



Snow Creek Christian Church

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June 2024

Reflections

It is now June and the first day of this month I spent at the Christian Church in Virginia's Regional Assembly. Ministers and members from churches all over the state were there. I got a chance to catch up with lots of great people and got to meet lots more. It was a joyful day.

The theme this year was appropriate: "We Are Stronger Together." That would seem like common sense. We have heard all of our lives that there is strength in numbers. We have read that it is our mission to spread Christ's love and word and to grow the church. Yet churches of all denominations in every state are shrinking and struggling and splintering apart.

One of the best parts about attending Regional Assembly is that I get to participate in a worship service where I do not have to plan or preach anything. I got to just sit and listen to our Regional Minister, Bill Spangler-Dunning, tell his story. I wanted to share some of it because I think he had a lot of insight into why it is so hard for us to be stronger together.

He talked about his grandparents. His grandfather had served in Europe during World War II. He had been a part of a unit that had liberated the Dachau concentration camp. He had seen humankind at its most horrible. His grandmother, likewise, had been married to another man with whom she had had multiple kids. The marriage was an abusive one. She and the kids were beaten frequently. When she filed for a

divorce, her church shunned her despite being aware of the situation. She had seen church and family at their most horrible. Both were scarred by what they had experienced, quiet and withdrawn to the sanctuary of their small Iowa farm.

At one point, though his grandfather told him to promise that he would believe in the goodness of the world. That is hard to do because the world can be a horrible place full of people who do horrible things to one another. Working together is hard because we have to put our faith in God and in other people. We have to believe that there is good beyond the small sanctuaries that we have carved out for ourselves in our own lives.

This first weekend of June I got to get out of the usual sanctuary that I occupy every weekend and worship God in different ways with different people. Not that I do not like being with you all every Sunday, but it was a joyful experience. The more people we can share our faith and our lives with, the stronger we will be. But that also means breaking out of comfort zones and safe sanctuaries. It means working with other people who are different and who have their own flaws.

I look forward to spending many more Sundays with the good folks of Snow Creek Christian Church worshipping God in our own sanctuary. But I hope that you will take that worship out of this sanctuary to places that you have never been and to people that you have never met. I

hope that you will continue to have faith in God's goodness and hope in the goodness of the world, even when one does not have to look far to see how horrible it can be. We have to look to find that goodness and we have to reach out to

others to realize how much stronger we can be together.

God be with you. Scott.

June Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

June 2nd (2nd Sunday after Pentecost)

- 1 Samuel 3:1-20
- Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18
- 2 Corinthians 4:5-12
- *Mark 2:23-3:6*

June 9th (3rd Sunday after Pentecost)

- *1 Samuel 8:4-20, 11:14-15*
- Psalm 138
- 2 Corinthians 4:13-5:1
- Mark 3:20-35

June 16th (4th Sunday after Pentecost)

- *1 Samuel 15:34-16:13*
- Psalm 20

- 2 Corinthians 5:6-17

- Mark 4:26-34

June 23rd (5th Sunday after Pentecost)

- 1 Samuel 17:1a, 4-11, 19-23, 32-49 OR *1 Samuel 17:57-18:5, 10-16*
- Psalm 9:9-20 OR Psalm 133
- 2 Corinthians 6:1-13
- Mark 4:35-41

June 30th (6th Sunday after Pentecost)

- *2 Samuel 1:1, 17-27*
- Psalm 130
- 2 Corinthians 8:7-15
- Mark 5:21-43



Church Board Minutes

G.B. Washburn called the meeting to order. Pastor Scott had our opening prayer. The March meeting minutes were reviewed. Vivian Doyle made a motion to approve the minutes, Doug Perdue seconded, the motion carried.

Treasurer's Report- Bud Hippisley reported for March; we had five offering weeks and the Easter offering. Expenses were normal, except for the plumber and we paid for one extra cleaning after the Easter egg hunt. Joyce Ingram made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Janet Perdue seconded, the motion carried.

NOTE: Last Fall the Board approved to move some of our free cash to the Disciples of Christ Foundation mutual funds. We have two funds, one for memorials and one to protect our operating funds against inflation. The two funds have slightly different performance, but in the four months we've been invested, they've increased slightly over 6%. We have a total of \$35K in both funds and after moving the money from 0% interest accounts, we've gain \$3K.

Pastor's Report

Scott spoke with the Moderator for our District and she was interested in doing a District-wide Advent Service this year. The last one was done pre-Covid in 2019. Since leading up to Christmas is such a busy time for all churches, I suggested we do a District Christmas Service on the Sunday after Christmas, December 29th.

She asked if Snow Creek would volunteer to host. This would be an afternoon service, possibly at 2:00 p.m. and be comprised of Christmas readings and music and hymns from the different participating church choirs. Afterwards, there would be a time of fellowship with food. Janet Perdue made a motion for Snow Creek Church to host a District 4 Christmas Service on Sunday, December 29, Linda Hippisley seconded, the motion carried.

VBS- VBS will be held July 21-25. Another meeting will be scheduled once a meeting date can be set. The materials are in and downstairs. Question was raised about providing meals. Yes, dinner will be provided, easy meals like fish sticks, pizza and spaghetti. The program starts at 5:30 and children usually arrive at 5:00 to eat prior to the program. It was noted that in the past, the children really like the meals Snow Creek Church provides.

Committee Reports o No reports

Old business

•Church Roof We are close to a critical on the roof where the steeple is located. GB has received two estimates and has a meeting on Tuesday at 4:30 with Greg Davis of Appalachian Restorations for another estimate.

