



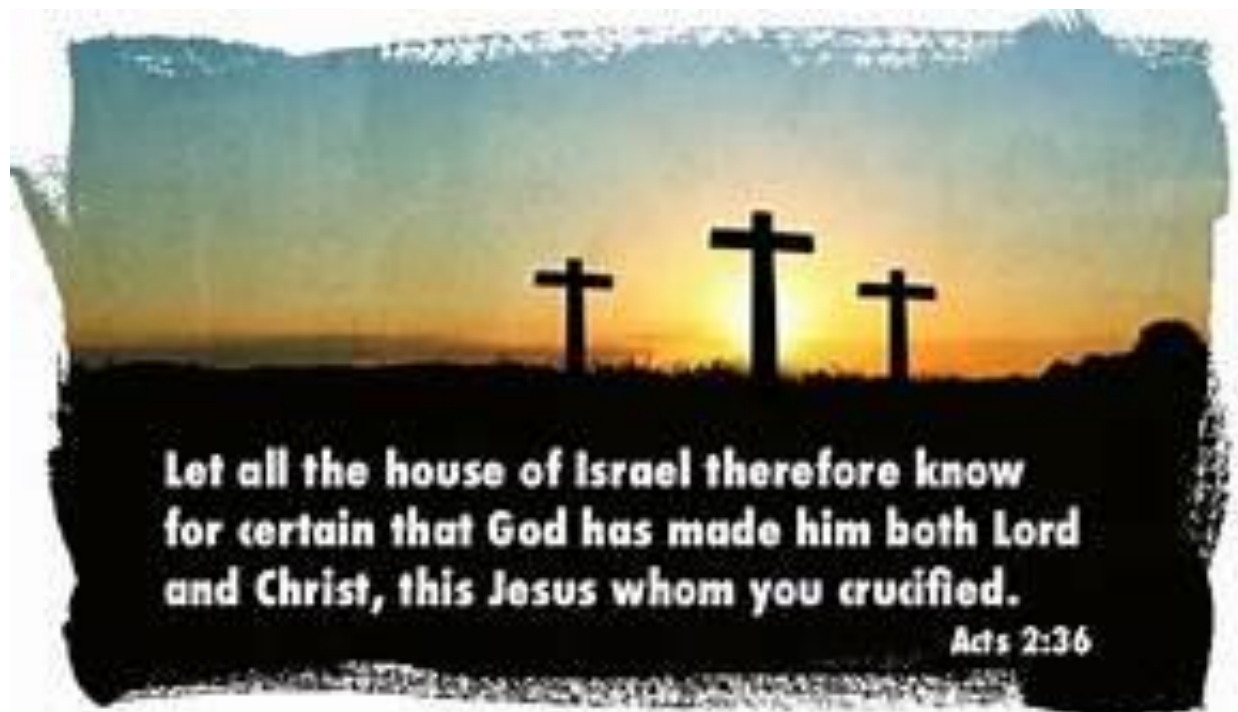
## **Snow Creek Christian Church**

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**April 2020**

## **REFLECTIONS**



April is upon us and with it comes the celebration of Easter. Sadly, this celebration will be much more subdued this year. There will be no Easter egg hunt for the kids, no sunrise service, no breakfast, no celebration together in worship. But April this year includes not just Easter, but the entirety of Holy Week that leads up to it. The separation that we are experiencing now can free up

some time to gain a better appreciation of these events and even put Easter into a different context.

This coming Sunday will be Palm Sunday which has always been a bit of a double-edged sword. On the one hand, churches celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem with palm leaves and hosannas. On the other, it leaves us

to contemplate the disastrous consequences that will result from this journey. Within five days of Jesus' parade into town, He will be carried out lifeless into the tomb. As has been evident in the past month, good times can come and go in a hurry and it is important for us to examine God's presence in both.

