



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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# Reflections

January has been an interesting month. One Sunday we had a baptism. The next Sunday the church was empty as we had to move the service to Saturday due to bad weather. The Sunday after that the church was empty again as we worshipped in the parking lot because I had come down with a breakthrough case of COVID. I am hopeful that in February we can reasonably look forward to a little more normalcy.

At First Christian Church in Mayfield, Kentucky, they have had to adjust their worship services this past month as well. Like us and many other churches they have had to move their activities to their parking lot. Unlike us though they do not have much reason to hope that February will bring any greater sense of normalcy.

First Christian, a sister Disciples of Christ church, is worshipping in the parking lot because two weeks before Christmas their building was ripped literally in half by a tornado. Parts of the walls and roof of the sanctuary are now gone and another section of the building had been flattened to the ground. If you are wondering if there is any way to help, you

already have. In fact, you were one of the first ones to do so.

Week of Compassion is the mission fund of the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ). It is focused around three areas of financial support: disaster response, sustainable development to address the root causes of poverty in impoverished areas of the world, and support for refugee populations. Already this year, right here in the United States, Week of Compassion has contributed to relief projects responding to the December tornado outbreak, long-term rebuilding projects from Hurricanes Harvey and Florence, and resettlement efforts for refugees of the War in Afghanistan. That does not begin to touch on the myriad causes that Week of Compassion supported all over the world in years past.

When disaster strikes, people see the news footage of volunteers coming to swing hammers and haul boards. In reality, what is more often needed is not boots on the ground, but money. Money can be transformed much more easily into specific solutions for the various forms of suffering that we find throughout the world than can volunteers with limited skills and limited resources. We may not all be able

to lift a board to frame a house, but we can all lift a pen and write a check and you all have.

In 2020, I never imagined that we could raise \$1,000 for Week of Compassion in my first year at Snow Creek, but we did. In 2021, I certainly never imagined us being able to top that without anyone even coming inside the building for worship, but did we ever. We raised over \$1,700. This year, I find it hard to imagine that we could top that given all of the challenges that the church has undergone recently, but maybe we could pull off another miracle. I am challenging the church to see if we can increase our giving to Week of Compassion this year to over \$2,000.

Our weekly worship attendance has held steady at around 40 people a week since reopening the sanctuary in December. \$2000 would mean \$50 from every person that walked in the building one Sunday. That is a lot, but it is also dinner and a movie for two one night or a full tank of gas. For a congregation that now knows what it is like to be without a building, wouldn't that be worth giving to help someone else rebuild theirs? If you would like to contribute to Week of Compassion we will be collecting that special offering on February 20 and 27. Checks can be made to Snow Creek Christian Church and designated *Week of Compassion*. Please give.

God be with you.

Scott.



## February Lectionary Readings

### Sermon topic in *italics*

February 6 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 138
- 1 Corinthians 15:1-11
- *Luke 5:1-11*

February 13 (6<sup>th</sup> after the Epiphany)

- *Jeremiah 17:5-10*
- Psalm 1
- 1 Corinthians 15:12-20
- Luke 6:17-26

February 20 (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday after the Epiphany)

- *Genesis 45:3-22*
- Psalm 37:1-11, 39-40
- 1 Corinthians 15:35-38, 42-50
- Luke 6:27-38

February 27 (Transfiguration Sunday)

- Exodus 34:29-35
- Psalm 99
- 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2
- *Luke 9:28-43a*



## Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

14-November-2021

G.B. called the meeting to order. Scott had our opening prayer. Minutes were reviewed and approved.

A motion was made to correct the name Homestead Dairy in the Treasurer's Report.

Treasurer's Report- Bud presented an itemized list of offerings from September and October as well as other funding from memorials, special offerings and giving's and operating expenses from those months. Total giving amount for September was \$4,425 and total expenses were \$3,471. Total giving amount for October was \$7,557 and total expenses were \$5,232. Bud also made a suggestion to shop around CDs that had matured in 2021 to find better rates in light of inflation trends. Krystal made a motion to approve the report and Vivian seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report- Scott suggested moving the December board meeting from December 12 to December 5. He also suggested that we continue holding worship services in the parking lot until then. This was in order to get a better feel for what coronavirus spread in our area looked like before potentially reinstating indoor worship services to accommodate the children's Christmas play which will be held as part of the worship service on December 12. A motion was made to move the board meeting.

Committee Reports-

Outreach — Linda made a motion to continue the increase the in outreach funding from last year to this year. Curtis seconded the motion

Old Business- The large dead tree behind the church fell on November 10.

New Business-

Calendar of Events-

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted,

Susan Walker, Secretary

## Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

05-December — 2021

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

Treasurer's Report- Bud had the treasurer's report for November. Total donations including regular offerings as well as special donations was \$6146.00. Total operating expenses and other expenditures was \$5082.00. These amounts did not factor in the parsonage rental. Barbara made a motion to approve the report and Doug seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report- Scott said it had been a quiet November but things would be changing in December. He wanted to thank everyone for his or her donations. He also wanted to thank the children for all the work they had been putting in on the Christmas program.

Scott wanted to know people's thoughts on having the children's program inside. He also went over some data as to how the covid virus numbers were trending down. Del made a motion to resume indoor services beginning the week of December 12" and Doug seconded the motion, motion passed.

Scott will send out an e-mail to let everyone know we will be resuming indoor worship.

Outreach- Linda had stated at the previous month's meeting that she would like to continue with the outreach funding going to 8 families in the amounts of \$800.00 each for a total of \$6400.00. That was passed and will continue.

