



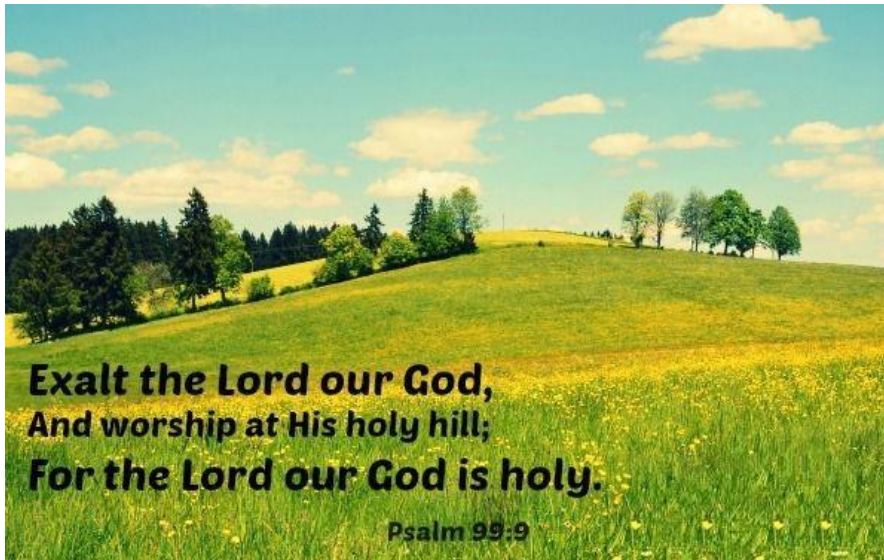
## Snow Creek Christian Church

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February 2020

## Reflections



**Exalt the Lord our God,  
And worship at His holy hill;  
For the Lord our God is holy.**

**Psalms 99:9**

As of this writing, I do not know what the groundhog's official meteorological prediction is for the duration of winter, but I do know that it will end sometime. Thus, it will soon be time to prepare for spring and also time for the church to prepare for Easter. In doing so, it is important that this involve more than just cleaning and decorating. There needs to be spiritual preparation as well.

Christians of all stripes tend to love Christmas and rightfully so, but Easter should be seen as the central celebration of the church. This is the commemoration of the miracle that the light of Christ can overcome even that shadow of death that follows us all of our lives and consumes us at the end. It is our annual reminder that between God and death, God wins. It is the core of the Christian Gospel and

certainly deserves some time for us to get ready.

To do so, many Christians participate in the observation of Lent. This is a season of forty days leading up to Easter – if you are counting on your calendar, skip Sundays, they are not included – where Christians pay special attention to the elements of the world that call them away from faith in God, namely temptation to sin and fear of death. The forty days are meant to symbolize the forty days that Jesus spent in the wilderness while being tempted by

Satan in preparation for the start of his ministry.

Lent was not actually practiced by the early disciples in the New Testament. Therefore, some churches do not put much emphasis on it. However, its practice does date back to the very early church – even before the celebration of Christmas – and can serve an important function in calling Christians to focus on the aspects of their own lives that need to change in order to be more in tune with the God who grants us salvation.

To participate, I would encourage you to take advantage of several options. First, adopt a Lenten discipline. Many people give up a habit (smoking, alcohol, red meat, sweets, etc.) for the forty days to simulate Jesus' temptation

experience. I would encourage everyone to couple this with picking up a habit. This could include volunteering, increasing your giving, daily prayer, or just making an effort to do a kind act for someone each day.

Secondly, adopt a Lenten devotion. Join our adult Sunday school class, participate in a Lenten study that we are planning for the parents in the church, or follow along in a devotional booklet. I am looking into a few options for these – do not worry, you will not have to write anything this time.

Finally, worship. Make a point to come and celebrate God each Sunday in Lent. Bring a

friend or family member. Lent will begin on February 26 and I would love to have you join us for a joint Ash Wednesday service at 6:30 at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. There will be several other special Lenten services that will be announced later that I think you will also find very meaningful.

As the days slowly start to get longer and the temperatures eventually start to rise remember that spring will be here one day and with it, Easter. Join us as we work to get ready.

Blessings. Scott

### **Psalm 99**

1 The LORD is king; let the peoples tremble! He sits enthroned upon the cherubim; let the earth quake!

2 The LORD is great in Zion; he is exalted over all the peoples.

3 Let them praise your great and awesome name. Holy is he!

4 Mighty King, lover of justice, you have established equity; you have executed justice and righteousness in Jacob.

5 Extol the LORD our God; worship at his footstool. Holy is he!

6 Moses and Aaron were among his priests Samuel also was among those who called on his name. They cried to the LORD, and he answered them.

