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# Reflections

**Happy New Year** to everyone. In a lot of ways, the new year is simply a continuation of the old. The sun rises and sets on New Year's Day the same as it does every other day. But in other ways the new year can be a time of new beginnings and new opportunities. This month the year is still young and full of possibilities.

So with this newsletter, I wanted to call attention to a few upcoming developments in our church that focus on youth and new possibilities. One is that we have several baptisms already scheduled this year. The first will take place right off the bat as the church is planning on baptizing Adam Eller on the first Sunday of the year, January 7<sup>th</sup>. The rest are currently scheduled for this coming Easter, March 31<sup>st</sup> as we have several young people who will be beginning a class this winter to prepare for their baptism on that day. It is an exciting time for them, but it is also a call to the rest of us to consider our own baptisms, the covenants we have made to follow Christ, and the responsibilities towards others that those entail. Those baptisms are not ends in themselves, but the beginnings of new life in Christ. As we welcome

others into the church, it should be a reminder to all of us that our lives are constantly being redeemed and renewed through God's Holy Spirit and that we are further called to share and experience that in loving community with each other.

Part of our mission to that community means sharing that story of God's love and redemption with the next generation. Later this year, Snow Creek has a unique opportunity to do so as it is our turn in the rotation to host the community Vacation Bible School that is held each summer. For a week there will be dozens of children running around our building eating, praying, playing, and learning. It is not too early to begin preparing for how we can best welcome them in God's name and share God's love and God's Word with them.

And these are but a few of the exciting moments that 2024 has in store for Snow Creek Christian Church. There will be many more, some that we can look forward to and some that nobody can predict. Regardless, let us go into a new year hopeful of the new things that

God will do in our lives and especially with an attention to the new lives that God is shaping before our very eyes.

God be with you,  
Scott.

### January Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

#### January 7 (Baptism of the Lord)

- Genesis 1:1-5
- Psalm 29
- Acts 19:1-7
- Mark 1:4-11

#### January 21 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Jonah 3:1-5, 10
- Psalm 62:5-12
- 1 Corinthians 7:29-31
- Mark 1:14-20

#### January 14 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- 1 Samuel 3:1-20
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- 1 Corinthians 6:12-20
- John 1:43-51
- Mark 1:21-28

#### January 28 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Deuteronomy 18:15-20
- Psalm 111
- 1 Corinthians 8:1-13



# *Board Minutes*

## **Snow Creek Christian Church**

### **Board Meeting – October 7, 2023**

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott Oliver had our opening prayer. The September minutes were reviewed. Janet Perdue made a motion to approve the minutes, Linda Hippiisley seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report – Bud Hippiisley reported for September; the only thing unusual is there were some strong donations to the Backpack program from area churches totaling \$7,000. Everything else was business as normal. Joyce Ingram made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Gusta Morris second, the motion carried.

### **Committee Reports** No reports

Note on Property - Bud noted that often when he comes to the church, the downstairs door is not fully latched. A new lock has been put in, but it's still difficult to latch. Something else needs to be done to make the latch catch easier to prevent critters from getting in the church.

### **Pastor's Report**

- Thanks for all who participated in the breakfast on October 7<sup>th</sup>.
- Thanks for those participating in the Adult Sunday School class. Everyone is invited to join at 9:30 on Sunday mornings.
- Trunk or Treat will be held on the last Sunday of October at 6:00 pm.
- I am working on Baptism Class for the Youth and working to schedule it culminate at Easter in 2024.
- The Christmas Play will be performed during the service on the last Sunday before Christmas, Christmas Eve morning. Christmas Eve service will be at 9:00 p.m.
- The first two Sundays in January I'll be in class in Kentucky. I've asked Bob Mooty to cover; he's checking his schedule to see if he will be available.