The following Thursday brings the commemoration of the Last Supper, Maundy Thursday. In the upper room, Jesus washes the feet of His students and serves them a small meal. Unbeknownst to His followers, He is continuing to love and teach them even with the little bit of time that He has left. He prepares them to lead without Him to follow as he demonstrates that leadership and humble service are not mutually exclusive. He blesses them, through the bread and the wine, with a way to physically remember His love after He is gone. These moments still resound today as we are still called to lead, to serve, and to do so in remembrance of Him.

The climax of Holy Week occurs on Good Friday as we remember not just Jesus, but His Crucifixion. I have long felt that this is the second most-important service of the Christian year. It is, of course, overshadowed by Easter Sunday two

days later, but the two should go hand-in-hand. Unfortunately, given our modern schedule, this day too often gets lost in the shuffle. People have to go to work as usual during the day. They are tired from the workweek or eager to begin the weekend in the evening. Families are often on vacation as kids are usually on spring break. Maybe the disruptions of this year will allow us time to reflect upon the powerful lessons of the Cross.

To help facilitate this, I am working on putting together a couple of additional online 'services' to send out for Maundy Thursday and Good Friday to go along with the Palm Sunday and Easter 'services' of the upcoming weeks. As we approach Easter, I hope that everyone will be able to find some time to consider the message of Holy Week. It is important that we contemplate the price of the cross as we prepare for the promise of resurrection. The events leading up to Easter have important lessons for the suffering that many are experiencing now. The miracle of Easter cannot be fully appreciated without the story leading up to it. Finally, though we face a much less festive Easter this year I hope it will not be any less joyous. For it is this story of hope that is so important to not lose sight of right now. As we enter into April, Happy Easter!

Blessings,

Scott

**Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24**

1 O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his steadfast love endures forever!

2 Let Israel say, *"His steadfast love endures forever."*

14 The LORD is my strength and my might; he has become my salvation.

15 There are glad songs of victory in the tents of the righteous: "The right hand of the LORD does valiantly;

16 the right hand of the LORD is exalted; the right hand of the LORD does valiantly."

17 I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

18 The LORD has punished me severely, but he did not give me over to death.

19 Open to me the gates of righteousness, that I may enter through them and give thanks to the LORD.

20 This is the gate of the LORD; the righteous shall enter through it.

21 I thank you that you have answered me and have become my salvation.

22 The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

23 This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

24 This is the day that the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.



## **April Lectionary Readings**

Sermon topic in *italics*

April 5 (Liturgy of the Palms)

- Psalm 118:1-2,19-29
- *Matthew 21:1-11*

April 19 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 2:14a, 22-32
- Psalm 16
- 1 Peter 1:3-9
- *John 20:19-31*

April 12 (Resurrection of the Lord)

- Jeremiah 31:1-6
- Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
- Colossians 3:1-4 OR Acts 10:34-43
- John 20:1-18 OR *Matthew 28:1-10*

April 26 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 2:14a, 36-41
- Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19
- 1 Peter 1:17-23
- *Luke 24:13-35*

## **Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting**

09-February-2020

G.B. called the meeting to order. Bud had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed. Joyce made a motion to approve the minutes and Doug seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report-** Bud presented copies of the treasurer's report which included the main, backpack and rental checking accounts with beginning and ending balances for January 2020. Bud said he plans to put together a rolling spreadsheet in the future. Ruth made a motion to approve this report and Gusta seconded the motion, motion carried.

**Pastor's Report-** Scott wanted to thank all who participated in the Souper Bowl fundraiser, photo directory and the youth YMCA trip. Scott said we needed more globes for the candles in the windows. He also would like the church consider ordering banners for the side walls of the sanctuary. These would be changed to reflect the seasons. He noted that Craig Springs Work Weekend will be on 5/22-24. Anyone that may be interested in participating should let Scott know. Scott plans to have an Ash Wednesday service at the church February 26 to prepare for this year's Lenten Season.

**Committee Reports-**

**Property-** Kay said 8 of the 11 tables for the social hall are now at the church. She also said there was water in the basement that needed to be looked at. G.B. said the parsonage tenants must be doing their own repairs if there are any as they have not required anything. They have put down gravel.

