



Snow Creek Christian Church



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Reflections Reflections

As of August 3, it will be my first anniversary as minister of Snow Creek Christian Church and so far everything has gone according to plan. Well...almost. Actually, since March plans have been balled up and thrown in the trash frequently. Fortunately, some of them have stuck for a little while and we have been able to at least make do.

This has not been without help. I hope everyone knows how grateful I am for all of the congregation's efforts to make what could have easily been a very stressful first year into a very enjoyable one. In light of the pandemic you all have sent cards to others, helped with the youth, made masks for neighbors, sent in music for worship, shared the online worship services and invited people to the drive-in services, patiently worked through difficult decisions in the life of the church, kept the church on sound

financial footing with your generous contributions, and served in myriad ways that I could never hope to capture in just a short newsletter article. Even before life seemed to change on a dime, the amount of support I received in struggling through my first few months was incredible. The music, the administration, the worship, the fellowship, the outreach, the maintenance, the finances, the education of our children and the rest of the congregation and so much more were all in good hands long before I came. With part of my time having to be spent on classwork for seminary, this has been a real blessing to have so much that is being done so competently by others.

However, having such a great church to plug into does not mean that there is no room to grow. We have a great group of children that are in need of nurture and example and support from the church.

We have several new faces that have unique talents and ideas that they can contribute. The changing economic situation will undoubtedly provide more opportunities to serve those that have been most affected. Even this pandemic itself, while creating so many challenges, presents its own set of unique opportunities to serve God and serve our neighbors.

It has been an interesting first year in ministry to say the least. At first glance, the second one looks to be just as challenging and full of the unexpected. But

Snow Creek has a great foundation from which to continue to build and a fantastic congregation to join with in these endeavors. I am incredibly grateful for all that God has brought into my life the past year and I am excited about the prospect of another one, even if everything does not go exactly as planned. Thank you all so much for the opportunity.

God be with you.

Scott.



August Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

August 2 (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

- *Genesis 32:22-31*
- Psalm 17:1-7, 15
- Romans 9:1-5
- Matthew 14:13-21

August 23 (12th Sunday after Pentecost)

- *Exodus 1:8-2:10*
- Psalm 124
- Romans 12:1-8
- Matthew 16:13-20

August 9 (10th Sunday after Pentecost)

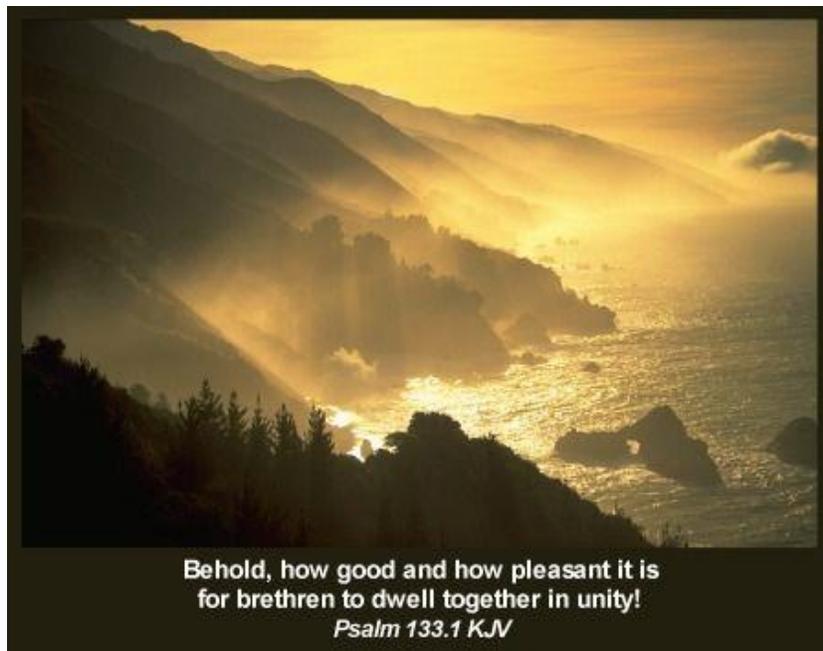
- *Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28*
- Psalm 105:1-6, 16-22, 45b
- Romans 10:5-15
- Matthew 14:22-33

