



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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June 2019

## Reflections

**W**eather-wise, May really showed itself – “Mother Nature” dealt us a heavy blow; heavy wind, tornados, unusual heavy rains in some places and none in others. I had begun to worry about my garden because nothing was growing very much. Plants had blooms but were not large enough to support the future fruit. If I were a Hebrew during the Old Testament years, I would be trying to figure out what I was doing wrong or what the nation was doing wrong to deserve such punishment from God. I would be offering sacrifice after sacrifice and sending multiple prayers for my struggling crops. But we are not one of the ancients and we have graduated from a vengeful God who punishes not just for our own wrong doings but that of others. Even though many of us do not think that way anymore but it does make you think when you know well that for the most part leading “Godly Lives” is not a vital concern of many.

Weather may scare me sometimes but I do believe that there are many other things on which I need to spend my energies. The saying of Charles Dudley Warner in the late 19<sup>th</sup> century, “Everybody talks about the weather but nobody does anything about it”. Certainly there have been efforts to control the weather but try as we may those efforts at best are futile - however maybe the scientists will one day be able to stop all this natural energy – but I can almost guarantee you that if science gets to that level , it will likely mess things up royally.

So, with that said let’s move on to something that is on a more spiritual level. Rather than waste our energy on something we are unable to do anything about, why not use

our energies to more noble purposes. Instead of trying to discover more devastating and thorough ways of blowing enemies up why don't we try Jesus' way; "love your enemies, bless those who persecute you". Or, why not figure out ways to heal simple diseases in countries where too many children die from the need of some inexpensive for us, medication.

Why not figuring out a means of restitution to those nations and peoples we have exploited in the past – remembering that Middle Easterners don't forget easily or maybe not at all.

Why can't we spend more money and more energy in figuring out a way to cure the world wide refugee program? Why can't we figure out a solution to the immigration problems we face rather than just treating them like enemies. What would farmers in the south do if it were not for immigrants? Why can't we elect government officials who have a desire to work together rather than to do all they can to get their way? Why can't Christians work together in more ways than we have done so far? When will people realize that "My way or the highway" is a destructive kind of thinking. Well I could go on and on. but hopefully, we can realize that Christ's way is "THE" way.

Grace and Peace – Jim

#### MINISTERS AND ELDERS DELIVERING THE MESSAGE IN JUNE

June 2 Mike Doyle

June 9 & 16 Jim Compton

June 23 George Martin

June 30 Youth Sunday

# Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

7-April-2019

G.B. called the meeting to order and Del Smith had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Ruth made a motion to approve and Vivian seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Bud had a report showing the Church's and Backpack checking accounts for the first quarter of 2019. It detailed receipts, transfers and expenditures for both accounts. It was noted that we currently have monies tied up in cd's which is the safest investment, whereas investments in stock and endowments are more risky. Janet made a motion to approve the treasurer's report and Ruth seconded, motion carried.

## **Committee Reports-**

**Property-** Kay will change the sign out front of the Church to spread the word about the Community Palm Sunday Service.

**Pastoral Search-** There was no update from the pastoral search committee. Bud did note that he felt one of the factors hindering the process is the salary being offered. The church is not generating enough funds to be enticing to a new pastor. He feels in order to appeal to a potential pastor the Church may need to up its game.

**Old Business-** The light bill at the parsonage has went down since the de-humidifier was turned off. A switch was replaced in the master bathroom. It was determined the drain needs to be fixed. Kay is going to open up the parsonage for Ricky to come in and fix drain.

**New Business-** G.B. has spoken to Steve Maddy about the lease and tenant liabilities since our last meeting. After the board weighed in on the pros and cons of a realtor, the discussion lead to the idea of the Church handling the lease rather than using a realtor. Everyone seemed to be in favor of setting forth some guidelines such as yard maintenance, renters' insurance, spot checks, etc. as part of a rental agreement. Bud made a motion to move forward with the Church handling the lease and Ruth seconded the motion, motion carried.

## **Calendar of Events-**

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, spaghetti lunch following the Church Service.

Sunday, April 14<sup>th</sup>, 6:30PM Community Palm Sunday service at Pleasant Grove Church  
Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup>, 7AM Sunrise Service at SC Christian with refreshments by SC Church  
Saturday, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 8:00-10:00AM, Pre-Mother's Day Breakfast and Bake Sale  
Monday-Friday, June 24-28, Community VBS at Snow Creek

G.B. made a motion to adjourn and Bud had our closing prayer.  
Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary

### **MOTHERS DAY SERVICE**

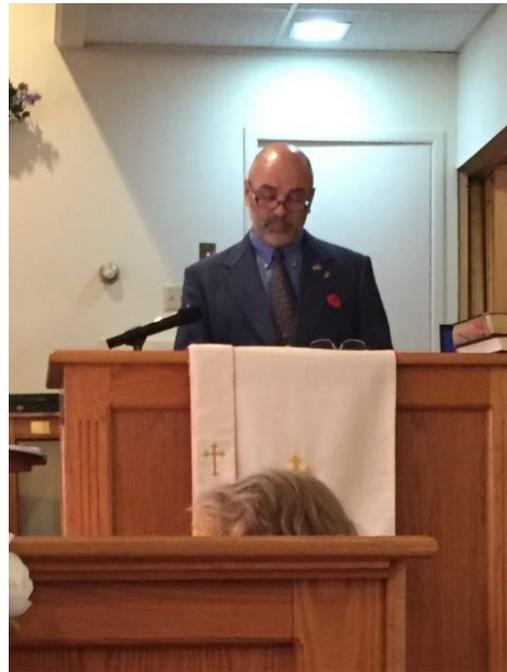
The Church had a great Mother's Day Service. There was a large crowd and an Inspiring message by Reverend Jim Compton. As always, the music Of the Adult and Children's Choir was beautiful. The Children surprised the Women of the Church with potted plants at the end of the service.

*SPECIAL THANKS TO **BRIAN DOYLE WITH DOYLE GREENHOUSE AND PRODUCE AND THE CHURCH KIDDOS. BRIAN PROVIDED THE PLANTS AND THE CHILDREN POTT ED THEM IN CONTAINERS.***





Thank you Ken for the Memorial Day comments honoring our veterans.



## UPCOMING EVENTS

June 2 7:30 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast **LADIES INVITED**

June 9 Board Meeting following Worship Service

June 23 Community Outreach Fundraiser following Worship Service  
(more details below)

June 24-June 28 Vacation Bible School (more details below)

July 14 Homecoming (more details below)

**COMMUNITY OUTREACH FUNDRAISER** at the Church following the Worship Service on June 23. The community is invited.

The meal will be a Competition BBQ Cookoff between G.B. Washburn And George Martin. The meal will consist of Pork BBQ, Chicken BBQ, Baked beans, cole slaw, hush puppies, dessert, and drinks. Cost will

Be \$10.00 for adults and \$7.00 for children.

## HOMECOMING

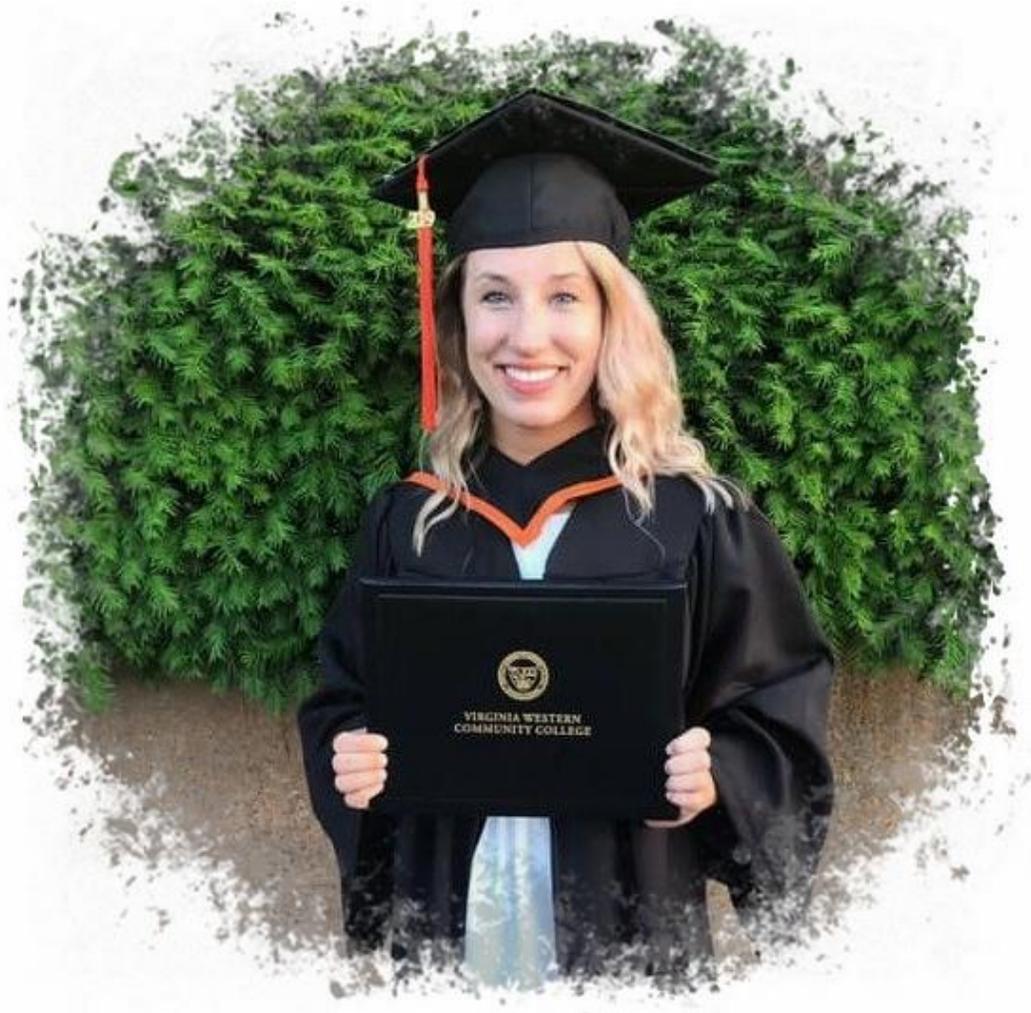
The Church will celebrate the 147th Anniversary of the Church on July 14. The worship service will begin at 10 a.m. Music with the Spirituales will follow at 11:00 a.m. A potluck meal will follow the service in the social hall. Our Guest Speaker Randy Winn will deliver the message.