### **Old business**

- Backpack Breakfast – We had \$1,600 in food sales at the breakfast and \$1,000 in ticket sales for the quilt Ruby Mae Oaks donated. A successful fundraiser.
- Well House – The permanent solution for well house is in place. It is been insulated and there is a bit of a geo-thermal factor, which along with the insulation should keep the well house from freezing. The police know who wrecked the well house, but it is unknown if compensation can be obtained due to circumstances.
- Custodial Services – Veronica Doyle has a copy of the contract and has been working with Debbie Haynes on a form for identifying needed cleaning supplies. Two new vacuum cleaners have been obtained.
- Piedmont Community Services – Last month Piedmont Community Services made a presentation to the Board. They want to park a mobile unit and another vehicle in the church parking lot to provide services to residents in the community as part of a pilot program. They would also like to have access to restrooms for staff and a classroom for group sessions. Tuesdays and Fridays are the days planned for Franklin County locations. So far, 7-8 is the number of clients they have been seeing during the half day schedules. They provide 1) medical assessment which includes prescribing medication and transportation to pharmacy, if needed, 2) individual counseling, 3) peer counseling for groups no larger than 10. Bud stated, that he was neither for nor against this proposal, but thinks it needs to be further investigated as to the impact to our insurance. If we sign an agreement with this or any other organization, they become an affiliated entity under our insurance and may impact our coverage. GB stated that we have a request to Piedmont to be listed an “other insured” on their policy. Other churches in the area have agreed to be locations for the mobile unit, we can contact them to see how they handled insurance. Joyce spoke to Timmy Law and he said once the living quarters are built at the Rescue Squad building, Piedmont could use their location. Bud made a motion to form a committee to evaluate the proposal in terms of insurance, safety, and legal impact, Joyce seconded, the motion carried. Pastor Scott, Bud and GB formed the committee.

## **New Business**

- Nominations Committee –
  - Most of the positions have been filled.
  - Bud commented that the World Communion Sunday communion service with one Elder seemed to go well. Since it is difficult to find eight people willing to serve as elders, is it possible to go to have one Elder serving communion each week?
  - Barbara Smith said that there are several youth that would like to serve as Deacons, but that young people have depend on parents to get them here and have athletics that may be scheduled on Sunday. She would like us to look into a way to schedule more flexibly to give the youth that are interested the opportunity to serve, possibly serving as floating Deacons. She also has a new mother-daughter that want to serve; they have known vacation time to schedule around.

- GB stated that the next meeting is November 12<sup>th</sup> and we'll vote on positions then and have a Congregational meeting on November 19<sup>th</sup>.
- The Backpack program looks very good now with the recent fundraiser and the funds from other churches. Recommendation was made that the next few fund raisers go to the general fund for the church.

Pastor Scott said a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wanda Damon, Secretary

### **Snow Creek Christian Church**

#### **Board Meeting – November 12, 2023**

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott Oliver had our opening prayer. The October minutes were not reviewed.

Treasurer's Report – Bud Hippisley reported for October; the only thing unusual is backpack collections from the Breakfast fundraiser. A total of \$2158 was collected during the month of October. Everything else was business as normal. Collected \$5677 + 2158 for Backpack and Expenses were \$5651. Linda Hippisley made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Vivian Doyle second, the motion carried.

#### **Committee Reports**

- Outreach committee report will be reviewed in new business.

#### **Pastor's Report**

- Thanks for those participating in the Adult Sunday School class. Everyone is invited to join at 9:30 on Sunday mornings. December will begin review of the Gospel of Mark.
- Thanks to those that assisted with Trunk and Treats. We hosted about 65 kids.
- The Baptism Class for the Youth will begin in December and culminate at Easter Sunday, March 31, 2024.
- The Christmas Play will be performed during the service on the last Sunday before Christmas, Christmas Eve morning 12/24/23 at 11:00am. Christmas Eve service will be at 9:00 p.m.

- The first two Sundays in January I'll be in class in Kentucky. Jim Compton has tentatively accepted to cover.
- The request from Piedmont Community Services to use the church parking lot, fellowship hall, and restrooms attached to fellowship hall is still pending. PCS is reviewing modifications to the Memorandum Of Understanding recommended by the church and church attorney.
- SCCC owes dues to the District IV treasury for 2022 and 2023. Dues are \$100 per year and shall be mailed to the treasurer at Calvary Christian Church in Martinsville.
- I am working with the Outreach Committee to finalize the list for Christmas fruit baskets. Contact me if you know of individuals to add to the list.
- Caroling and distribution of the baskets will occur on Friday, December 22<sup>nd</sup>.

### **Old business**

- Piedmont Community Services – We are waiting on PCS to review the revised MOU. If the MOU is approved as presented by the committee, it will be submitted to the Board/Congregation for final approval.

