



Snow Creek Christian Church

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July 2022

Reflections

July is set to be a busy month. First up on the docket is homecoming on July 10th. This is a special one for a couple of reasons. First, this is the 150th anniversary of the founding of the church. Second, it is the first homecoming that we have had in three years. It has been so long that I was an invited guest at the last one, still several weeks away from beginning my tenure at Snow Creek. We are long overdue for a celebration.

And a celebration it will be. First, a reminder to everyone that the service will kick off an hour earlier than usual at 10 AM. Part of the celebration is that as a reward for being there early you do not have to listen to me preach. The guest preacher that morning will be Rev. Bob Mooty. Among other credentials, Bob served as the senior minister at Timberlake Christian Church in Lynchburg for nearly thirty years until his retirement in 2019. For the last ten of those, he was my pastor as I was a member of that congregation and for the past three years he has graciously served as my designated clergy mentor throughout my journey through seminary and as a student minister. I think you will be in for a treat as Bob is a much better preacher than what Snow Creek has been accustomed to the last three years at least and an even better person.

In addition to the enhanced preaching, the music is sure to surpass even its normally high standards. Not only will the choir perform during the

service, but the gospel group that our very own Mike Doyle is a part of, the Spiritualaires, will put on their always highly anticipated concert following the conclusion of that service. And that is not even the best part. After the concert, it will be time for food and fellowship and there will be plenty of both. The meal will be pot luck so bring a dish and come enjoy the fare, the friendships, and the fun as we celebrate 150 years of service to Christ and blessings from him on July 10th.

Then, after everyone gets a good nap from all of that morning's excitement, the fun continues for the little ones as Snow Creek Christian Church is again partnering with Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, Trinity Baptist Church, and Covenant Community Church to put on a week-long Vacation Bible School. It will be from 5:30 to 8:30 each evening from Sunday, July 10th through Thursday, July 14th at Trinity Baptist. All kids ages 3 to 13 are invited to attend as we spend the week learning about Christ and experiencing the joy of God's love together.

But with all the fun and excitement in store, it is also important that we remember that July also holds challenges for many in our community. Specifically, I would like to call attention to Caden Price, an infant in the community who is suffering from biliary atresia, a condition that affects the liver, and will likely have to undergo a liver

transplant within the coming year. The church will be taking up a special offering at homecoming to can make a check out to Snow Creek Christian Church and please write on the check *Caden Price*. All money so designated will then be given to the *Fight for Caden* fund that his family has established.

For 150 years now, God has blessed Snow Creek with a church made to celebrate God in joy and fellowship, to teach and share the good news of Jesus Christ, and to support those in our midst in

try and help support he and his family through this difficult time. If you would like to contribute, you their times of need. On July 10th and throughout the month of July I encourage everyone to come and participate in that mission of the church with a spirit of thanksgiving towards God who has given us so much.

God be with you.

Scott

July Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

July 3 (4th Sunday after Pentecost)

- 2 Kings 5:1-14
- Psalm 30
- Galatians 6:1-16
- *Luke 10:1-11, 16-20*

July 17 (6th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Amos 8:1-12
- Psalms 52
- Colossians 1:15-28
- *Luke 10:38-42*

July 10 (5th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Amos 7:7-17
- Psalm 82
- Colossians 1:1-14
- *Luke 10:25-37*

July 24 (7th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Hosea 1:2-10
- Psalm 85
- Colossians 2:6-19
- *Luke 11:1-13*

July 31 (8th Sunday after Pentecost)

- Hosea:11:1-11
- Psalm 107:1-9, 43
- *Colossians 3:1-11*
- Luke 12:13-21



Caden Price



Please join in praying for Caden Price and family. He is the two-month-old son of Michael and Amanda Price. He has two sisters, Ava, and Bethany. Grandparents are Dale and Brenda Matherly and Larry and Debbie Price. He has been diagnosed with biliary atresia and is scheduled to have surgery the digestion and carry wastes from the liver out of the body. When blocked ducts prevent bile from being excreted, the liver becomes damaged.