Linda also asked for the dollar amount of \$300.00 to be set for fruit baskets for people in the community. There have been several deaths of those names on the existing list and those names will come off the list of recipients. Linda would like to know if there are any new names that need to be added. She would propose the \$300.00 be distributed evenly across that list of names. Kay made a motion to approve that amount and Doug seconded, motion carried.

Old Business- The cost to have the tree removed was \$1000.00

New Business- The copy machine has been having issues such as jams, etc. for some time. The machine is 15 years old. There was discussion in regards to the cost of the maintenance contract versus the cost of a new machine. That subject will need to be reviewed.

Calendar of Events-

The Children's Christmas Program Sunday, December 12 during the morning service.

Christmas Eve Service 9:00 PM on Friday, December 24

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary

# *New Members*

Welcome to our new members, **Patricia Stegall** and **Ricky Norris**. Both joined the church on January 2, 2022



# *Baptism*

Baptism of Ricky Norris on January 9 by Minister Scott Oliver





## I Corinthians 15:1-8

<sup>1</sup>Now, brothers, I want to remind you of the gospel I preached to you, which you received and on which you have taken your stand. <sup>2</sup>By this gospel you are saved, if you hold firmly to the word I preached to you. Otherwise, you have believed in vain.







# Family News

**Heather Via Braddock and Stephen Braddock** have announced the birth of their son, ***Peyton Henry*** on January 12 week weighing 7lbs and 22 inches long.

He is the grandson of Michele and Donald Via  
We are all so very smitten over our little babe.



# In Memory of



Charles Howard Mitchell, 91, of Snow Creek, Virginia died on January 31, 2022. He was born on September 19, 1930, in Franklin County, Virginia to the late Lawson Mitchell and Bessie Bennett Mitchell. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brothers, Glenn Mitchell, Talmadge Mitchell, and Andrew Mitchell; sisters, Ina Hundley, Virginia Hurd, and Edith Wingfield; and special friends, Bobby and Eleanor Washburn.

Howard was a life-long resident of Snow Creek and a member of Snow Creek Christian Church. He was a member of Snow Creek #90 Masonic Lodge. He has farmed the family farm all his life, raising tobacco and cattle. One of Howard's favorite past times was chipping golf balls at "the cabin" with his brothers and friends.

He was an avid bird hunter with his trusty dogs Pat and Trouble by his side.

Surviving is his wife of 70 years, Betty Bondurant Mitchell; his sons and daughters-in-law, Davy and Lynn Mitchell, Stevie Mitchell and friend, Jill Prillaman, Ronnie and Donna Mitchell, Danny and Tammi Mitchell, and Andrew and Amy Mitchell; sister, Lois Hundley; and brother, Russell Mitchell. Also surviving are his brothers-in-law and sisters-in-law, Jackie and Gretchen Bondurant, Bobby and Judy Bondurant, and G.T. and Carol Bondurant; grandchildren, Chas Mitchell, Whitney Eanes, Lee Mitchell, Luke Mitchell, Jonathan Mitchell, Ron Mitchell, Katie Mitchell, Cameron Mitchell, Nick Mitchell, Holden Mitchell, Evan Mitchell, and Bryce Mitchell; and twelve great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 11 a.m. on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville Chapel with Pastor Scott Oliver officiating. Visitation will be one hour prior to the service with burial at Roselawn Burial Park.

In lieu of flowers, memorial donations may be made to Snow Creek Christian Church, 4970 Snow Creek Rd., Martinsville, VA 24112.

Norris Funeral Services, Martinsville, VA is serving the Mitchell family. Online condolences may be made at [norrisfuneral.com](http://norrisfuneral.com)

On a personal note: There are many good things you can say about Howard. I would like to mention his love of music. He loved to listen to the music at Church. You could see his face light up and the joy in his eyes. He really enjoyed seeing the Church kids sing when they came to his house for Christmas caroling. He will be truly missed. Barbara



**LET'S CELEBRATE**



**FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS**

- 2 Misty Martin
- 6 Steve Jordan
- 11 Phil Winn
- 11 Evan Mitchell
- 12 Veronica Doyle
- 14 Oaklyn Washburn
- 15 Baylee Dalton
- 15 Tony Plybon
- 16 Silas Amos
- 22 Heather Via,
- 22 Susan Gardner
- 23 Del Smith
- 25 Ruby Mae Oakes,
- 25 Phillip Haynes

**FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES**

- 5 Davy & Lynn Mitchell
- 15 Jim & Nancy Compton

**MARCH BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Susan Walker
- 2 Kellyn Eanes
- 5 Doug Davidson,
- 5 Ryland Mitchell
- 6 Bryce Mitchell
- 9 Joshua Washburn
- 11 Nancy Robertson
- 20 Stevie & Davy Mitchell
- 24 Louise Washburn
- 30 Breanna Robertson
- 31 Todd Martin

**MARCH ANNIVERSARIES**

- 16 Tony & Nancy Plybon

Please email me any additions or corrections to the birthday or anniversaries list.

If you have information for the newsletter on our church family, please email me at [barb-smith@b2xonline.com](mailto:barb-smith@b2xonline.com) or call me at 540 352 4535 or relay in person.

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*But love your enemies, and do good,  
and lend, expecting nothing back;  
and your reward will be great, and  
you will be children of the Most  
High; for he is kind toward the  
unthankful and evil.*

*Luke 6:35*