August 30 (13th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Exodus 3:1-15
- Psalm 105:1-6, 23-26, 45b
- *Romans 12:9-21*
- Matthew 16:21-28

August 16 (11th Sunday after Pentecost)

- *Genesis 45:1-15*
- Psalm 133
- Romans 11:1-2a, 29-32
- Matthew 15:10-28



HAPPY FIRST YEAR ANNIVERSARY MINISTER SCOTT



We appreciate all the many things you have accomplished for Snow Creek Christian Church in your first year. You have willingly accepted many new challenges during this year too numerous to name. Some of these tasks were out of the norm for you especially the Covid 19 situation yet you performed them well. Also, you have been attending seminary classes and fathering a young family during this time. We look forward to another year with you as our Minister.

WE ARE TRULY BLESSED TO HAVE YOU IN OUR CHURCH AND THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR ALL YOU DO FOR US.





Snow Creek Christian Church
faithfully partners with not-for-profits in our community.
This month we highlight **HEAVENLY MANNA FOOD BANK**

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2233-B South Main Street PO Box 392
Rocky Mount, VA 24151
540-483-9323

Food distribution is Mondays only, 10 a.m.- 5 p.m.



Pastor Scott and I arrived at this very unassuming building on an early, sleepy Monday morning the week of Thanksgiving. As we entered Heavenly Manna Food Bank, it was anything and everything BUT sleepy. Frances Davis, the director, graciously met us in the entry and invited us on a tour of the facility so that we could share with our church family how your generous donations are put to good use.

Every room of the building was bustling with volunteers gathering food from shelves, refrigerators, and walk-in freezers. Other volunteers were set up at an assembly line with lists in hand, selecting food items for each specific family size, and arranging those food products in containers ready for pick-up. (Clients must bring their own box to transfer food for pick-up, and families are limited to one box per month.)



Heavenly Manna serves an average of 1180 clients each month (17,860+ pounds of food and 300+ hours of volunteer labor)!!!

The Food Bank assistance is based on financial income guidelines established by the USDA. However, those who are over-qualified, yet have a need for food at this time, will be assisted.

Heavenly Manna mission: “Any individual or family needing food or food assistance will be helped.”

Frances Davis told us this mission is truly a labor of love - from all the weekly volunteers to the support from local churches, schools, businesses, and individual donors.

Volunteers needed!!!

Covid-19 has caused a shortage of volunteers at local food banks as more and more people are sheltering in place. Local volunteer pools are usually made up of retired senior citizens with extra time to offer their services. Unfortunately, this is usually the at-risk population that is encouraged to stay home and stay safe. During the pandemic, donated food packages must be unloaded and either quarantined or wiped down and sanitized immediately. Drivers are also needed to deliver food to families unable to leave home.

By: Linda Hippisley, Outreach Chairperson

COMMUNITY DRIVE IN CHILDREN'S EVENT

Our Community Churches conducted a Drive in event to provide the local children gift packages at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church . The Churches participating were Jones Chapel Church of the Brethern, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Trinity Baptist Church, and Snow Creek Christian Church.

Thanks to all who assisted with the event. It was a great idea for our local children.



***PRAYERS FOR BACK TO SCHOOL** for the students, teachers,
administrators, school workers, parents, and all of those
associated with the schools or colleges. .*

GLIMPSES OF VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2019

You should see a few familiar faces









 **LET'S CELEBRATE** 

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pam Doyle
- 4 Kenny Beall
- 7 Westlee Martin
- 13 Taylee Amos
- 15 Beth Oliver
- 17 Russell Tilley
- 22 Patti Amos
- 24 Dean Arrington

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 05 Bill and Beth Oliver
- 10 Ken and Michele Beall

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