This is Caden's story: What started as a regular day on Wednesday, May 11 quickly turned when the pediatrician told Mike & Amanda to take Caden directly to the Emergency Room. That was the beginning of Caden's journey. After spending 12+ hours in the ER, they were informed that Caden's liver was not properly functioning, and he would need to be admitted for

extensive tests and bloodwork to determine the cause. Although the medical team had hoped to treat with medication, it was quickly revealed that medications were not working. For the next several days, this little fighter endured numerous sticks for IVs and blood samples. An abdominal ultrasound was performed and by the end of the week, the medical team suspected the cause to be biliary atresia. A liver biopsy was scheduled on the following Monday. On Tuesday, the medical team performed 2 HIDA scans (a diagnostic imaging technique which uses an injected radioactive dye to determine whether there is bile flow from the liver into the gallbladder and intestines) and scheduled another HIDA scan for Wednesday morning. That night, the doctor communicated the preliminary results of the tests which indicated it was

Caden Price Special Offering

Caden Price is a local infant, and relative of a couple of members of the congregation, who is suffering from **Biliary Atresia**, a liver condition. In conjunction with homecoming, the church will be taking up a special offering to help provide financial support in this difficult time. Below is a more detailed account of Caden's struggle provided by his family. However, the information is a bit dated. To update, Caden did undergo the Kasai procedure mentioned, but it was largely unsuccessful and led to him being hospitalized for several weeks with a severe infection. He was released from the hospital at the end of June, but is almost certainly going to require a liver transplant within the next year. If you would like to donate to the "Fight for Caden" fund, you are able to do so through the church by writing a check to Snow Creek Christian Church and designating on the check "Caden Price". If you would like to send that by mail the address for the church is 4970 Snow Creek Rd., Martinsville, VA 24112. We have already encouraged all those who received invitations to homecoming to donate and I would hope that with your support we will be able to produce a generous contribution to the Price family. Thank you all so much for your giving and may God use it to help ease the suffering that this family is enduring.

UPCOMING EVENTS

The month of July our Church will be involved two great events. We will celebrate The 150th anniversary of the Church. Wow! The Church has survived a lot of major events in history and still remaining strong.

We will also participate in a Community VBS with other area Churches.

The Youth will enjoy worship, fellowships, meals, crafts, music, and other activities with Youth in the area.

July 10 -14 Community Vacation Bible School. Flyer below in Youth news

July 10 - The Church family and visitors will celebrate the 150th anniversary of the Church. The message by Minister Bob Moody will begin at 10: 00 a.m.

The Spiritualaires will follow with music. A potluck Meal will be in the Social Hall following the music. As mentioned above by Minister Scott, we will have a special offering for Caden Price. **Please join us!**

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Church Board Minutes

Snow Creek Christian Church Board Meeting

01-May-2022

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 presented copies of the Treasurer's report for the months of February and March. February had been an above average month of giving with memorial gifts and the Week of Compassion offering. Operating expenses were average for both months. Curtis made a motion to approve the report and Joyce seconded, motion carried.

Pastor's Report- Scott wanted to thank everyone for his or her contributions to the annual Easter offering. He also stated on May 29 and June 5 we will be taking up for the annual Pentecost offering. This offering goes out to support the Disciples of Christ, which in turn goes out to support new churches and ministries.

Scott is excited about the new Sunday school format being offered for both the middle school age kids and parents. He also wanted to thank all those who helped with all the events around Holy Week and Easter this past month.

Vacation Bible School dates have been finalized. It will start on Sunday, July 10 and run nightly through Thursday, July 14 from 5:30-8:30 at Trinity Baptist Church. This year it will include 5 churches and anyone who could volunteer to help during that week would be greatly appreciated.

Scott will be out of town Sunday June 19 and June 26 for classes at Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky. His mentor Bob Mooty will preach those 2 Sundays. Joyce made a motion to pay Bob \$150.00 for each of those dates and Linda seconded, motion carried.

