



# Snow Creek Christian Church

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May 2024

## Reflections

Does eternal life ever get old? We are supposed to answer no to that, the alternative being, of course, death, the end of all that is. So, as Christians, every Sunday is supposed to be a celebration of the promise of eternal life in Christ. In reality, though, we typically reserve one big celebration of this each year for Easter and then the life we know again commands our attention.

This is mirrored in the Gospels and the Acts of the Apostles. We have the big reveal of the empty tomb on the Day of the Resurrection, but that quickly gives way to the ongoing story of the church. As the church season of Easter comes to an end this month we continue to celebrate this promise of everlasting life embodied in the risen Christ, but we also turn to look ahead to see what that life holds in store.

On May 19<sup>th</sup>, fifty days after Easter Sunday, we will remember the day of Pentecost. By that point in the scriptures Jesus had ascended ahead of his followers into the eternal life to come, but the Spirit of God then descends upon that same group in powerful fashion. There is wind. There is fire. The disciples begin speaking in languages they have never known. They are able to share the message of their teacher in ways they never expected. That community of believers then grows and spreads into places they never imagined. Empowered by the Holy Spirit, the church is born.

Easter is not just meant to be a fun holiday that comes around once a year. Jesus' Resurrection

was an event meant to lead us to the Spirit of God and the life of the church. The problem with that Spirit, and by extension the church, is that it is unpredictable. We can read the story of Jesus' life in the Scriptures. The story of the Spirit and the church are still being written. There is no way to look up how that Spirit will move among us in the future or to mark on the calendar when it will make its presence felt.

It is a mystery, but one meant to be discovered over the ages through the church. The church is the living, breathing, active assembly of all those who believe in the Good News heralded on that Easter Sunday so long ago. That church does not look the same as it did when it was first formed on Pentecost; nothing like it. But make no mistake that the Spirit is still very much alive within it.

This month I do not have a lot of news to report on the church here in Snow Creek. We are getting into that time of years when the days are longer, the weather is warmer, and the kids and grand-kids are getting out of school. People are making plans for summer vacations for themselves and get-togethers for their families. May is typically when the Easter miracle begins to fade into the rearview mirror as summer begins to loom large up ahead. But that Easter miracle is not done with us. It is leading us into the work of the Spirit and the unknown of new life. It is still at work in the church to spread the Good News in unexpected places and unimagined ways. On behalf that church, I invite you to come and find how that

Spirit is still blowing here in Snow Creek and burning within its people to share the love of Christ and the continued promise of Easter morning.

God be with you.

Scott.

## May Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

May 5<sup>th</sup> (6<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 10:44-48
- Psalm 98
- *1 John 5:1-6*
- John 15:9-17

May 19<sup>th</sup> (Day of Pentecost)

- *Acts 2:1-21* OR Ezekiel 37:1-14
- Psalm 104:24-34, 35b
- Romans 8:22-27 OR *Acts 2:1-21*
- John 15:26-27; 16:4b-15

May 12<sup>th</sup> (7<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter)

- Acts 1:15-17, 21-26
- Psalm 1
- *1 John 5:9-13*
- John 17:6-19

May 26<sup>th</sup> (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Pentecost)

- Isaiah 6:1-8
- Psalm 29
- Romans 8:12-17
- John 3:1-17




# Pentecost Special Offering

The Pentecost special offering is the 2<sup>nd</sup> of 4 holiday offerings (Easter, Pentecost, Thanksgiving, and Christmas) that we take up annually for the Disciples Mission Fund of the Disciples of Christ. In the spirit of Pentecost and the celebration of the birth of the church, this particular offering goes to support new Disciples of Christ churches. Acts recalls how at the birth of the church the Holy Spirit descended upon the disciples and then spread throughout the new church community. This Holy Spirit is the foundation of the church, but it goes nowhere without those who work to support it. I would encourage you to continue the work of those first Apostles as the Disciples of Christ strive to plan, nurture, and sustain new places for people to come worship God and engage with the Holy Spirit. If you would like to contribute, we will be taking up this offering on the final **Sunday of May, May 12<sup>th</sup>** and on **Pentecost Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**. Please make any checks out to Snow Creek Christian Church and make sure to write on them Special Pentecost Offering. You can also mail a check to the church at 4970 Snow Creek Rd. Thank you so much for your support in helping to grow the church as a whole by helping to plant new communities for its work to be done.



## *HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY*

### **A MOTHER'S LOVE**



**A mother's love is something  
that no one can explain,  
It is made of deep devotion  
and of sacrifice and pain,  
It is endless and unselfish  
and enduring come what may  
For nothing can destroy it  
or take that love away...  
It is patient and forgiving  
when all others are forsaking,  
And it never fails or falters  
even though the heart is break-  
ing...  
It believes beyond believing  
when the world around condemns,  
And it grows with all the beauty  
of the rarest, brightest gems...  
It is far beyond defining,  
it defies all explanation,  
And it still remains a secret  
like the mysteries of creation...  
A many splendored miracle  
man cannot understand  
And another wonderful evidence  
of God's tender guiding hand  
Helen Steiner Rice**





"God Bless The USA"