7 He spoke to them in the pillar of cloud; they kept his decrees, and the statutes that he gave them.

8 O LORD our God, you answered them; you were a forgiving God to them, but an avenger of their wrongdoings.

### **February Lectionary Readings**

Sermon topic in *italics*

February 2 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- *Micah 6:1-8*
- Psalm 15
- 1 Corinthians 1:18-31
- Matthew 5:1-12

February 16 (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Deuteronomy 30:15-20
- Psalm 119:1-8
- 1 Corinthians 3:1-9
- *Matthew 5:21-37*

February 9 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Isaiah 58:1-12
- Psalm 112:1-10
- 1 Corinthians 2:1-16
- *Matthew 5:13-20*

February 23 (Transfiguration Sunday)

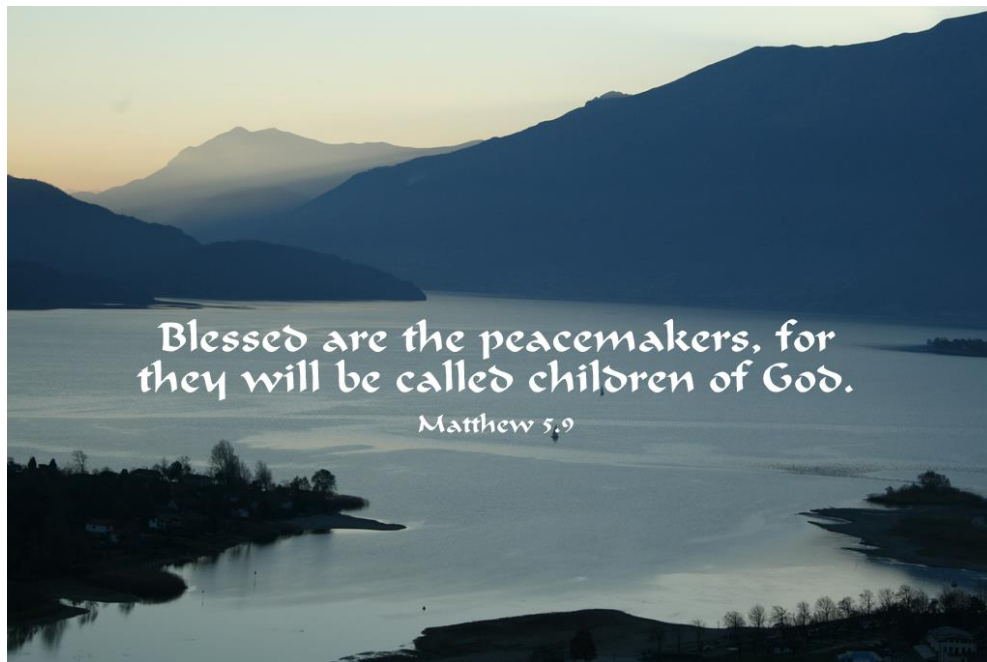
- Exodus 24:12-18
- Psalm 2 OR Psalm 99
- 2 Peter 1:16-21
- *Matthew 17:1-9*



A Joint Ash Wednesday Service between Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church and Snow Creek C.C. will be February 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Pleasant Grove U.M.C. All are invited. Minister Scott Oliver will deliver the message.

### ***DIRECTORY MESSAGE***

Any images that you would like submitted to be included in the Photo directory need to be sent to Scott Oliver ([soliver@vt.ed](mailto:soliver@vt.ed)) by no later than noon Wednesday, February 5. Thanks!



# Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

08-December-2019

G.B. called the meeting to order. Phil had our opening prayer. Congregational minutes were reviewed. Gusta made a motion to approve the minutes and Ruth seconded the motion, motion carried. Minutes from the last board meeting were reviewed. Ruth made a motion to approve the minutes and Vivian seconded the motion, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Bud had the treasurer's report that included receipts and expenditures for the month of November for the main checking account, the backpack checking account and the rental checking account. Bud stated he would like to have a separate checking account "for targeted gifts or donations. This money is not used for operating expenses. These donations are tax free according the I RS.

The finance committee will meet to discuss what to do with the cd's t

Linda made a motion to approve this report and Gusta seconded the motion, motion carried.

Pastors Report- Scott wanted to thank all who participated in the community Thanksgiving service as well as those who contributed to the Advent devotional booklet. He also wanted to thank Doug and Ruth for getting the sanctuary decorated for Advent and Christmas.

Scott is looking for readers for the Christmas Eve Service at the church December 24th at 8 PM. He would like to encourage all to come to the Children's Christmas program as well as the Christmas Eve Service.

Dates for the Church Directory photographs will be Wednesday, January 22 from 2-9 PM. There will be more information coming. If you cannot attend, you can send in a photo.

## **Committee Reports-**

Property- Kay purchased a table to see if it is the one we want to use in the social hall. Joyce got the shelves and Phil is going to put them up. G.B. said he has someone coming out to look at the side door to see where it is leaking.

There was discussion in regards to the septic and what could possibly be done to cut back on or eliminate issues with it getting backed or stopped up.