The weekend of May 27-30, the Christian Church in Virginia has scheduled a work weekend for maintenance and improvements on Craig Springs. Scott is looking to possibly taking a group of people up on Friday, May 27 and coming back late Saturday, May 28. Anyone is welcome to participate. The Regional Assembly will be held on Saturday, June 5 at the University of Lynchburg if anyone is interested in attending.

Committee Reports-

Property- There was a pipe or fitting that has burst and caused a leak in one of the walls downstairs. This will have to be repaired or replaced. Most likely, the repair would include starting somewhere before the leak and then going out beyond. GB is going to have Ricky look at it but Bud said he could also look to see if this is something he may be able to fix. Kay is going to bring a dehumidifier up later today to help remove some of the water that is standing. Scott said he would empty on Monday.

Worship

Media

Fund raiser-

Old Business- GB said he did not feel the plaque in honor of memorial recipients was a good idea because he was afraid someone would not be recognized and it may cause hard feelings. He said the board could think this over further for possible consideration.

Joyce said Rocky Mount Christian gets \$900.00 a month in rent for their parsonage and it is located in the middle of Rocky Mount. The church will stay with the amount we are currently getting for rent.

New Business-

Calendar of Events-

GB would like to move the June Board meeting up to the first Sunday in June as he is going to be out of town the second Sunday.

Scott had our closing prayer.

Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted

Susan Walker, Secretary

We have
not stopped
praying
for you.
We
continually
ask God
to fill you
with the
knowledge
of his will
through
all the wisdom
and understanding
that the Spirit gives.
-Colossians 1:9



OUR PRAYER

HISTORY OF THE CHURCH

The following are memories of the Church by past and present members:

Memories of the Church by Gladys Washburn

A brief history of the Snow Creek Christian Church by past Church historian Gladys Washburn in approximately 1967.

The Church was organized March 13, 1872, and twenty-five charter members purchased one square acre of land from Dr. Ben Tatum for the sum of \$20.00.

Silas Garrett Bernard was the first Trustee of the Church. Some members when the Church was first built were Coopers, Waltons, Bernards, George and Charlie Brodie, Giles, Hundleys, Doyles, Parkers, Stocktons, Cox family, David Davis family, Martins, and Gravelys. Only one daughter, Mrs. Annie Martin, of the George Brodie family is still living, though many descendants still live in the Snow Creek Valley and are members of the present Church.

Organists in the old Church were Cenia Brodie, Annie Brodie (Martin) and Miss Estelle Stultz. T.J. Stone was the first minister. Rev. William C. Clark was a long time minister, having served forty years.

The first wedding in the old Church was that of Miss Elizabeth Brodie to Mr. William G. Lester of Abingdon on November 25, 1910.

The original Church building was torn away and the new Church was built in 1953 and was dedicated June 13, 1954. An addition was made to the present Church, and we are planning another addition this July.

The first person baptized in the baptistry of the new Church was Daphne Virginia Washburn on the second Sunday in August 1954. The first wedding in the Church was that of Nancy Lee Perdue to Allen B. Cooper.

The parsonage was built in 1966-1967. Then we went to a full-time pastorate and called Rev. Berlin G. Hanks, a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary, to our pastorate in 1967. We thank God he is still with us.



William C. Clark

In part from "History of Snow Creek Church 1872-1954 " by Eliza Pearson

The two denominations brought many talented men to serve them through the years-men like Dameron, Lucas, Cutler, Bullard, and among the latest ones in the eighties, T.J. Stone, who served as pastor until the late nineties, and after a short interval, the Rev. W.C. Clark came as pastor and remained until the early forties when ill health caused a break and his career came to an end in 1945. The much beloved Rev. Clark served Snow Creek Church as pastor for 40 years, being held in high esteem by both Methodists and Christians.

