to approve the minutes and Vivian Doyle seconded the motion, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report - Bud Hippisley presented the treasurer's report for the months of April. There were six (6) offerings in April. Expenses were normal, except for \$75 donated to the Franklin County Animal Shelter in memory of Susan Walker, and \$501 for the Easter Egg Hunt. We replaced the water heater in the parsonage, which came out of the rental account. Kay Boyd made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Barbara Smith seconded, the motion carried.

Pastor Report –

- Mark Woody approached Pastor Scott and offered to put up crosses like he has done at Trinity and Pleasant Grove churches. The center cross would be 12 feet high and the two side crosses 10 feet high. Mark is doing this as a calling free to churches that are interested. The Board discussed if there is a good location on the church property for the crosses. Pastor Scott will bring this up at the Elder's meeting in June. Suggestion was made to ask the Lodge if they are willing to have the crosses on their property.
- Pastor Scott will be taking classes at Lexington Theological Seminary in KY and be out of town June 19th – June 25th. He will be back in the office on June 28th. Bob Mooty will be the guest preacher on Sunday, June 25th.
- Vacation Bible School (VBS) Sunday July 9- Thursday July 13th. We need volunteers to help with the program and we need approval to allot our portion of the cost for materials, which is \$400. Note was made that last year we used the materials purchased for the 2020 VBS that was cancelled due to Covid, so there was no materials expense last year. Barbara moved that \$400.00 for materials for VBS be approved, Linda Hippisley seconded, the motion carried.
- Homecoming is scheduled for July 9th. Pastor Scott will start working on invitations to send out before the next board meeting. Let him know who may need to be added to the list. Cleanup day will be scheduled for July 8th. Debbie Haynes will organize the pot luck lunch.

Committee Reports

Membership: Vivian reported that Jadie Carter sent out notices to people who had not been at church in a while.

Old business

Air Conditioning

- The unit closest to the road – heats and cools the new portions of the church: the fellowship hall and classrooms in the basement. The unit closest to the playground heats and cools the original building: the sanctuary and the basement under the sanctuary. It was noted that we

need to get information on the air conditioners and furnaces documented, since it can be confusing as to which unit services which portion of the church.

- The air conditioning unit / air handler in the attic has been replaced. It's a five-ton unit, the largest size we can have on the roof. The cost of replacement was \$8340.00 which included servicing the units we have, replacing the furnace motor and replacing the attic unit.
- Josh and Timmy Washburn brought their crane in to do the replacement of the unit on the attic. They donated their time and equipment. GB did some research and figured \$800 would be the cost if another company did this work. He suggested that the Board approve an \$800 in-kind donation be provided to Josh and Timmy for use on their taxes. Joyce made the motion to approve an \$800 in-kind donation be allotted to Washburn Signs, Vivian seconded, the motion carried.

New Business

Father's Day – With Father's Day coming up soon, there was discussion of something special to do for Dads. Decision was to forgo flowers and instead go with candy: chocolate and mint favors for Father's Day. Planning for 40.

Homecoming – See Pastor's Report

VBS – See Pastor's Report

Barbara asked Wanda Damon if she was willing to act as the Church Secretary and she agreed. Bud made the motion to appoint Wanda Damon as Church Secretary, second by Kay, the motion was carried.

