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November 2020

Reflectons

Oh, the times they are a-changing. Literally. On the first Sunday of this month, November 1, remember to set your clocks back an hour as Daylight Savings Time ends. Halloween is the night before, so it is an easy time to forget, but I would not want anyone to show up an hour early for the service the next morning.

Then the next Sunday we are going to change the time on you again. On November 8, the drive-in service is going to be moved from its regularly scheduled time at 11 to 5 PM. The reason for this is to celebrate the baptism of Dot Smith that day. Though Dot has been a big part of the congregation for years now, she approached me earlier in the year and said that she was not sure that she had ever been baptized. She thought that she might have been as an infant, but as time went on could never verify that with anyone. The plan was originally to have Dot baptized on Easter, but everyone knows how plans have tended to work out this past year. So here we are and I am very excited to be able to celebrate Dot's baptism with her next month.

It is important to remember though that it is not just Dot's baptism. This is the reason for changing the time of the service. Baptism is not

simply a personal commitment, but part of it is incorporation into the body of Christ, including Jesus himself, the entire church community, and all who have come before and after that have looked to Christ as Lord and Savior. The time change was thus not made to accommodate Dot, but to include everyone else.

Instead of simply conducting a private ceremony, we have finally been able to set up a projector so that everyone will be able to participate in the baptism. However, it is a lot easier to see when the sun is not at full glare, hence the time change. Not only will this allow everyone to witness the baptism, but it will allow Dot to come out and be appropriately welcomed by the congregation of which she is now officially becoming a member. It will also allow everyone else the opportunity to reflect upon her baptism and remember their own.

By joining together to celebrate this momentous occasion in Dot's life, we must remember that our own baptism is not simply a moment in time, but an eternal covenant with God. It calls us not only into God's service, but into the service of each other. We are called to welcome Dot and all others into our own community of faith and to nurture one another on our own continuing journeys with God. A baptism is not for one

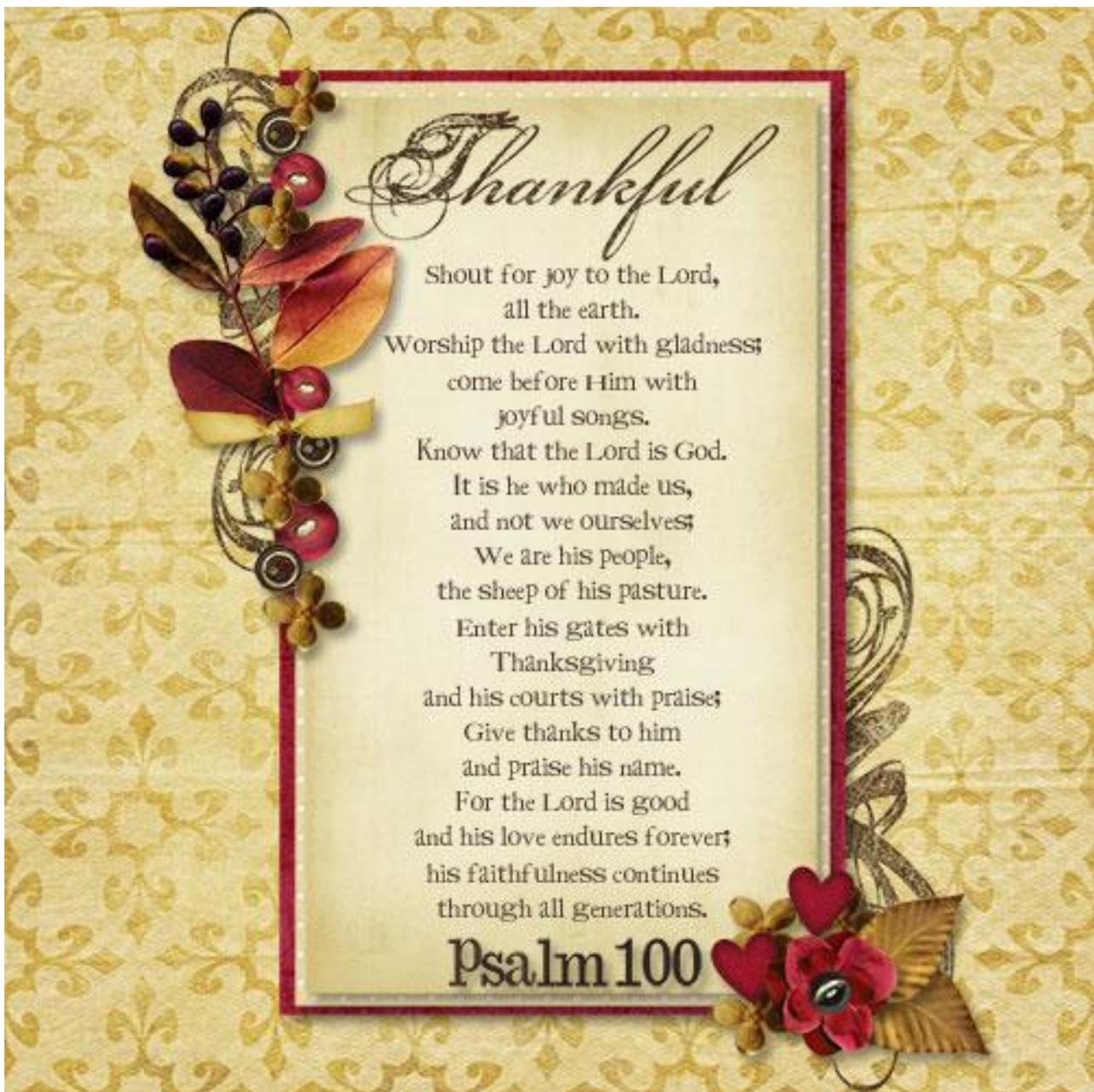
person at one moment, but meant to unify us to God and all God's creation at all times.