### **New Business**

- GB stated that the next Congregational meeting will be on November 19<sup>th</sup>. Nominations, Budget, and possibly a couple of other items will be voted on at that time.
- Nominations Committee –
  - Barbara Smith presented the final list of recommended nominations for the church board. Janet Perdue moved to approve the Nominations as presented. Vivian Doyle seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Outreach Committee –
  - Linda Hippisley presented the proposed 2024 Community Outreach organizations. There are eight organizations that will be donated \$800 each for a total of \$6400. The Outreach Committee recommends that We Care Franklin County be added to the list and be donated \$400. That will increase the budgeted amount to \$6800. Linda moved that the list and budgeted amount be approved as amended and Barbara seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Finance Committee –
  - Bud Hippisley presented the proposed 2024 Church Budget. Amendments to the budget were made to increase dues by \$100 and to increase community outreach by \$400. The total budget is \$79,119. The 2023 actual was \$85,384 which included replacement of the HVAC system in the sanctuary. The 2024 expected

outlays are \$77,473. Barbara moved that the budget be approved as amended and Bud seconded the motion. Motion passed.

### **Calendar of Events**

- Sunday, November 19 – Congregational Meeting
- Sunday, December 10 – Board Meeting
- Sunday, December 24 – Christmas play during service and Christmas Eve service at 9pm.
- January 7 & 14 – Scott away and Jim Compton conduct service

Pastor Scott said a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

GB Washburn, Chairperson

### **Congregational Meeting**

**November 19, 2023**

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order.

### **New Business**

- Nomination Committee –
  - The Church Board approved list for nominations for the church board was presented. There were no recommended changes to the list. Janet Perdue moved to approve the Nominations as presented. Gusta Morris seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Finance Committee –
  - The Church Board approved 2024 Church Budget was presented. The total budget is \$79,119. The 2023 actual was \$85,384 which included replacement of the HVAC system in the sanctuary. The 2024 expected outlays are \$77,473. Andrew Mitchell moved that the budget be approved as presented and Joyce Ingram seconded the motion. Motion passed.
- Piedmont Community Services (PCS) –
  - The Church Board and a committee appointed to work with PCS is considering entering into a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with PCS. Piedmont Community Services made a presentation to the Board in September. They want

to park a mobile unit and another vehicle in the church parking lot to provide services to residents in the community as part of a pilot program. They would also like to have access to restrooms for staff and a classroom for group sessions. Tuesdays and Fridays are the days planned for Franklin County locations. So far, 7-8 is the number of clients they have been seeing during the half day schedules. They provide 1) medical assessment which includes prescribing medication and transportation of individuals to the pharmacy by car, if needed, 2) individual counseling, 3) peer counseling for groups no larger than 10. PCS will not be allowed to use any indoor facilities when there is no one onsite from the church to monitor usage. A committee was formed to evaluate the proposal in terms of insurance, safety, and legal impact. After consultation with the church insurance company and the church attorney, a MOU has been agreed to by PCS that should protect SC Christian Church from liability. After discussion by the congregation, Doug Perdue moved that the Memorandum of Understanding and agreement to use facilities at Snow Creek Christian Church be approved as presented and Debbie Haynes seconded the motion. Motion passed.

- Snow Creek Rescue Squad –
  - The Franklin County Board of Supervisors has approved 24/7 EMS staffing at Snow Creek Rescue Squad. The Rescue Squad building must first be renovated to provide living quarters for the staff. An estimate of \$180,000 has been obtained to make the renovations. Fundraising has begun for the project. Letters will be mailed to all property owners in the Snow Creek EMS service area requesting monetary donations. Being a steward of the community, it is important for SC Christian Church to support this campaign. After congregational discussion, Mike Doyle moved that Snow Creek Christian Church finance committee evaluate funding and determine an amount to donate to the Snow Creek Rescue Squad Building Fund. The donation shall be approved by the Church Board. Jimmie Doyle seconded the motion. Motion passed.