**Outreach-** Gusta mentioned that people in the church would like to know where and what causes the money raised for outreach is going. Linda said Jeremy Adkins does a wonderful job in supporting numerous groups. She said that the church may want to consider donating to some of the causes he sponsors as the funds primarily go to the Snow Creek community.

**Worship-** Ruth said there needs to be a worship meeting. One is scheduled for Sunday, February 16<sup>th</sup>.

**Fundraiser-** There was \$608.00 raised at Souper Bowl Sunday. It was suggested that we have the Backpack offering the same Sunday as Youth Sunday, March 22, since they were scheduled on different days. The church will sell hamburgers and hotdogs at Snow Creek School March 13<sup>th</sup> at their bingo event. The Spring breakfast will be Saturday, May 2.

**Old Business-** Andrew's son is going to clean out the gutters. The church needs to consider what can be done to help them drain better. Joyce and Kay will do some research on window wells for the lower windows and they will go ahead and purchase. There is also discussions about making one bathroom out of the two in the church and also making it handicap accessible.

Ricky replaced the hot water heater in the church because it was leaking.

**New Business-** G.B presented the board with a proposal to redo the church's sound system. He had a list of the items needed as well as their cost. Joyce made a motion to approve \$3000.00 for the new sound system and Barbara seconded the motion, motion carried.

Calendar of Events-

-Wednesday, February 26<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday service at 7PM

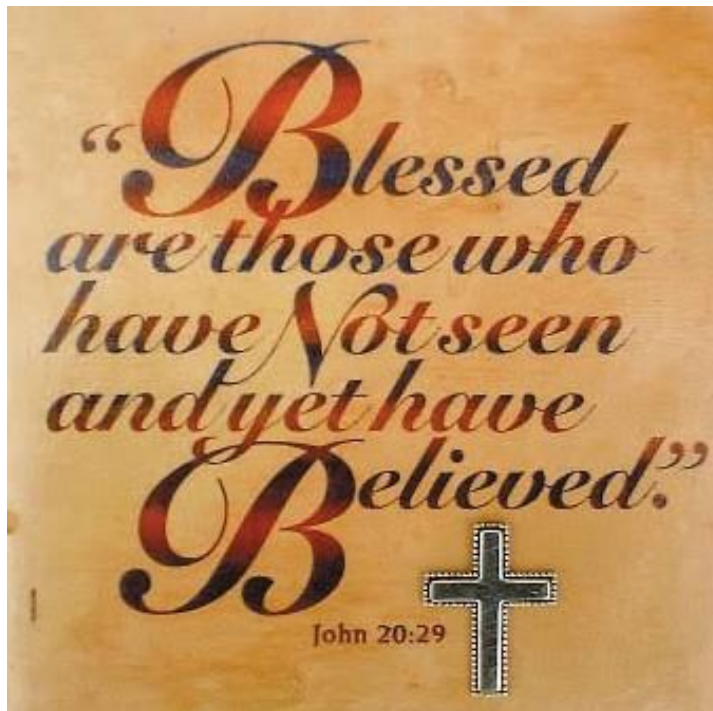
-Saturday, April 4<sup>th</sup> Easter Egg Hunt from 10-12

-Saturday, May 2 Spring Breakfast

Bud made a motion to adjourn.

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned, Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary



A Special thanks to Minister Scott Oliver for delivering inspiring messages and daily devotionals to the Church Family by using technical resources. We can listen to the sermon, partake in communion, and worship as a group.

The newsletter is being sent by email only. Please share the newsletter with others if possible, by printing copies or showing them online.

I miss seeing the Church Family and talking to everyone. Hopefully, we will be back together soon and can share a handshake, or hug, or laugh together.