Memories of the Church by Calvin Martin

As mentioned in a previous article, Calvin began attending Snow Creek Christian Church when he was very young. He attended Church with his parents and siblings. He lived most of his life across from the Church. He remembers going to Sunday School when he was young in the 1930's. The Church was a two-story building at the time. He says William Cutler Clark was the preacher at the time (more about Minister Clark below). According to Calvin, Minister Clark drove a car to Church from another area and he joined families of the Church for meals.

Calvin joined the Church and was baptized in 1966.

He remembers when the new Church building was completed in 1954.

He states one of his fondest memories of the Church is when he and his brother, Harold, gathered wood from the land surrounding the Church for firewood for the Church stove. The land was owned by his family at the time. His Uncle Burwell Washburn (married to Calvin's Aunt Molly Martin) took collections at the Church for the wood. He gave the collections to Calvin and Harold. He was around 10 years old at the time.

Memories of the Church by Ruby Martin Plybon

NOTES FROM THE FIRST SERVICE IN THE NEW CHURCH IN JANUARY 1954. (The notes were from the files of Ruby Martin Plybon. She was the Church Treasurer at the time. The author of the notes is uncertain. Ruby may have written the notes but did not indicate the name of the author on the notes.)

At the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the second Sunday in January 1954, the dreams of many people were realized. On this day, the congregation of Snow Creek Church held their first service in this New Church, with Mr. Carl Howard, student pastor, bringing the message.

About 13 years ago, a need was felt on the part of several Members of the 82-year-old Church for a new Church building. However, nothing was done and the idea lapsed for several years. Later, a Building Fund was created but the idea of a New Church just remained an idea. In the winter of 1953, final plans were made for a new building and in the middle of June of the same year, actual work on the building was started.

The Church that we worship in today was built through cooperative thoughts, efforts, and hard work with both Methodist and Disciples congregations, not to build a Methodist or Christian Church, but to build a Church where any man, regardless of his denomination affiliation, could come and worship God.

There was courage, efforts, insight, and continuing prayer before and during the construction of this edifice. We were only able to erect it through the strength received from God, who has so greatly blessed us.

Memories of the Christian Youth Fellowship by Curtis Washburn.

In remembering back many years ago, probably 1948, the Church Youth Sunday School class went on a picnic trip to Mrs. Fanny Cooke's home on Turkeycock Mountain. We were riding on a 1 ½ ton truck when we found the road blocked by an automobile. My cousin went to check on the car. The keys were in it, so he moved it off the road. The car was loaded with moonshine. We saw no one, so we continued on our journey and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on the mountain.

During those years, the Christian Youth Fellowship was very active with large numbers of youth. My wife was a member of another church but she joined our Christian Youth Fellowship before we were married. I think Reverend Boswell was our minister at this time.

OUR PAST AND CURRENT MINISTERS





Youth News

Vacation Bible School

Snow Creek Christian Church will join Covenant Community Church, Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren, Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church, and Trinity Baptist Church to participate in a joint Vacation Bible school at Trinity Baptist Church in July. Please spread the word to interested children.



*Come join us for Vacation Bible School at
Trinity Baptist Church
2370 Snow Creek Rd
Martinsville, VA*

July 10-14
5:30-8:30pm

DINNER PROVIDED

Early registration begins May 10th!

Website vbspro.events/p/communityvbs22



Memory of Community VBS at our Church in 2019



LET'S CELEBRATE



JULY BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Conner Amos
- 1 Casey Eanes
- 12 Brodie Eanes
- 14 Gusta Morris
- 16 Jarrett Amos
- 16 Wanda Damon
- 21 Ericia Pruett
- 26 Terry Doyle
- 27 Troy Washburn
- 31 Scott Oliver

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

- 10 Scott & Laurie Oliver
- 28 Mark & Pam Gabriel

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Pam Doyle
- 4 Kenny Beall
- 7 Westlee Martin
- 10 Russell Tiley
- 13 Taylee Amos
- 15 Beth Oliver
- 22 Ricky Norris
- 22 Patti Amos
- 24 Dean Arrington

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

- 5 Bill and Beth Oliver
- 10 Ken & Michele Beall

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