 YOUTH NEWS



**Breanna**

Breanna graduated from Longwood University with a Bachelor's of Science and major in social work Summa Cum Laude. She is the daughter of Nancy Robertson



## Melissa

Melissa graduated from Virginia Western with a degree in Nursing. She will work as a Registered Nurse at Carilion. She is the daughter of Pam and Mark Gabriel and the Granddaughter of Kitty Plybon.



## Blake

Blake Campbell Oakes graduated from Liberty University with Bachelor's Degree in Business Administration. He is the son of Terry and Rita Oakes and grandson of Ruby Mae Oakes.



## Kimberly

Kimberly graduated from New Hampstead High School with honors. She will attend Oglethorpe University With a major in International Studies And Fine Arts. She is the daughter of Phyllis and granddaughter of Nancy Martin.



## FATHERS ARE WONDERFUL PEOPLE

By Helen Steiner Rice

Fathers are wonderful people,  
too little understood,  
And we do not sing their praises  
as often as we should,

For Father struggles daily  
to live up to his image  
As protector and provider  
and hero of the scrimmage,

And perhaps that is the reason  
we sometimes get the notion  
That fathers are not subject  
to the thing we call emotion.

But if you look inside Dad's heart,  
where no one else can see,

You'll find he's sentimental  
and soft as he can be.

Fathers are just wonderful  
in a million different ways,  
And they merit loving compliments  
and accolades of praise,

For the only reason Dad aspires  
to fortune and success  
Is to make the family proud of him  
and bring them happiness,

And like our heavenly Father,  
he's a guardian and a guide,

Someone we can count on  
to be always on our side.

Poem dedicated to the memory of my Daddy, Harold Whitt, and my Grandpa, Hatcher Plybon. God truly blessed me with them in my life. Barbara

IN LOVING MEMORY OF *GORDON WASHBURN* BY HIS DAUGHTER, VIVIAN WASHBURN DOYLE. Gordon was a long-time member of the Church and Snow Creek Community. He is also the father of G.B., Daphne, Claudia, Ramona, and Stephanie. Vivian's mother Hazel would make one of Gordon's favorite foods; her ANGEL FLAKE BISCUITS. In fact, the whole family loved these Biscuits with butter on them.

### ANGEL FLAKE BISCUITS

5 c. flour	$\frac{3}{4}$ c. butter or shortening
1 tsp. soda	3 tsp. sugar
3 tsp. baking powder	2 c. buttermilk
2 tbsp. warm water	1 pkg. dry yeast
1 tsp. salt	

Sift together flour, soda, baking powder, salt, and sugar. Cut in shortening. Dissolve yeast in warm water. Add to buttermilk. Pour buttermilk into flour and mix well. Knead and cut. Place on pan and allow to stand about 10 minutes. Bake in 425 degree oven 12-15 minutes or until brown. Dough may be stored under refrigeration for several days. Allow it to come to room temperature before baking.



# Vacation Bible School

## The "Mane" Event



### The best week of the summer!

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

Location: Community VBS at Snow Creek Christian Church  
(church name)

VBS will last from: June 24 - 28, 2019  
(VBS dates)

Each day's fun begins at: 5:30 PM with a light dinner  
(VBS starting time)

The VBS day ends at: Closing Program 8:00 pm Pick up 8:30 PM  
(VBS ending time)

For more information, call: 276-638-5272  
(church phone number)

Register online here: Sponsored by Jones Chapel CoB Pleasant Grove UMC and Snow Creek CC  
(web address)

**VBS VOLUNTEERS NEEDED. PLEASE SEE WHITNEY**



LET'S CELEBRATE



## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kitty Plybon
- 2 Andrew Mitchell
- 3 Opal Hanks
- 4 Melissa Gabriel
- 9 Troy Lambert
- 9 Douglas Perdue
- 10 Kailea Martin
- 25 Noah Bessette
- 26 Ruth Ann Prillaman

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Donald & Michelle Via
- 10 Casey & Whitney Eanes
- 29 GB & Krystal Washburn
- 30 Kevin & Susan Doyle

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