Blessings Barbara



*“HOLD YOUR THOUGHTS ON SOMETHING YOU’VE ALWAYS LOVED”*

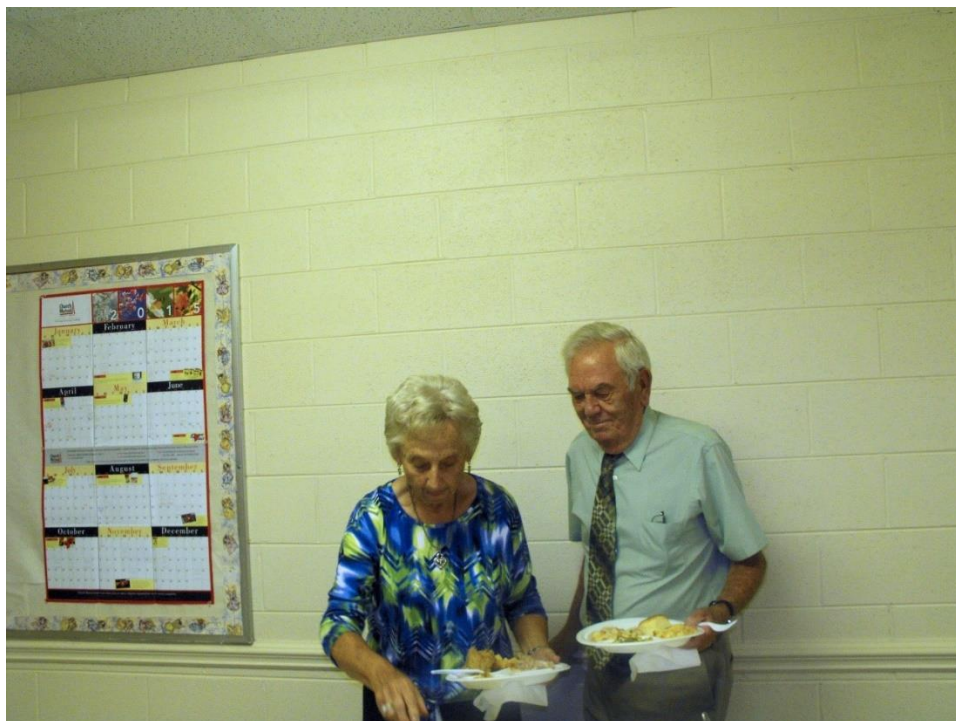
*Jonathan Livingston Seagull by Richard Bach*