If tomorrow all the things were gone I'd worked for all my life  
And I had to start again with just my children and my wife  
I'd thank my lucky stars to be livin' here today  
'Cause the flag still stands for freedom and they can't take that away

And I'm proud to be an American where as least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA

From the lakes of Minnesota, to the hills of Tennessee  
Across the plains of Texas, from sea to shining sea  
From Detroit down to Houston and New York to LA  
Well, there's pride in every American heart  
And it's time to stand and say that

I'm proud to be an American where as least I know I'm free  
And I won't forget the men who died, who gave that right to me  
And I'd gladly stand up next to you and defend her still today  
'Cause there ain't no doubt I love this land God bless the USA

~Lee Greenwood

# Youth News



(Mat 19:14 NKJV) But Jesus said, "Let the little children come to Me, and do not forbid them; for of such is the kingdom of heaven."















# Country Breakfast



**Date May 4, 2024**

**Time: 7AM til 10AM**

**Price: adults \$10 children 5 yrs. and under \$5**

## **Menu**

**Ham, Sausage, Eggs, Gravy, Pancakes, Rolls**

*Eat in or take out*

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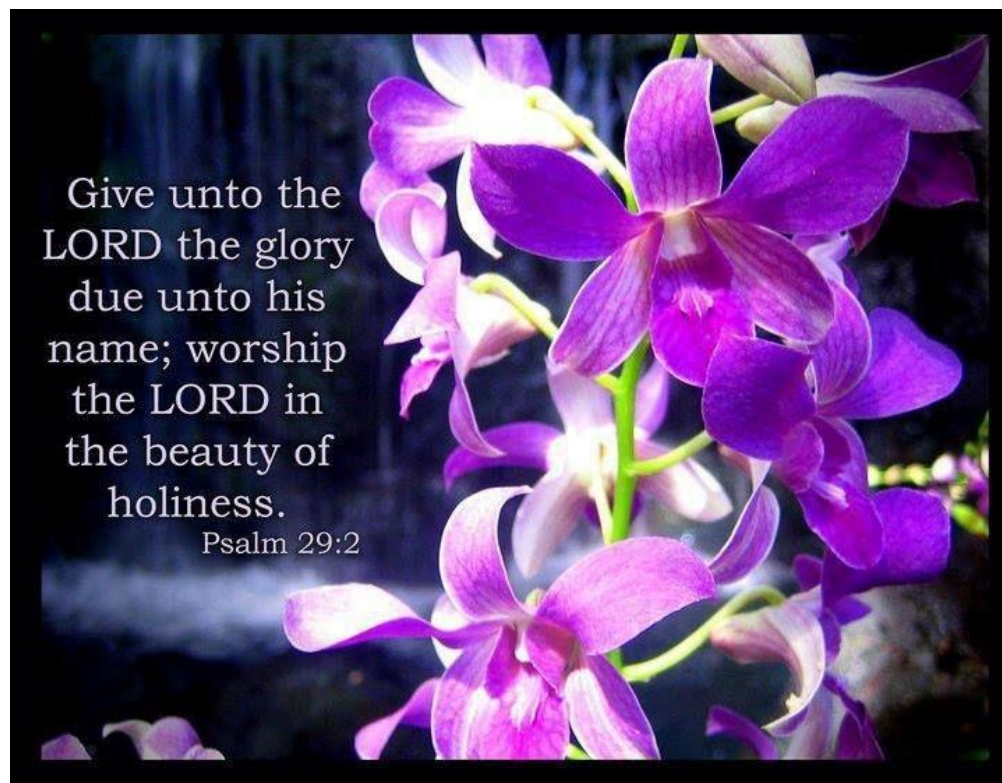


# Upcoming Events

## *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. More Details will be available. STAY TURNED

Sat May 4	7-10:00am	Country Breakfast
Sun May 5	7:30 am	Men's Fellowship Breakfast
Sun May 5	9:30 am	Adult Sunday School (every Sunday)
Sun May 5	12:00 am	Church Board Meeting





# LET'S CELEBRATE



## MAY BIRTHDAYS

- 3 Carsen Haynes
- 4 Sam Oliver
- 9 Jadie Carter
- 9 Laurie Oliver
- 10 Jim Compton
- 12 G. B. Washburn
- 17 Addison Brown,
- 17 Emery Scott
- 18 Morgan Via
- 22 Jane Arrington
- 24 Tessa Scott
- 26 Vivian Doyle
- 27 Lynn Mitchell
- 29 Terry Mitchell

## JUNE BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Kitty Plybon
- 2 Andrew Mitchell
- 3 Opal Hanks
- 4 Melissa Gabriel
- 9 Douglas Perdue
- 10 Kailea Martin
- 19 Leslie Amos
- 21 Amy Mitchell
- 25 Noah Bessette
- 26 Ruth Ann Prillaman
- 28 Nathan Amos

## MAY ANNIVERSARIES

- 6 Doug & Janet Perdue
- 24 Del & Barbara Smith

## JUNE ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Donald & Michelle Via
- 10 Casey & Whitney Eanes
- 11 Jared & Erica Pruett
- 13 Tim & Tessa Scott
- 29 GB & Krystal Washburn
- 30 Kevin & Susan Doyle

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