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JANUARY 2025

Reflections

What's new? January is not only a new month, but also a new year. So along with wishing you a very happy New Year's, the purpose of the NEWSletter is to keep you informed of what's new at Snow Creek.

For me personally, I have a full slate of new classes and new assignments for seminary on tap this January. On January 10th I will be traveling to Lexington Theological Seminary in Kentucky for what the seminary calls intensives. These are full-day, on-campus classes over a period of 10 days and then the professors send us home with 4-6 weeks' worth of assignments to complete in light of all the new knowledge that has been crammed into our brains. My last day in the office at church will be Wednesday, January 8th and I will plan on being back in the office on Wednesday, January 22nd.

For the church, that means January will bring a new minister, at least for a couple of Sundays. But, as they say, what is old is new again and so my replacement will be familiar to most of you. Bill Oliver, my dad and your former interim minister back in 2018, will serve as pulpit supply on the Sundays of January 12th and 19th. I hope many of you will enjoy getting to catch up with him and I know that he is looking forward to seeing everyone.

But enough about me and the church. What is new with you? December has brought with it many of the comfortable traditions of the Christmas season, but it still remains true that Christ coming into the world in the form of the incarnate Jesus was God reaching out to us human beings in a radically new way. Sometimes it can be hard for people to embrace the new in their lives, but if you are still alive and kicking for 2025 that

means that we have a lot of new days ahead of us. We cannot expect them to be the exact same as the old ones.

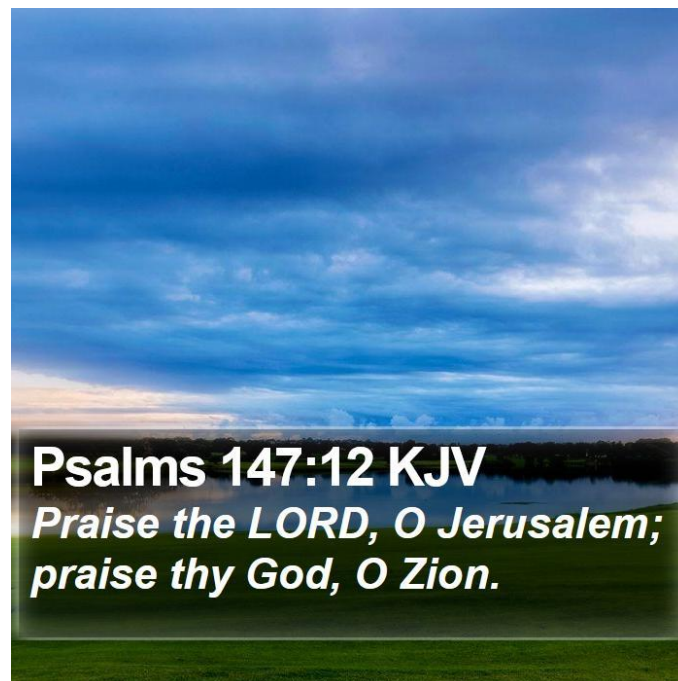
How will you embrace the new ways that God continues to work in your life through the Holy Spirit? Do you have brand new endeavors that you are looking forward to in the new year? Maybe that will involve learning new stuff. It certainly will for me, but while Sunday school will be on break for the month of January in my absence, I would encourage you all to come join us when we reboot. Maybe you will find new ways to serve others either through the church, your community, or just in new one-to-one relationships. Maybe the old needs to become new again. January is a great time to recommit to old habits and old relationships that, for whatever reason,

may have fallen by the wayside. Maybe that means re-engaging with old friends or family members. Maybe that means re-engaging with God through a recommitment to prayer or worship or service.

Whatever is new with you, January turns the page on a new month, a new year, and many new days to come. I hope that you will use that momentum to embrace the new ways that the Spirit is moving in your life. Above all, I would like to wish you, on behalf of the church, a happy new year.

God be with you,

Scott



Psalms 147:12 KJV
*Praise the LORD, O Jerusalem;
praise thy God, O Zion.*

January Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

January 5 (2nd Sunday after Christmas Day)

- Jeremiah 31:7-14
- Psalm 147:12-20
- *Ephesians 1:3-14*
- John 1:1-18

January 19 (2nd Sunday after the Epiphany)

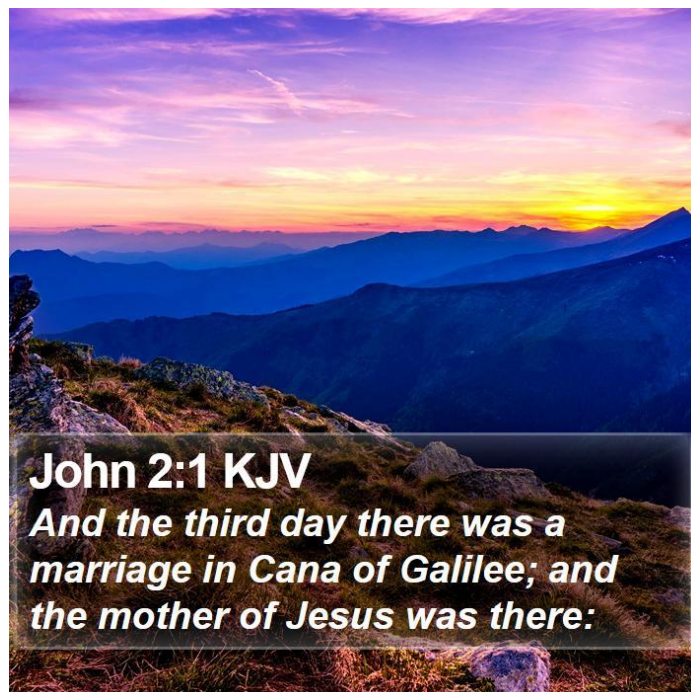
- Isaiah 62:1-5
- Psalm 36:5-10
- 1 Corinthians 12:1-11
- John 2:1-11