So while baptism is for all time, don't forget that Dot's will be conducted at a different time. Come join us November 8 at 5 to celebrate. If you are

not able to be there, I will try to also incorporate it into the online service on November 15. The times they are a-changing, so remember this month to change your clocks and mark your calendars.

Blessings

Scott



November Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

November 1 (22nd Sunday after Pentecost)

- *Joshua 3:7-17*
- Psalm 107:1-7, 33-37
- 1 Thessalonians 2:9-13
- Matthew 23:1-12

November 22 (25th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Ezekiel 34:11-16, 20-24
- Psalm 100
- Ephesians 1:15-23
- *Matthew 25:31-46*

November 8 (23rd Sunday after Pentecost)

- Joshua 24:1-3a, 14-25
- Psalm 78:1-7
- 1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
- *Matthew 25:1-13*
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November 29 (1st Sunday of Advent)

- Isaiah 64:1-9
 - Psalm 80:1-7, 17-19
 - 1 Corinthians 1:3-9
 - Mark 13:24-37
- *Youth Sunday*

November 15 (24th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Judges 4:1-7
- Psalm 123
- 1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
- *Matthew 25:14-30*



Youth Sunday – November 29

It is hard to wrap my mind around the fact that it is almost time to begin preparing for Christmas, but sure enough it is right around the corner. The last Sunday of November is the first Sunday of Advent, the church season that leads up to Christmas and focuses on the coming and second coming of Christ. Since this is also a fifth Sunday, the youth will help us kick off Advent this year with their annual Christmas play. So come to the drive-in service on November 29th and enjoy the youth's production that day. If you have been worshipping through the online services, I will record that service and send it out for you to enjoy as well. However, please be aware that you will not receive the service until later in the afternoon that Sunday. In addition, we will be taking up our usual special offering for the Backpack Program to support kids at Snow Creek Elementary School that morning. If you would like to donate, please write 'Backpack Program' on your checks so that we can separate it from the other tithes and offerings. I am looking forward to what the youth have in store for us this year and hope that you can come and enjoy.

Thanksgiving Special Offering – November 15 & 22

Throughout the year, the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) takes up several special offerings to support initiatives of the church at the national level. In November, they take up a Thanksgiving special offering to support scholarships at Disciples-affiliated colleges and seminaries. Since I am a student at one of these Disciples seminaries, Lexington Theological Seminary, and a recipient of one of these scholarships, I would encourage everyone for selfish reasons to support this endeavor. More generally though this is an investment in the church's future. The next minister at Snow Creek and at most other Disciples churches will likely be a product of the training offered by these seminaries and colleges. This is an expensive endeavor for seminaries, seminarians, and the denomination charged with providing leadership to its churches. I would encourage everyone to prayerfully consider giving to this offering in order to support the effort to train the church leadership of tomorrow. If you would like to contribute, you can donate at the church or by mail (4970 Snow Creek Rd, Martinsville, VA 24112). Please make checks out to Snow Creek Christian Church and make sure to write on them 'Thanksgiving Offering.' Thanks so much for your thoughtfulness and generosity.