Scott Oliver offered the closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,

GB Washburn, Chairperson



## CHRISTMAS AT THE CHURCH IN PICTURES

















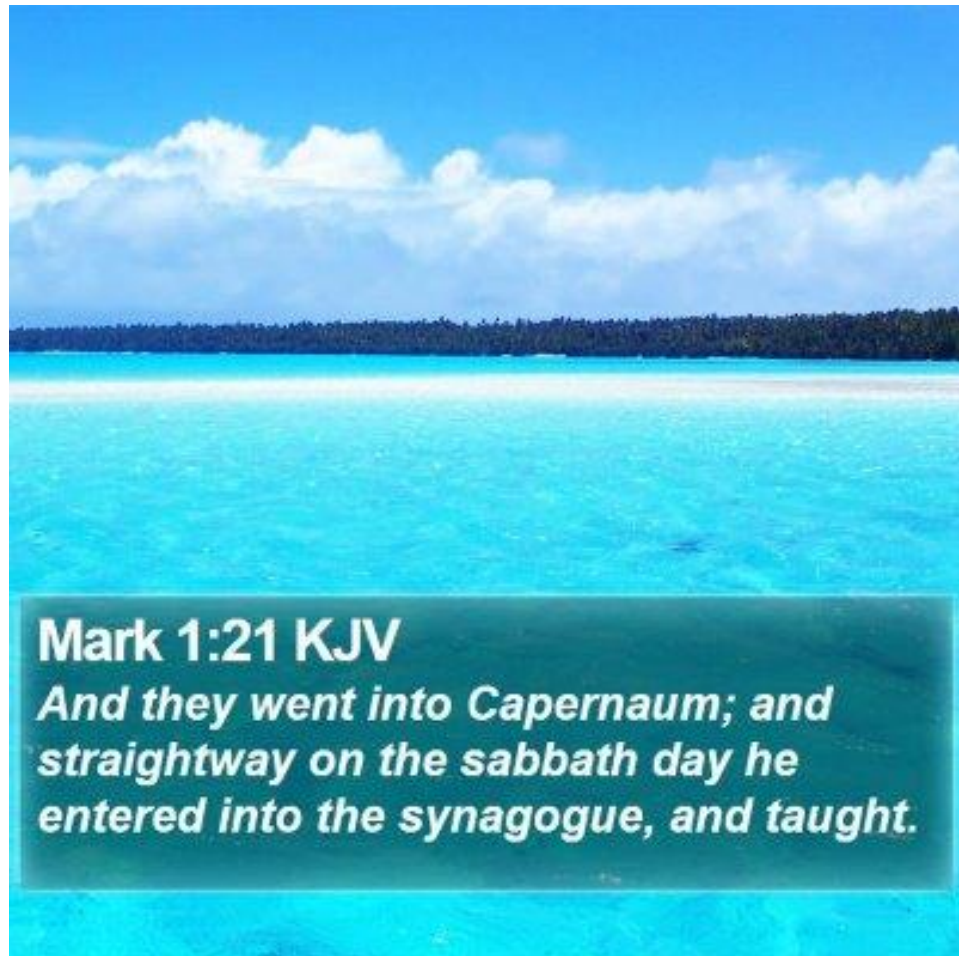


## UPCOMING EVENTS

January 7 Baptism of Adam Eller

March 31 Baptism of several youth at the Church

More details to follow



**Mark 1:21 KJV**

*And they went into Capernaum; and straightway on the sabbath day he entered into the synagogue, and taught.*





## **LET'S CELEBRATE**



### **JANUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Krystal Washburn
- 3 Ed Ingram
- 4 Tyler Jordan, Ryan Haynes
- 8 Nancy Compton,
- 8 Patricia Brown
- 9 Vickie Washburn
- 12 Michelle Via
- 13 Lisa Shepherd
- 16 Haley Morris
- 16 Ashlee Washburn Dalton
- 16 Crystal Davidson
- 17 Nancy Martin
- 20 Taylor Amos
- 22 Jonathan Mitchell
- 23 Donald Via
- 24 Colton Haynes
- 26 Heather Amos
- 29 Curtis Washburn
- 30 Barrett Pruett
- 31 Lacey Mitchell

### **JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 20 Mike & Pam Doyle

### **FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Misty Martin
- 6 Steve Jordan
- 11 Phil Winn
- 11 Evan Mitchell
- 12 Veronica Doyle
- 14 Oaklyn Washburn
- 15 Baylee Dalton
- 15 Tony Plybon
- 16 Silas Amos
- 22 Heather Via,
- 22 Susan Gardner
- 23 Del Smith
- 25 Ruby Mae Oakes,
- 25 Phillip Haynes

### **FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Davy & Lynn Mitchell
- 15 Jim & Nancy Compton

**Please email me any additions or corrections to the birthday or anniversaries list.**

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