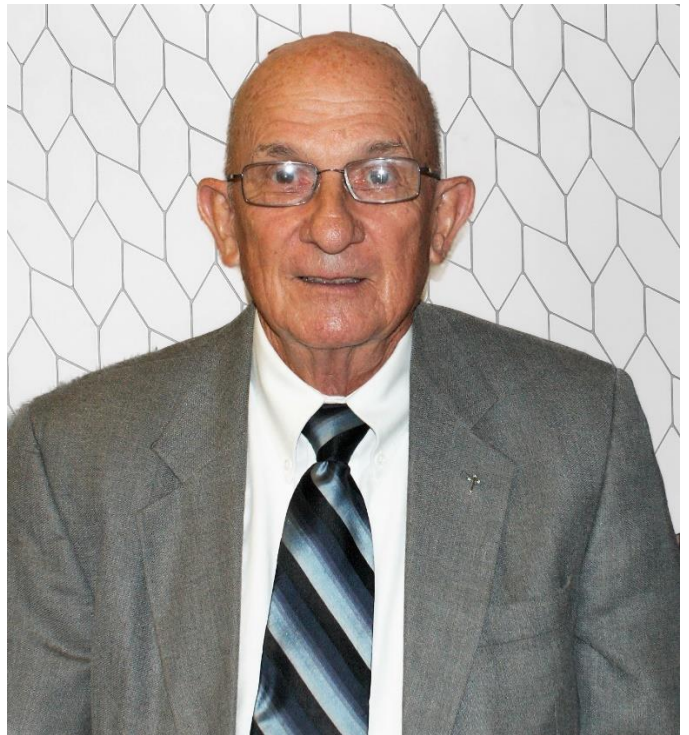
Pastor Scott had a closing prayer, Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Damon, Secretary

Homecoming

The Church will celebrate the 151th anniversary of the Church on July 9 at Homecoming. Minister Jim Compton will give the sermon. The Spiritualaires will provide the music. The service will begin at 10:00 a.m., followed with music by the Spiritualaires at 11:00 a.m. A pot luck meal will follow in the social hall.



HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

Our Church will celebrate the 151st year of the Church this July. The Church has survived several events in the world over the years. We have remained strong.

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

A Brief History of Snow Creek Church (from a handout for the 131th Anniversary of the Church)



Since 1860 to 1872, the Primitive Baptist Church was the only one at Snow Creek and all who were members of any church held membership there. In the late 1860's a group of interested citizens secured a small plot of land, one square acre in size, across the road from Benjamin H. Tatum's office to build a church. Progress on the building was very slow due to the undeveloped country and the lack of money and tools.

The Methodist and Christian (Disciples of Christ) Churches and the Masonic Lodge went together and built a two-story structure. It was a long time being built and was almost destroyed by fire during the building process. The churches used the first floor and the masons the upper floor.

The Christians and Methodist always worked together congenially. It meant so much to see them willing to work and build a union church. They undoubtedly had the proper Christian spirit. In the early years, services were held only once or sometimes twice a month. Among the pastors serving this Church, there was none more beloved to the people than the Rev. William C. Clark, who served in this capacity for forty years.

The early 1950's found the building in urgent need of repairs, as well as inadequate for the growing congregation. The building fund was started with a dime found by Mrs. Cooke (Fannie) in the church parking lot along with the Christian Missionary Society. The churches bought out the masons share of the old building and a new brick structure was built and dedicated in June 1954.

In 1967, under the leadership of the Rev. W.M. (Mike) Stump the congregation built their parsonage valued at \$25,000.00.

Progress made in the United States during 1950's and 1960's was felt in the church with the rest of our society. With this the life of the church changed with the group declining and membership of the Christians increasing. In the fall of 1969, the denominations became one affiliated with Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). The Church called for its minister, Berlin Hanks in of 1968. He began his ministry here on June 11, 1968. Therefore, the late 1960's found the new building of 1954 again inadequate for the teaching and witnessing ministry of the church. Thus, in



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October 1970 with the combined efforts of the members, another building program was begun, and this time completed. It was dedicated on July 9, 1972 as part of the Centennial celebration.

In 1979, we began the enlarging and remodeling of the sanctuary which was dedicated on the second Sunday of July 1980 at our homecoming. The picnic shelter was built in 1991 and given by Ada Barbour Morris in memory of Sally and Charlie Barbour. Today we celebrate the 131st anniversary of the Snows Creek Christian Church.

A few details about the Church: (Quotes in part from the local newspaper: 1954)

"Snow Creek's oldest church is being replaced with a new building." "The old church that is standing in front of the newly constructed one has been in constant use since 1873."