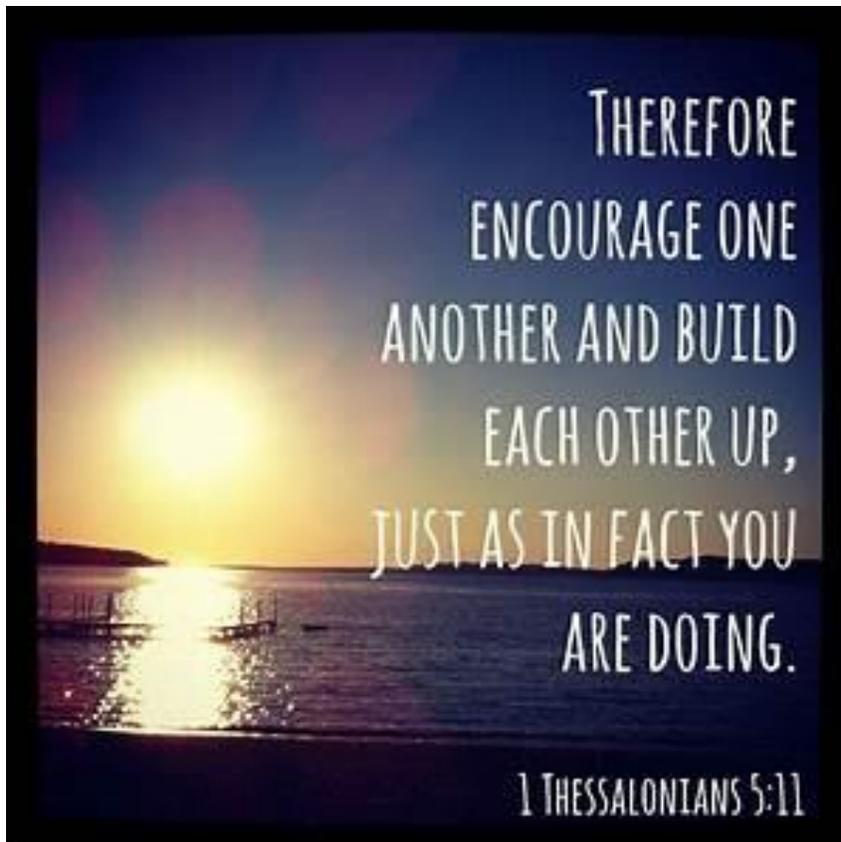
DOT'S BAPTISM

NOVEMBER 8 AT 5:00 P.M. AT THE DRIVE CHURCH SERVICE

Scott's email regarding the service

Folks. I am excited to announce that we are FINALLY going to have Dot Smith's baptism which had originally been scheduled for this past Easter. To accommodate this, we are going to move the service time to 5 PM on November 8. The reason for the time change is so that we can project the baptism outside so that everyone will get to be a part of it live. Anytime earlier than this would be too bright for the projector to work very well. My apologies for any inconvenience that this may cause, but I hope that this will allow all of us as a congregation to be a part of a very special moment for Dot. If anyone cannot make it that evening, I will also include the baptism in the online worship service that will be sent out the following Sunday. Hope everyone has a great week and God be with you.

Scott, Scott plans to incorporate the service in the online service on November 15.

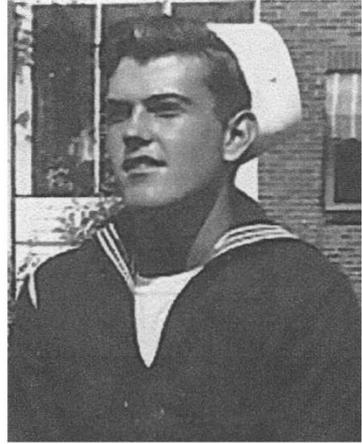


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VETERANS DAY
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Snow Creek Christian Church Veterans and Family Members









GLIMPSES OF
**One Way
Trunk or Treat**

The Church Family created a safe way for the Youth and Adults to enjoy the event in a very atypical year. Thanks to all that helped with the Event. Also, thanks to Whitney and Patti for the great pictures. I hope everyone enjoys the pictures. Do you recognize any of these goblins??











UPCOMING EVENTS

November 5 @ 5:00 p.m. THE BAPTISM OF DOT SMITH AT THE DRIVE IN SERVICE

November 15 THE BAPTISM RECORDING OF DOT'S BAPTISM WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE ONLINE SERVICE.

November 29 YOUTH SUNDAY AT THE SUNDAY DRIVE IN SERVICE
BACK PACK DONATIONS WELCOME. PLEASE INDICATE ON CHECK FOR BACK PACK.

MORE DETAILS ON ALL THE EVENTS LISTED EARLIER IN THE NEWSLETTER

THE FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT.
NOVEMBER 29



Family News

CONGRATULATIONS



To Kenny Beall and Amber on the birth of a baby boy on 10/5. His name is Kai Lucian and weight was 6 lbs. 5 oz. Kenny is the son of Ken and Michele Beall and the grandson of Del and Barbara Smith.



LET'S CELEBRATE



NOVEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Debbie Haynes
- 3 Landon Mitchell
- 5 Kay Boyd
- 7 Melody Martin
- 10 Abbey Shepherd
- 14 Josh Gardener
- 17 Walker Amos
- 19 Barbara Smith
- 26 George Martin
- 28 Terry Davidson

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Sammy & Kay Boyd
- 15 Edward & Joyce Ingram
- 15 Taylor & Heather Amos
- 30 George & Susan Martin

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