



## Snow Creek Christian Church

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MARCH 2023

# Reflections

I have always found March to be a weird month. Is it still winter or is it time to celebrate spring? From year to year the groundhog can never decide and from day to day it is hard for us to either. It is said to come in like a lion and go out like a lamb, but I have seen years of sub-freezing temperatures and even snow in late March, not to mention the occasional thunderstorm or tornado. The new year always begins in the dead of winter and by the time we get to March I am ready for something different. March always seems a bit of a tease as to when spring will come and when it does whether it will be here to stay.

March can be maddening, but rarely boring. My yard and my flower beds are telling me that there is much to be done to be ready for the spring growth. In the church year the sentiment is the same. This year March will not quite get us to the great celebration of Easter. Holy Week begins just after March's expiration as Palm Sunday is on April 2<sup>nd</sup>. Later that week I would invite everyone to come to worship with the church on Maundy Thursday and Good Friday. Those will be joint services with Pleasant Grove United Methodist. Thursday, April 6<sup>th</sup> we will host at 7:00 and then be at Pleasant Grove that Friday, April 7<sup>th</sup>, also at 7:00. Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup> bring the kids out for our

annual Easter egg hunt and then Sunday, April 9<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the return of our Lord (and hopefully the pretty spring weather as well) in worship on Easter Sunday.

Until then though March is not boring. It is the time of preparation. we are in the midst of the understated season of Lent, where we are called to repent and turn our full attention back to the gift of that Resurrection that we are getting ready to celebrate. If you have chosen to give up something for Lent or adopt a Lenten discipline, March marks that tough middle period where the rubber meets the road. This year it is the stretch where the early enthusiasm will start to fade but Easter still seems a ways out.

This is the time when the plants begin to bud and the grass begins to green and grow. Nature is doing all of its hidden work to soon blossom. It may not seem like much is going on in March but keep doing the spiritual work that will help you to blossom as well. March can at times be maddening, but keep on keeping on in your faith with an eye to the renewal of Resurrection.

God be with you,  
Scott.

## March Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

March 5 (2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- *Genesis 12:1-4a*
- Psalm 121
- Romans 4:1-5, 13-17
- *John 3:1-17* OR Matthew 17:1-9

March 19 (4<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- *1 Samuel 16:1-13*
- Psalm 23
- Ephesians 5:8-14
- John 9:1-41

March 12 (3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- *Exodus 17:1-7*
- Psalm 95
- Romans 5:1-11
- *John 4:5-42*

March 26 (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent)

- Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 130
- Romans 8:6-11
- *John 11:1-45*



# *Board Minutes*

11-December-2022

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

Treasurer's Report- Bud had the treasurer's report for the month of November. He stated it had been a quiet month. Total offerings and donations were around \$8618.00. Operating expenses were larger than typical due to local outreach donations for \$6,600.00. Bud stated overall it was still an exceptional month. Joyce made a motion to accept the report as presented and Kay seconded the motion, motion carried.

Pastor's Report- Scott said the youth are going to the Trampoline Park in Salem after the Sunday service today December 11. He also said the youth had been rehearsing the past few weeks for the Christmas play that will be a part of the worship service on December 18,

Scott wanted to thank the Outreach Committee for taking care of the annual contributions and for purchasing the fruit baskets that will be distributed over the holidays. Scott said the plan is to deliver most of those as part of the youth caroling event planned for December 18<sup>o</sup>,

The Christmas Eve service will be on Saturday, December 24 at 9. Scott still needs some volunteers to read scripture as part of that service.

Scott will be gone 2 weeks in January and Rev. Bob Mooty will fill in as guest preacher. Scott said there had been discussion in regards to cancelling the January board meeting due to his absence. The board agreed to cancel January's meeting. Scott said he would like to suggest inviting Regional Minister, Bill Spangler-Dunning to speak at homecoming in 2023. Someone will reach out.

Heather Amos has asked if a group of people could use the church for a Zumba class 1 or 2 nights a week. G.B said there were several things that needed to be considered such insurance liability and the logistics of making sure there is access to enter the church without giving out security codes. Bud thinks it could be an opportunity. Providing church access to the community could potentially bring in new church members. Scott will get more info from Heather.

Old Business- Joyce is the Deacon Chair and GB is the Elder Chair. There has not been any developments between the Prillamans' and the church in regards to the cemetery.

New Business- There will be more discussions in regards to community use of the church. The Christmas gift checks will be presented during the Christmas Program Sunday the 18

Bud had our closing prayer. Meeting Adjourned,

Respectively Submitted, Susan Walker, Secretary

## INFORMATION FOR ALL ELDERS AND DEACONS FROM G.B. AND JOYCE.

G.B Washburn is currently the Head Elder and Joyce Ingram is the Head Deacon.

Each Sunday they will determine if adequate Elders and Deacons are available. They will assign someone if necessary.

If an Elder is unable to serve the day scheduled to serve, please notify G.B. You can call or text him at 540 493 8473.

If a Deacon is unable to serve the day scheduled to serve, please notify Joyce at 540 576 2854 or email at [joyce.ingram@changehealthcare.com](mailto:joyce.ingram@changehealthcare.com)

### **Ephesians 5:8-14**

**8 For once you were full of darkness,  
but now you have light from the  
Lord. So live as people of light! 9 For  
this light within you produces only  
what is good and right and true.**

SpringLife





# *New Members*



*Please welcome our newest member Ashley Washburn to the Church. She is the wife of Trey Washburn and the daughter in law of G.B. and Krystal Washburn.*

# *Upcoming Events*


**Sunday March 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 a.m.** Men's Prayer Breakfast in the Church Social Hall.

**Thursday April 6 at 7:00 P.M.** Joint Maundy Thursday worship at Snow Creek Christian Church. with Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Please contact Scott if would be willing to participate in the service.

**Friday April 7 at 7:00 pm** Joint Good Friday service at Pleasant Grove United Methodist Church. Everyone is invited and encouraged to attend. Please contact Scott if you are willing to participate in the service.

**Saturday April 8 at 10:00 a.m.** Community Easter Egg Hunt at the Church. Events for Elementary age youth and older youth. More details to follow.

**Sunday April 9** during worship service on Easter Sunday, planned baptism of Landon Mitchell, Ryland Mitchell, and Addison Brown.



**Let Israel hope in the  
LORD: for with the LORD  
there is mercy, and with  
him is plenteous  
redemption.**

**—Psalm 130:7**

# Youth News

Congratulations



Leslie Amos placed first in the Franklin County spelling bee.



# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE







# *HAPPY 90<sup>TH</sup> BIRTHDAY TO RUBY MAE OAKES.*

SHE ATTENDED THE  
WORKSHIP SERVICE ON SUNDAY RECENTLY WITH SEVERAL OF  
HER FAMILY MEMBERS PRESENT IN HONOR OF THE EVENT.



**LET'S CELEBRATE**



**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

**APRIL BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Eddie Brown
- 3 Joyce Ingram
- 7 Isaiah Jordan
- 10 Tressi Mitchell
- 17 Tim Scott
- 22 Whitney Eanes
- 22 Pam Gabriel
- 23 Betty Lou Cooper
- 25 Walker Pruett
- 30 Josh Washburn

**APRIL ANNIVERSARIES**

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

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

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