"Just last week over forty people came together and contributed two full days of work, the men helping with the building project and the women preparing the meal. The young people, along with the Missionary Society, gave a supper at the church to aid in raising money. Halloween parties, plays, and many other events have aided in the building fund. The people of the community expressed their appreciation of many donations outside of the community."

"Whenever the people of a community want an improvement", stated one of the members of the community, "regardless of how large or small the project it may be, it is possible when all or the majority of the people are willing to make sacrifices in donations of time, labor, and money cooperating together."

"Visits to communities where the people cooperate as they do in the Snow Creek community is always an inspiration. Visitors are always welcome in the Snow Creek community."

Quote from the Snow Creek Community Scrapbook: "There were 95% of our community contributing to the building of our church. Some were members of other churches, others not members of any churches at all but all cooperating for the interest of the community."

The last couple married in the old Church building in December 1953 was Curtis and Louise Washburn and the first couple married in the new Church building in 1954 was Nancy Lee Perdue and Allen Cooper.

OUR PAST AND CURRENT MINISTERS





Youth News

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

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 8 Church Cleanup

July 9 Homecoming (details above)

July 9-July 12 Community Vacation Bible School at
Pleasant Grove UMC (details above)



In Memory of



Aileene Joyce Doyle

May 30, 2023

Aileene J. Doyle

On May 30, 2023 Aileene Joyce Doyle, 93, a beloved mother, grandmother, & friend, went to be with the Lord. She was preceded in death by her husband of 66 years, Windell Arnold Doyle; her infant daughter, Victoria Lynn Doyle; father, Edward Lee Joyce; mother, Nannie Minter Joyce; & brothers Julian Edward Joyce & Cecil Lee Joyce. She is survived by daughter Charlotte Doyle McCauley; son Frederick Arnold Doyle & his wife Debbie; son Windell Kevin Doyle & his wife Susan; 6 grandchildren, 4 great-grandchildren, 2 great-great-grandchildren, & numerous nieces & nephews.

Aileene retired from Franklin County Public Schools as a paraprofessional at Snow Creek & Sontag elementary schools. As a lifelong member of Snow Creek Christian Church she held various roles & enjoyed serving others. She lived a full, happy life, filled with world travel, arts & crafts, & wonderful times spent with family.

In lieu of flowers, the family requests donations to Snow Creek Christian Church, 4970 Snow Creek Road, Martinsville, VA, 24112.

Snow Creek Christian Church was blessed to have Aileene as part of the Church family for so many years. She was a giving woman and donated to many Church causes to help others especially the youth. On a personal note, she was so much fun to be around and always full of laughter. She will be truly missed. Barbara



We are selling raffle tickets for \$1 each for this BEAUTIFUL QUILT made by Ruby Mae Oakes. All proceeds go to the back program. The drawing will be October 7th.

A SPECIAL THANKS TO THE TALENTED RUBY MAE OAKES FOR MAKING THIS GREAT QUILT TO SUPPORT THE BACK PACK PROGRAM FOR THE SCHOOLS. SHE HAS PROVIDED SEVERAL QUILTS IN THE PAST FOR VARIOUS CAUSES.

