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# Reflections

I am one of those people that always gets annoyed when people skip over the last third of fall and jump straight into Christmas as fast as the Halloween decorations can come down. So to be clear this newsletter article is not a Christmas article. It is an Advent article. They are not the same.

Advent will be here this month. November 27 is the first Sunday of Advent. This is the time of the year when the church prepares not just to celebrate the birth of Christ, but also for the fact that Christ will one day come again. It is meant to be a solemn time to ready ourselves spiritually for both. This inevitably involves lots of shopping, decorating, baking, and general busyness, but it also needs to involve time for prayer and reflection. Christ is coming not to

judge our exterior lighting expertise, but our hearts.

For the last few years, the church has tried to help facilitate that by sending out daily email devotions during the season of Advent. I just wanted to warn every one of the oncoming stuffing of your inboxes. If you would like to opt out, it won't hurt my feelings. Feel free to let me know. For those that find these useful, I hope that you will accompany them with time each day to quietly reflect yourself on the story of Christ as told in the New Testament and how that story still gives life and meaning today.

God be with you.

Scott.

## November Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

November 6 (22<sup>nd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Haggai 1:15b-2:9
- Psalm 145:1-5, 17-21 OR  
Psalm 98
- 2 Thessalonians 2:1-5, 13-17
- Luke 20:27-38

November 13 (23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

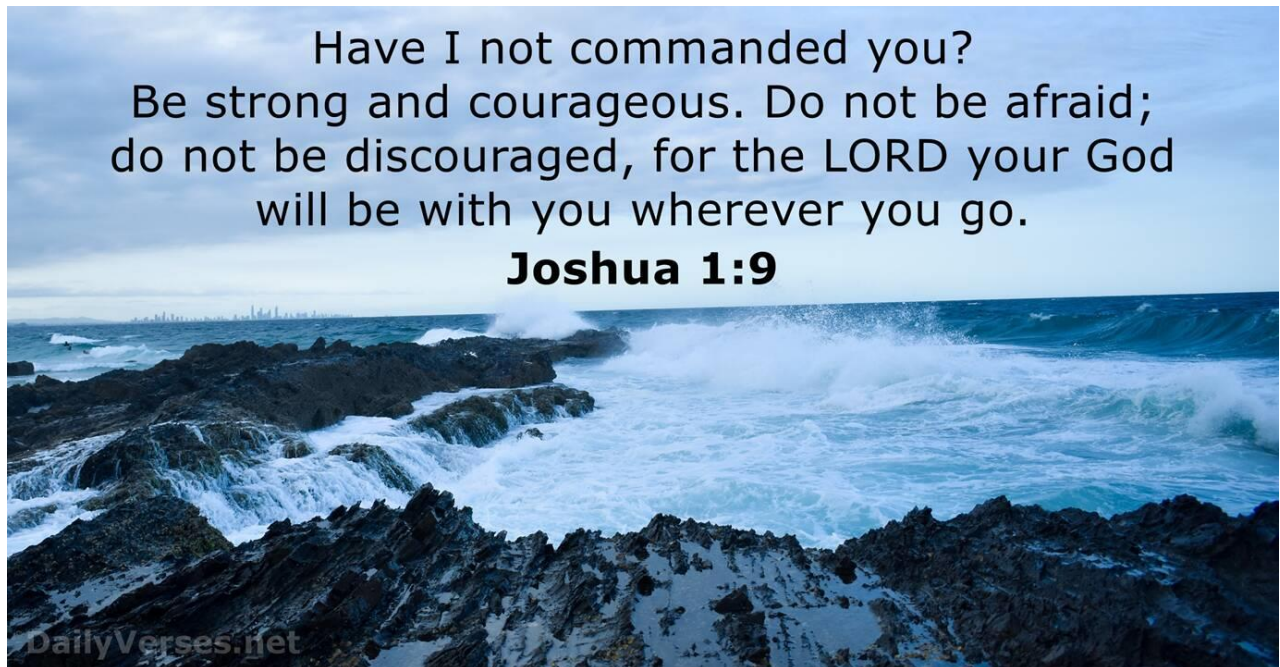
- Isaiah 65:17-25
- Isaiah 12
- 2 Thessalonians 3:6-13
- Luke 21:5-19

November 20 (24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost)

- Jeremiah 23:1-6
- Luke 1:68-79
- Colossians 1:11-20
- Luke 23:33-43

November 27 (1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Advent)

- Isaiah 2:1-5
- Psalm 122
- Romans 13:11-14
- Matthew 24:36-44



# *Board Minutes*

**Board Meeting – August 11, 2024**

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott had our opening prayer. The June meeting minutes were reviewed. Joyce Ingram made a motion to approve the minutes, Barbara Smith seconded, the motion carried.