*GLIMPSES OF JOY*



MORGAN AND JOSH'S BABY OAKLYN WASHBURN

CALVIN MARTIN WITH HIS FAMILY



HOWARD AND BETTY LOU ENJOYING A CHURCH MEAL



CURTIS AND LOUISE WASHBURN ENJOYING THE CHURCH PICNIC



GEORGE WITH MINISTER SCOTT'S SON SAM







EASTER EGG HUNTS AT THE CHURCH FROM THE PAST









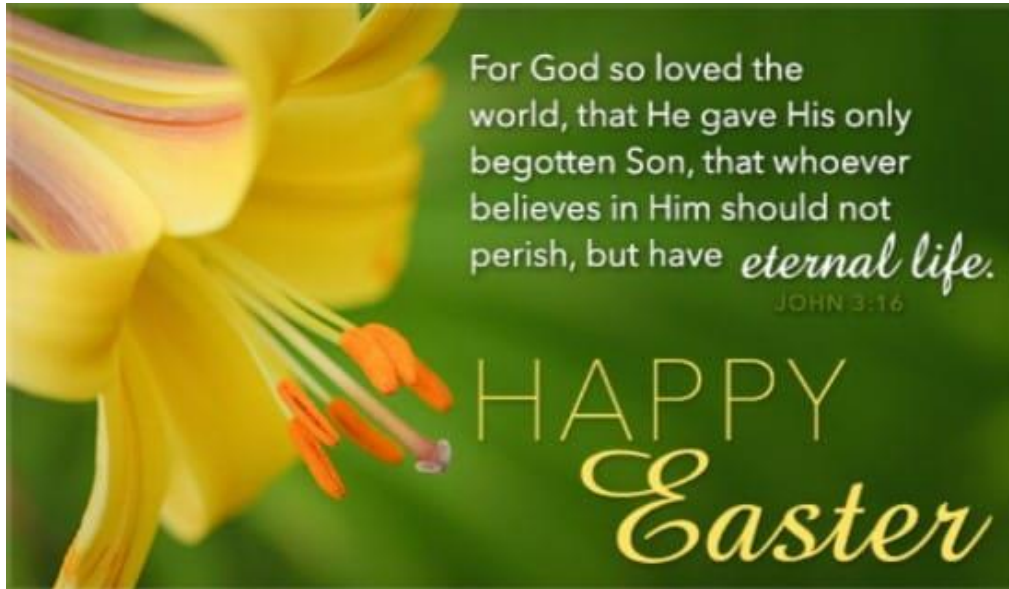






# UPCOMING EVENTS

CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE DUE TO THE COVID 19

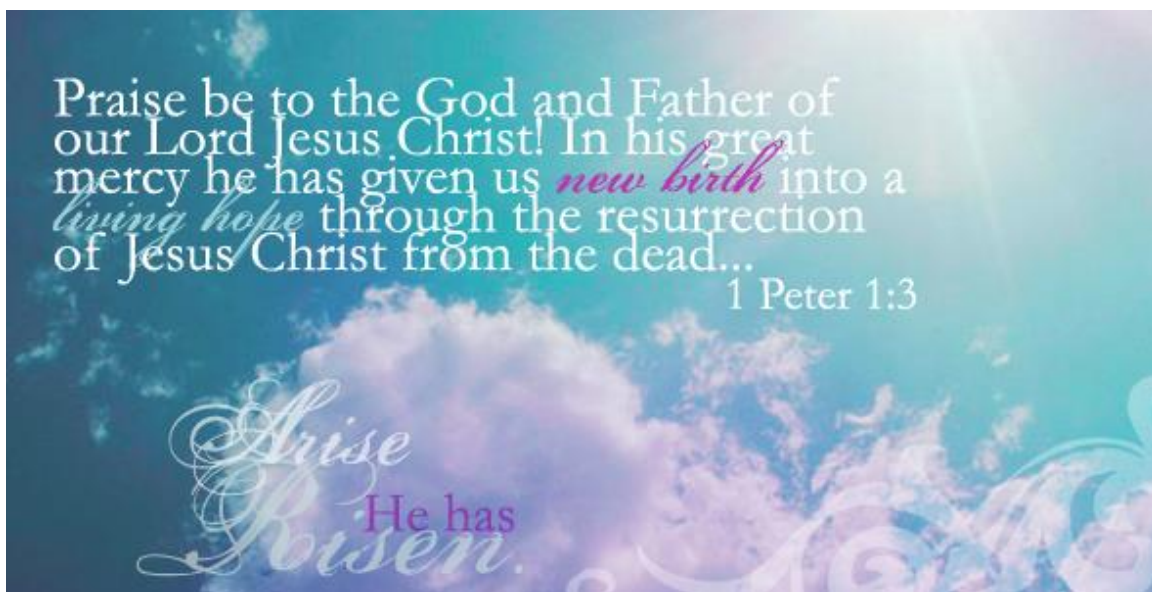


## Y o u t h      N e w s

### GRADUATES

Please email me names, photos, honors, and future information plans on our Church Family Graduates. Include Kindergarten, Elementary School, Middle School, High School, College, Trade School, etc.

This is an unusual year for the Kids and Youth that are graduating but we definitely want to show them how proud the Church Family is of their achievements. Please email to [barbsmith@b2xonline.com](mailto:barbsmith@b2xonline.com) by April 24 for The May Newsletter and May 22 for the June Newsletter. THANKS



## LET'S CELEBRATE



### APRIL BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Joyce Ingram
- 7 Isaiah Jordan
- 10 Tressi Mitchell
- 22 Whitney Eanes
- 22 Pam Gabriel
- 23 Betty Lou Cooper
- 25 Walker Pruitt
- 30 Josh Washburn

### APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

- 2 Todd & Melody Martin
- 15 Jarrett & Patti Amos
- 21 Josh & Morgan Washburn

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