Outreach- Scott has went with Linda to a number of local organizations that the church supports. Scott wanted to thank Linda for all she does for outreach

Worship- Ruth needs 7 new globes for the windows in the church. Kitty is going to check and see if she has some. Ruth said she needs some help from the younger group in the church when it comes to things like decorating. She does not feel comfortable carrying boxes of items up and down the stairs. She also needs the names, addresses, birthdays and e-mails of the new members attending church

## **Old Business-**

New Business- Jadie said she needs someone to open the social hall for her on December 21st She has a family gathering from 12-3 that day.

G.B. said the church will be handing out fruit and candy bags at the Children's Christmas program Sunday, December 15th

Gusta said we need to get a count on the number of people planning to do the soup and sub fundraiser so they know how many to count for and can be making in advance that same day.

## **Calendar of Events-**

Sunday, December 15<sup>th</sup>, Children's Christmas program at 6 PM

Saturday, December 21 is Belk Saturday/Salvation Army Bell Ringers

Tuesday, December 24<sup>th</sup> Christmas Eve Service at the Church at 8 PM

Sunday, December 29<sup>th</sup> is Youth Sunday and Backpack Offering

Wednesday, January 22 Pictures for Church Directory from 2-9 PM

Sunday, February 2 will be Souper Bowl/Sub Sunday after Church Service

Scott will be at Lexington June 14<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup>

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted,

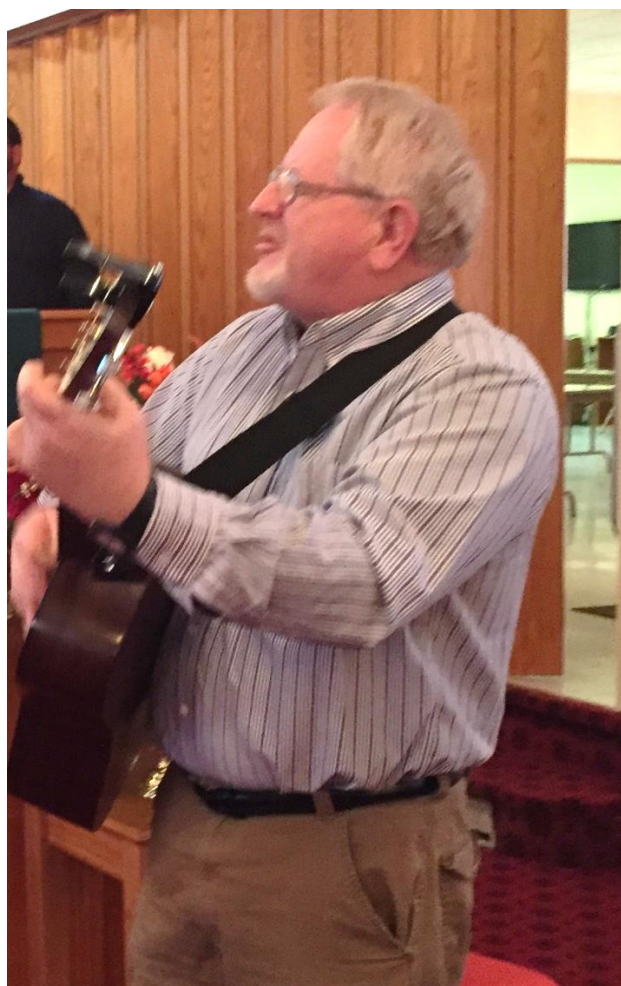
Susan Walker, Secretary



Welcome new Church Member, Steve Jordan. He will be baptized February 2. His wife, Cynthia and son, Izzy are pictured with him. Cynthia reaffirmed her faith recently.



## OUR AMAZING AND VERY TALENTED CHOIRS AND MUSICIANS











# Y o u t h   N e w s

The Youth are pictured studying the Bible and enjoying fellowship In Worship and Wonder.

They remain in the sanctuary as a group on the last Sunday of the month for youth Sunday events or to listen to the Sermon and participate in the Church Service. This is to prepare and educate the Youth for the Adult Service.











***VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO WORK WITH THE YOUTH IN  
WORSHIP AND WONDER. PLEASE SEE WHITNEY IF INTERESTED.***



Another Great Youth Sunday









# Upcoming Events

- 2/2 Men's Prayer Breakfast - 7:30 a.m.
- 2/2 Baptism of Steve Jordan
- 2/2 Sub and Souper Bowl Sunday following Church Service
- 2/2 Swimming at the YMCA - 1:30 p.m.-3:00 p.m.
- 2/26 Joint Ash Wednesday Service at 6:30 p.m. **Details above.**
- 2/29 Bowlathon in Rocky Mt 11:00 a.m.- 3:00 p.m.  
**Teams needed.** \$15.00 per person



Let's Celebrate



## FEBRUARY

### Birthdays

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

### Anniversary

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

If you have information for the newsletter on our church family please email me at [barbsmith@b2xonline.com](mailto:barbsmith@b2xonline.com) or call me at 540 352 4535 or relay in person.