**Treasurer's Report** – Bud Hippisley reported for June and July: In June we paid the second half roof repair bill. Because June was a 5th Sunday month, we had a backpack offering. Note the insurance amount from last year's policy, \$381, increased to \$527 in July and will be \$527 going forward. Bud has an action item to meet with our insurance representative to see if there can be an adjustment to our coverage to reduce the cost. July's VBS mission offering collection of \$486 will go to the Henry Fork Service Center. VBS expenses have not been turned in yet. Pastor Scott is consolidating the VBS expenses. Vivian Doyle made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Barbara seconded, the motion carried.

## **Pastor's Report**

- Last month was busy; thanks to everyone who helped put on Homecoming and assisted with the children for VBS
- The adult Sunday School will be "rebooted" starting 18 AUG

## **Committee Reports**

- Property –
  - Joyce will look into replacing the sinks in the upstairs bathrooms. There was a problem with one of them during VBS and GB did an emergency fix.
  - The mailbox for the parsonage needs to be replaced; Joyce will look for a replacement.

## **Old business**

- VBS – There were 20-30 children each night. There were more very little children this year. Most children were where here every night and we picked up more during the week.
- Parsonage Rent – The \$100 increase in the rent will start Sept 1<sup>st</sup> and the renters have been given a four week notice.

## **New Business**

- Steeple – The old steeple will be restored. George Martin will pressure wash the old steeple and it will be transported to J. L. Mullins Garage where Todd Martin will wet sand and paint it.
- Children’s Church Room – There’s some water damage in the paneling and the paint is peeling. We will temporarily relocate the Children’s Church until the current room can be repaired.
- Fall Breakfast – Oct 5<sup>th</sup> is a potential date for a Fall Breakfast; this must be confirmed with Gusta Morris and Janet Perdue
- Security Company – the call list for the security company needs to be updated. Currently GB, Debbie Haynes, Curtis Washburn and Doug Perdue are on the list. The individuals on the list need to be those that have a key to the church.
- Copy machine –The copy machine worked this week, but did not work last week to print the sermons. We are at the renewal time (or not) for the annual contract. Bud agreed to look into a new option to scan and print black and white copies.
- Snow Creek Times – Barbara needs info for the Fall Edition of the Snow Creek Times for Sept – Nov events by next week: Possible Fall breakfast on Oct 5, Trunk or Treat - possible date, Oct 27,

## **Calendar of Events**

- Possible Fall breakfast on Oct 5,
- Trunk or Treat - possible date, Oct 27

Pastor Scott said a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Wanda Damon, Secretary

# Special Offerings

## 2024 Thanksgiving Offering

Nov 10 & 17

(from Disciples Mission Fund)

From the very beginning of the movement, Disciples have founded institutions of higher learning, encouraging students in their intellectual pursuits. The Christian Church (Disciples of Christ) is still committed to higher education.

On November 13 and 20, Disciples churches across the US will collect the Thanksgiving Offering. The Thanksgiving Offering supports Disciples colleges, universities and theological institutions. Disciples have a long history of post-secondary and theological education. This offering provides a direct connection to 15 colleges and universities, 7 seminaries and theological programs. Gifts from this offering continue the Disciples tradition of developing leaders for our communities and the Church.

This November, please give generously to this year's Thanksgiving offering. Your gifts make a world of difference as Disciples continue our legacy of supporting education and our institutions of higher learning.



# 2024 Christmas Offering

December 15 & 22

The Christmas Offering supports regional ministries. In 31 regions across the United States and Canada, ministers are nurtured and congregations are provided opportunities for work and worship. Often recognized for the ministries of camps and conferences, regions also play a critical role in the preparation and authorization of ministerial ordination. Both are key to church leadership and development. Regions partner with congregations to support the work required to call a new minister.





President Woodrow Wilson declared November 11, 1919, as Armistice Day to celebrate the ending of the Great War (World War I) a year earlier at the 11th hour of the 11th day of the 11th month of 1918.