January 12 (Baptism of the Lord)

- Isaiah 43:1-7
- Psalm 29
- Acts 8:14-17
- Luke 3:15-17, 21-22

January 26 (3rd Sunday after the Epiphany)

- *Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10*
- Psalm 19
- 1 Corinthians 12:12-31a
- Luke 4:14-21



Board Minutes

Board Meeting – November 10, 2024

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

Treasurer's Report – Bud reported for October: There were four Sundays plus donations from the October breakfast and the special Hurricane offering, which was both an income and expense. Expenses were pretty normal, except the annual security system renewal and expenses for the breakfast and meal after Debbie Haynes' memorial. Under utilities, strike the oil entry, it was on last month's bill. Doug Perdue made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Janet Perdue seconded, the motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- The next two Sundays are designated for the annual Thanksgiving offering, which goes to the Disciples seminary scholarship fund. In December we will collect the Christmas offering which goes to the National DOC.
- Dec 1st is the first Sunday in advent, Scott is working to organize the youth for hanging of the greens during a portion of the service
- Advent devotions will resume on Dec 2nd through Christmas Eve
- Dec 15th, the Christmas pageant will be held during the service
- Dec 22nd, the youth will carol to homebound members of the congregation
- Dec 24th, Christmas Eve service will be held at 9:00 p.m.
- Dec 29th, the last Sunday of the year, we will host the District IV Churches for a worship service and soup lunch.

Committee Reports

- Outreach – Linda Hippisley provided a list of people to receive fruit baskets and a list of nine proposed organizations/groups to receive outreach donations. In previous years we've donated \$800 to each group, normally in the Thanksgiving/Christmas time frame. The organizations are: Backpack Program, Faithful Friends Ministries, Family Resource Center, Free Clinic of Franklin County, Heavenly Manna Food Bank, Helping Hands of Franklin County, STEP, Inc., Stepping Stone Mission, and We Care of Frankling County, Inc. Janet moved to fund each of the outreach organizations in the amount of \$800, Barbara Smith seconded, the motion carried.

Old business

- Steeple - George Martin has the steeple loaded on his trailer and it will be moved to be wet sanded and painted. The goal is to have the steeple replaced before winter. GB will contact Davis Construction to coordinate replacement of the steeple.
- Steeple (continued) - At one time there was a speaker in the steeple which was used to play music or bells on Sunday mornings. The Board discussed what would be involved if we decided to do this again. It will require an outdoor/waterproof speaker, running cable through the roof and a strong enough amplifier. It was noted that in the past there were some complaints from neighbors about the noise. No decision was made, except that the Board would determine what would be required and how it might be done.
- Children's Church Room – There are some electrical problems in the room we relocated Children's Church to; some of the electrical outlets are not working. The refrigerator was moved to the nursery.
- Property – Doug Perdue did repair and painting on one of the downstairs outside doors. Thank you, Doug!
- Nominating Committee – Chairperson Barbara Smith provided a list of people who agreed to serve in positions for the coming term. She reported they had a good response to requests to support the church. The Committee did good filling the Officers and Deacons, but are lacking one Elder. Doug moved to accept the 2025 Officers; Janet seconded; the motion carried

New Business

- Proposed 2025 Budget – GB provided a copy of the 2025 proposed budget, it included three columns: 2025 proposed, 23-24 Actual and 2024 likely. Insurance was flagged as a significant increase over the previous year. After discussion, Bud recommended reducing the Church Heating Oil line item by \$400, increasing the Kitchen & Cleaning Supply line item by \$200, and adding a Miscellaneous line item under Worship with a proposed \$200 budget. Bud made motion to approve the budget with the aforementioned changes, Linda seconded, the motion carried.
- The budget will be presented to the Congregation at the Congregational meeting on Nov 17.
- We need to get a debit card issued to Veronica Doyle to use for the Backpack program account.

Meeting adjourned.

Pastor Scott closed us in prayer.

Respectfully Submitted, Wanda Damon, Secretary

*PICTURES OF THE
CHRISTMAS PLAY 2024*

*MANY THANKS TO WHITNEY
FOR THE PICTURES*











PLEASE JOIN US FOR

Amelia Kennedy
Washburn's
Baby
Shower

HONORING

Ashlee Washburn
January 19th, 2025

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LET'S CELEBRATE



UPCOMING EVENTS

JANUARY BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Krystal Washburn
- 3 Ed Ingram
- 4 Tyler Jordan
- 4 Ryan Haynes
- 8 Nancy Compton,
- 8 Patricia Brown
- 9 Vickie Washburn
- 12 Michelle Via
- 13 Lisa Shepherd
- 16 Haley Morris
- 16 Ashlee Washburn Dalton
- 16 Maddy Dalton
- 16 Crystal Davidson
- 17 Nancy Martin
- 20 Taylor Amos
- 22 Jonathan Mitchell
- 23 Donald Via
- 24 Colton Haynes
- 26 Heather Amos
- 29 Curtis Washburn
- 30 Barrett Pruet
- 31 Lacey Mitchell

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

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

- 20 Mike & Pam Doyle

FEBRUARY ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

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