



Snow Creek Christian Church

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Reflections

In just a few days our ears will be challenged with the bursting of fireworks and such. I don't remember ever going to a Fourth of July Parade. I do remember as a small child riding across town to the Atlantic Rural Exposition Fairgrounds in Richmond where the fireworks were to be set in a spectacular display. I also remember crouching down on the floor of the back seat with my eyes closed and my hands over my ears. I was scared to death of those things. I don't recall when I was able to finally watch them. I still like to stand out in our street and watch those "bombs bursting in air". Many times, I have stood there thinking about those who experienced real war and how frightening that kind of a sound must have been. I expect not only the sounds were frightening but also seeing the buildings, and maybe your own home, come crashing down when a bomb or canon shell hit it.

I watch the AHC (American Hero Channel) channel and much of it is about World War II in which I grew up. As a young boy in Richmond, we did not know a lot about that war as much of the newsreels that got to the towns and cities in the USA were greatly edited. The same was true of radio broadcast. I recall vividly that the news media reporting there were few casualties on D Day – but I expect those families in Bedford would have differed greatly. I am not a pacifist but I do believe that war is simply the lesser of two evils – we were faced with two evils – Nazi Germany and Imperial Japan – war was inevitable.

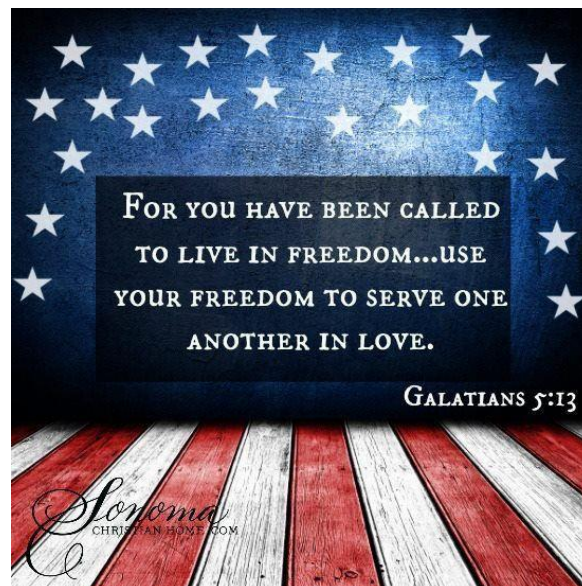
It seems to me that world leaders, especially those of the United States, which supposedly is a Christian nation, should seek peace at all costs, remembering

that Jesus was tempted to call down legions from heaven to save him from the cross. Jesus chose the way of the cross. At best this kind of thought is hard to understand and to practice. However, Christians were persecuted for centuries before Constantine proclaimed Christianity as the State religion. There were many martyrs but not a drop of blood was shed by those committed to Christ. And believe me what some of those martyrs went through gave them every reason to take up arms against Rome – but that is not what happened – Christians only took up arms after the status of the State religion was bestowed upon them. All we have to do is to recall the horrors of the Crusades.

Even though it took a Colonial Army to win this nation the freedom from England it still remains that war is the least of two evils. I think maybe, our national leaders would take time to weigh the consequences and be aware of the fact that no one wins in a war. Even though we saved the world from the likes of Hitler, Mussolini, and Tojo, look how many lives it took. The many young men and women who did not have a chance to realize their dreams. Mothers, fathers, and wives and husbands who lost their true love.

For this Fourth of July, say a prayer for peace – praying for our leaders to exercise caution and the same for our so-called enemies –praying for the families of those who so gallantly gave their lives for the cause of democracy and Christianity.

Grace and Peace
Jim



SNOW CREEK CHRISTIAN CHURCH BOARD MEETING

19-May-2019

G.B. called the meeting to order and Del Smith had our opening prayer. G.B. read the minutes from April's board meeting.

Treasurer's Report- There was no treasurer's report.

Committee Reports-

Property - G.B. said once they have a renter for the parsonage the church would have someone put down gravel in the driveway.