“To us in America the reflections of Armistice Day will be filled with solemn pride in the heroism of those who died in the country’s service, and with gratitude for the victory, both because of the thing from which it has freed us and because of the opportunity it has given America to show her sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of nations,” declared Wilson.

For the past 55 years, Armistice Day has been known as Veterans Day to commemorate the heroism of our soldiers and dedicate a day to the cause of world peace.

### **Veterans Day by Cheryl Dyson**

On Veterans Day we honor all  
Who answered to a service call.  
Soldiers young and soldiers old  
Fought for freedom, brave and bold.  
Some have lived, while others died,  
And all of them deserve our pride.  
We’re proud of all the soldiers who  
Kept thinking of red, white, and blue.  
They fought for us and all our rights.  
They fought through many days and nights.  
And though we may not know each name,  
We thank all veterans just the same.

# Trunk or Treat











You answer us with awesome and  
righteous deeds,  
God our Savior,  
the hope of all the ends of the earth  
and of the farthest seas

Psalm 65:5



# Upcoming Events

Date	Time	Event
Nov 11		Veterans Day
Nov 10 & 17		Special Thanksgiving Offering
Nov 28		Thanksgiving
Dec 15 & 22		Special Christmas Offering
Dec TBD		Youth Christmas play
Dec 24	9:00pm	Christmas Eve Service
Dec 25		Christmas

*22 Because of the LORD's great love we are not consumed,  
for his compassions never fail.*

*23 They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness.*

*Lamentations 3:22-23 niv*

# In Memory of



## Deborah Faye "Debbie" Haynes

November 2, 1954 - October 9, 2024

Deborah Faye "Debbie" Haynes, age 69 of Snow Creek died Wednesday, October 9, 2024. She was born November 2, 1954 and was preceded in death by her sister, Kay W. Boyd. Debbie was a beloved mother and grandmother. Her love for her grandchildren was unmatched. She was a devoted member of Snow Creek Christian Church for more than 50 years where she began playing the piano at church in her early teens and played until she could no longer attend due to her illness. During her service to the church, she taught youth Sunday School for many years and directed the choir. She loved all her church family. Debbie started and maintained the Backpack Program at Snow Creek Christian Church for 18 years. She cared deeply for kids that were in need of something to eat. Every week she bought supplies, put them together and had them delivered each Friday to each and every child that signed up. Surviving are her husband, Phillip Haynes; son, Ryan Haynes and wife Melissa, daughter, Stacie Carroll; grandchildren, Noah and wife Joelle, Tallis, Carsen, Colton and Maverick; parents, Curtis and Louise Washburn; brothers, Leon Washburn (Gina), Jimmy Washburn (Dana), Troy Washburn (Amy); brother-in-law, Sammy Boyd.

On a personal note, I have known Debbie a long time. She was involved in music and singing as long as I have known her. She always had a smile on her face and was willing to help others. She worked very hard on the backpack program and helped several children in obtaining food sources. She also served as Chairman of the Board for the Church and several Church functions. Debbie will be truly missed by her Church family.

Barbara Smith



## **LET'S CELEBRATE**



### **NOVEMBER BIRTHDAY**

- 3 Landon Mitchell
- 7 Melody Martin
- 10 Abbey Shepherd
- 12 Adam Eller
- 14 Josh Gardner
- 17 Walker Amos
- 19 Keri-Jean Pruett
- 19 Barbara Smith
- 26 George Martin
- 28 Terry Davidson

### **NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 15 Taylor & Heather Amos
- 15 Edward & Joyce Ingram
- 26 Trey & Ashley Washburn
- 30 George & Susan Martin

### **DECEMBER BIRTHDAYS**

- 1 Michele Beall
- 4 Mason Arrington
- 5 Cynthia Jordan
- 7 Nick Doyle
- 9 Jared Pruett
- 10 Lindsey Doyle
- 12 Lee Mitchell
- 13 Sammy Boyd
- 17 Walker Amos
- 19 Donna Thurman
- 19 Michael Smith
- 25 **JESUS**
- 27 Molly Mitchell
- 29 Breyer Martin
- 30 Marty Plybon

### **DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES**

- 11 Steve & Cynthia Jordan
- 12 Curtis & Louise Washburn

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