A BIG THANK YOU RUBY MAE



LET'S CELEBRATE



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

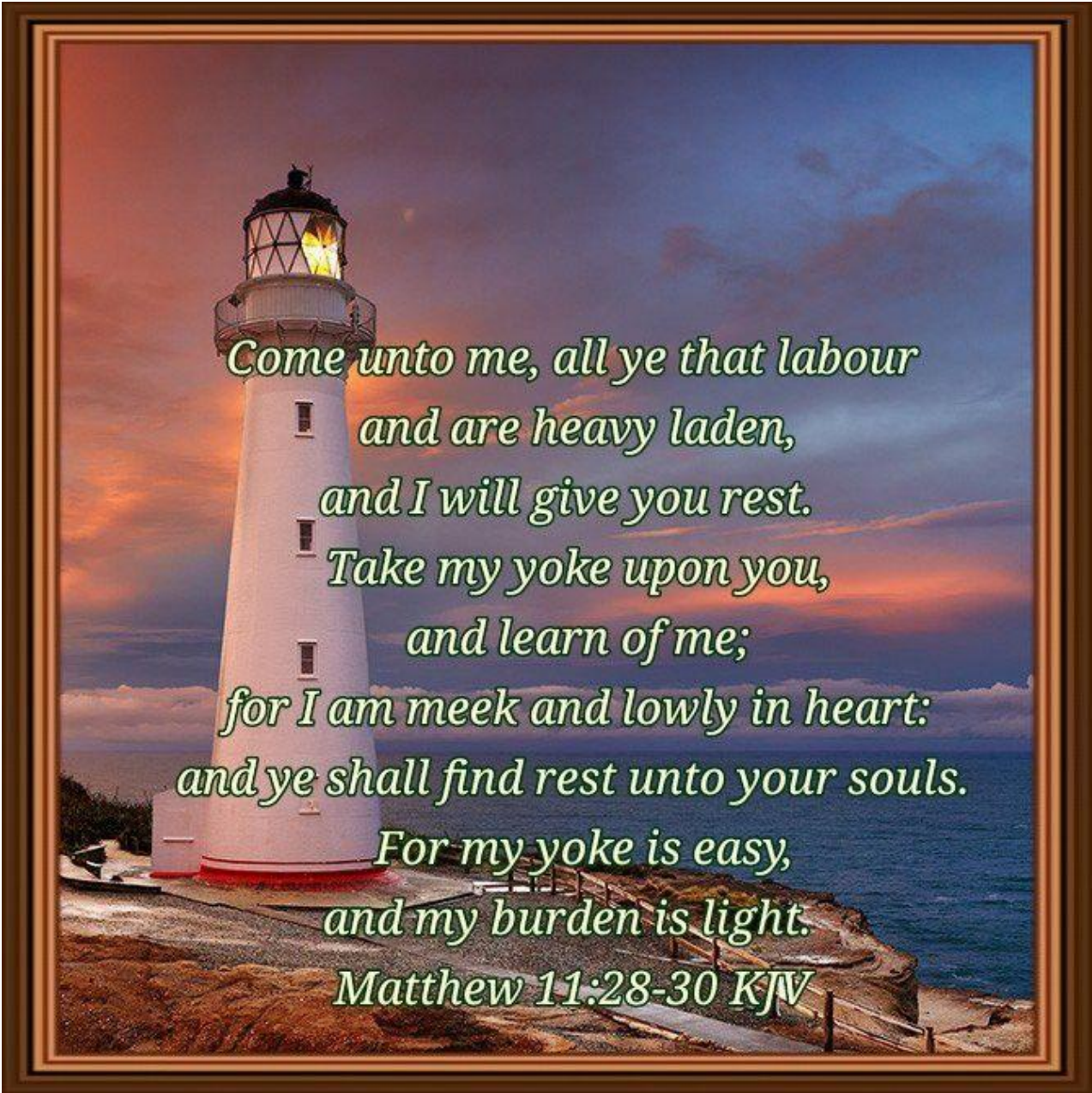
- 1 Pam Doyle
- 4 Kenny Beall
- 7 Westlee Martin
- 13 Taylee Amos
- 15 Beth Oliver
- 22 Ricky Norris
- 22 Patti Amos
- 24 Dean Arrington

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Bill and Beth Oliver
- 10 Ken & Michele Beall

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A photograph of a white lighthouse with a red base, situated on a rocky coastline. The lighthouse is illuminated from within, and the sky is a mix of orange, pink, and blue, suggesting sunset or sunrise. The ocean is visible in the background. The text is overlaid on the right side of the image, in a green, stylized font with a black outline.

*Come unto me, all ye that labour
and are heavy laden,
and I will give you rest.
Take my yoke upon you,
and learn of me;
for I am meek and lowly in heart:
and ye shall find rest unto your souls.
For my yoke is easy,
and my burden is light.
Matthew 11:28-30 KJV*