Old/New Business- G.B. said after starting the process of vetting potential renters for the parsonage he believed it would be best to turn it over to the rental company. He said he was getting mixed Signals about potential candidates and he felt it was too much responsibility and liability for the church and its members to take on. Everyone seemed to be in favor of this as well as keeping the previously discussed guidelines such as yard maintenance, renter's insurance, spot checks, etc. as part of a rental agreement. Ruth made a motion to move forward with the rental company handling the lease and Krystal seconded the motion, motion carried.

Fundraiser- Debbie would like to resign as chairperson of the fundraising committee. The church will need someone to fill that position.

Pastoral Search- G.B. said they had gotten a lot of names of potential pastors but none that had been suitable candidates. They either lived too far away or wanted too much money.

Other- Jadie said she had been asked who sent flowers for funerals. It is Debbie.

Calendar of Events-

Sunday, June 9th,

Board Meeting

Sunday, June 16th,

Father's Day

Sunday, June 23rd, Fundraiser Luncheon BBQ hosted by George and G.B.

Monday-Friday, June 24th week Community VBS at Snow Creek. The church needs volunteers in helping to prepare the Men's Prayer breakfast meals. Help is also needed to assist with getting the children from one activity to the next or assisting in the activity itself.

G.B. made a motion to adjourn and Curtis had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary

Homecoming



WINN, Randy & Angela

On July 14, the Church will celebrate the 147th anniversary of the Church. The Worship Service will begin at 10:00 a.m. The Spiritualaires will follow at 11:00 a.m. with music. A potluck meal will follow in the social hall. Guest Speaker Reverend Randy Winn will deliver the message. The picture is from the 1993 Snow Creek Church Directory.

GLIMPSES OF PRIOR HOMECOMINGS AT THE CHURCH





CHURCH HISTORY

THE CHURCH WILL CELEBRATE 147 YEARS THIS YEAR

**A BRIEF HISTORY” OF THE CHURCH FROM THE 1993 CHURCH
DIRECTORY. THE PERIOD COVERS THE LAST CHURCH BUILDING
ADDITION IN 1980.**

A Brief History



From 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, Christian (Disciples of Christ) Churches and 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 church-

es used the first floor and the masons the upper floor.

The Christians and Methodists 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 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. Cook 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 Rev. W.M. (Mike) Stump the congregation built their first parsonage valued at \$25,000.00.

The progress made in the United States during the '50's and '60's was felt in the church along with the rest of society. The life of the church changed with the Methodist group declining and the membership of the Christians increasing. In the fall of 1969, the two denominations became one affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).



The Christian Church called for its minister, Berlin G. Hanks in the spring 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 October 1970 with the combined efforts of the members, another building program was begun. It was dedicated on July 9, 1972 as a part of the Centennial Celebration.

We again had to expand our facility in 1980 by enlarging the sanctuary, adding a porch and steeple. Now with the paved parking lot and picnic shelter, we have attained a very workable facility.

However, the Church is not a building, nor a steeple, the Church is PEOPLE. At present, our fellowship is 245 strong. But, of the 245 members only 168 take an active part in the services.

Our hopes and prayers are that each of us will strive to become a committed and dedicated servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

FUN and FELLOWSHIP AT THE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST



Y o u t h N e w s

2019 VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Snow Creek Christian Church hosted the Community VBS with Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren and Pleasant Grove Methodist Church. Special thanks to all of our Church family that helped with the event and Children that attended the event. The Children experienced interesting events and great fellowship with others while learning

"GOD IS GOOD".



These and more VBS photos are available on our web photo gallery on our web site at www.snowcreekcc.com











FUTURE EVENTS

July 14 10:00 a.m. Homecoming Details above. **ALL WELCOME**



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Casey Eanes
- 7 Zack Lambert
- 8 Carlton Oakes
- 12 Brodie Eanes
- 14 Gusta Morris
- 25 Terry Doyle
- 27 Troy Washburn
- 29 Robert Lambert

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 28 Mark & Pam Gabriel

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