- Estimate 1: Big Lick Roofing, \$60K. This estimate is with limited plywood replacement, plus there could be additional cost based on the flat part of roof.
- Estimate 2: Classic Metals, \$30K for metal roof and membrane for flat part of roof. Additional information is needed on this estimate.

We will move the next Board meeting to up to May 5th. If we get all estimates in sooner, we will have a single topic meeting on April 28, to make a decision about the roof.

New Business

- Mother's Day- In the past Debbie Haynes did favorite songs. GB will provide Scott a list of the mothers normally recognized, such as mother with the most children in attendance and mother with the youngest child, etc.
- Homecoming- Is scheduled for July 14. Pastor Scott is checking to see if Pastor Gary McCoy from Blacksburg is available. The Church will provide chicken for the meal.
- Adam Eller brought up that he noticed that the down spouts are draining in the parking lot versus through the drains. He has a mechanical auger and is willing to try and clear out the drains. Adam was given permission to work on the drains. Adam also noted that there is potentially mold in the attic. He has an atomizer that he can run in the attic to remove mold. The solution costs \$50.00 per canister.
- There will be a Church Fundraiser Breakfast on May 4 from 7:00-10:00 am.

Pastor Scott said a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully Submitted, Wanda Damon, Secretary



**May he grant you your heart's desire,
and fulfill all your counsel.**

Psalm 20:4

Homecoming

July 14, 2024

Come and help us celebrate our 152nd Homecoming.

- **10:00 AM 7/14/24** Our celebration will begin with our regular Sunday service being ministered by our guest speaker.
- **11:00 AM** The Spiritualaires will bless us with their musical ministry
- **2:00 AM** Potluck Dinner will be held in the fellowship hall, bring your favorite dish



Days of Old



5 Previous Ministers



Adult Choir

A Brief History



From 1860 to 1872 the Primitive Baptist Church was the only one at Snow Creek and all who were members of any church held membership there. In the late 1860's a group of interested citizens secured a small plot of land, one square acre in size, across the road from Benjamin H. Tatum's office to build a church. Progress on the building was very slow due to the undeveloped country and the lack of money and tools.

The Methodist, Christian (Disciples of Christ) Churches and Masonic Lodge went together and built a two-story structure. It was a long time being built and was almost destroyed by fire during the building process. The church-

es used the first floor and the masons the upper floor.

The Christians and Methodists always worked together congenially. It meant so much to see them willing to work and build a union church. They undoubtedly had the proper Christian spirit. In the early years services were held only once or twice a month.

Among the pastors serving this church, there was none more beloved to the people than the Rev. William C. Clark, who served in this capacity for forty years.

The early 1950's found the building in urgent need of repairs, as well as inadequate for the growing congregation. The building fund was started with a dime found by Mrs. Cook in the church parking lot along with the Christian Missionary Society. The churches bought out the masons share of the old building and a new brick structure was built and dedicated in June 1954.

In 1967 under the leadership of Rev. W.M. (Mike) Stump the congregation built their first parsonage valued at \$25,000.00.

The progress made in the United States during the '50's and '60's was felt in the church along with the

rest of society. The life of the church changed with the Methodist group declining and the membership of the Christians increasing. In the fall of 1969, the two denominations became one affiliated with the Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

The Christian Church called for its minister, Berlin G. Hanks in the spring of 1968. He began his ministry here on June 11, 1968.

Therefore the late 1960's found the new building of 1954 again inadequate for the teaching and witnessing ministry of the church. Thus in October 1970 with the combined efforts of the members, another building program was begun. It was dedicated on July 9, 1972 as a part of the Centennial Celebration.

We again had to expand our facility in 1980 by enlarging the sanctuary, adding a porch and steeple. Now with the paved parking lot and picnic shelter, we have attained a very workable facility.

However, the Church is not a building, nor a steeple, the Church is PEOPLE. At present, our fellowship is 245 strong. But, of the 245 members only 168 take an active part in the services.

Our hopes and prayers are that each of us will strive to become a committed and dedicated servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.



Vacation Bible School



Deep Bible
Adventures

Imagination
Station

Reef Rec
Games

Sing & Play

Tidal Treats

July 21-25 2024

*The VBS program will begin at 5:30 pm
and last until 8:30 PM*

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Meal
Provided



We will be the host church for the Community
Vacation Bible School this year. The Churches participating include
Covenant Community Church,
Jones Chapel Church of the Brethren and Pleasant Gove United
Methodist Church.

Upcoming Events

July 14	10:00 AM	Homecoming Service
July 14	11:00 AM	Spiritualaires Concert
July 14	12:00 AM	Potluck Meal
July 19-25	5:30-8:30 P.M.	Vacation Bible School

All events at Snow Creek Christian Church.



In Memory of



Kay Washburn Boyd

Kay Washburn Boyd, 66, of Penhook, VA, passed away on May 9, 2024. She was born in Rocky Mount, VA to Curtis Washburn and Louise Motley Washburn, both surviving.

Kay is also survived by her loving husband, Samuel M. Boyd; sister, Debbie Haynes (Phillip); brothers, Jimmy Washburn (Dana), Leon Washburn (Regina), and Troy Washburn (Amy); step-son, Shane Boyd (Elizabeth); step-daughters, Shelly Boyd, and Sherry Lynch; and grandchildren, Lydia, Finn, and Caleb.

Kay was a longtime member of the Church. She was very active in Church activities. A few of those activities over the years included being chairman of the property committee and serving as a Deacon. She was a Sunday School Teacher and assisted with Vacation Bible School and other Church Events.

She always had a beautiful smile and was willing to help others. She will be greatly missed.

LET'S 

CELEBRATE



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

JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

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

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

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

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