



Snow Creek Christian Church

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July 2024

Reflections

The church will look very different this month. On the second Sunday of July, July 14th, we will have the opportunity to welcome a host of guests back to Snow Creek for our annual homecoming celebration. Please keep in mind that this means that the worship service will be moved up an hour to 10:00. Don't be late. This year the guest preacher will be former interim minister, Rev. Bill Oliver, who also happens to be the father of your current minister. In addition, Mike Doyle and his gospel quartet, the Spiritualaires, have once again agreed to grace us with their musical talents. They will perform at 11:00 followed by, and this may be the best part, a potluck lunch with plenty of delicious contributions from all of the culinary masterminds at Snow Creek. I hope all of you can come join us for what is always a wonderful day of worship, fellowship, music, and food.

But I can assure you that the excitement won't stop there. No, the next Sunday, July 21st, the plan is to unleash dozens of ravenous elementary school children on our church for an entire week in the service of spreading the gospel of Jesus

Christ. After a five-year hiatus, it is once again Snow Creek's turn in the rotation to host the community Vacation Bible School that we participate in each summer with several of the other local churches. That means a high-spirited and high-energy week of fun, crafts, games, and Bible lessons with many of the neighborhood children.

It also means that on Sunday, July 21st, the sanctuary will appear to be underwater. Don't be alarmed. Nothing is wrong with the plumbing (knock on wood). It will be the set for our scuba-themed Bible school.

But we can use all the help we can get that week, divine and otherwise. There will be plenty to do from assisting with clean-up to herding cats...I mean children...around the church. Let me know if you would like to participate.

There is an exciting July on tap in the coming weeks. It will be an opportunity for Snow Creek to welcome old friends and new strangers into our church. Let us do so with open arms. Most

importantly, though, let us come together with so many others to share in God's gifts of faith, I

God be with you. Scott.

love, and joy. I hope that you can come and be a part of it in some way.

July Lectionary Readings

Sermon topic in *italics*

July 7th (7th Sunday after Pentecost)

- 2 Samuel 5:1-5, 9-10
- Psalm 48
- 2 Corinthians 12:2-10
- Mark 6:1-13

July 21st (9th Sunday after Pentecost)

- 2 Samuel 7:1-14a
- Psalm 89:20-37
- *Ephesians 2:11-22*
- Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

July 14th (8th Sunday after Pentecost)

- 2 Samuel 6:1-5, 12b-19
- Psalm 24
- Ephesians 1:3-14
- Mark 6:14-29

July 28th (10th Sunday after Pentecost)

- 2 Samuel 11:1-15
- Psalm 14
- *Ephesians 3:14-21*
- John 6:1-21



Board Minutes

Board Meeting - May 05, 2024

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

Treasurer's Report- Bud Hippisley reported for April; it was a four Sunday month and we took in almost what we took in for March, a five Sunday month. Expenses were better than normal. However, there are clouds on the horizon: 1) Bugman, our pest service, is increasing their fee for the church, but not for the parsonage, by \$7.00 a month. 2) Church Mutual is increasing our rate by 38%, from \$4,600 to \$6,314 a year, by about \$1,800. Our premium is nominally based on the perceived replacement cost of the church, parsonage, shed and playground. Our options are to look for another insurer or see if we can make changes to our policy to reduce the premium. Bud will speak with our representative at Church Mutual to discuss the situation. On a positive note, the breakfast fundraiser was successful. Expenses were a little under \$400 and we took in over \$1,100 so there is a \$700 benefit to the Church. Joyce Ingram made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report, Barbara Smith seconded, the motion carried.

Pastor's Report

- Saturday, June 1! is the Regional Assembly at University of Lynchburg; workshops will be held in the morning, lunch and worship in the afternoon. Pastor Scott will attend.
- Pastor Scott will be out on the 16th and 23rd of June for Seminar in Kentucky. He is seeking a replacement for those Sundays.
- July 14th Homecoming- Invitations will go out the next couple of weeks and Pastor Scott is seeking a speaker for this Sunday.

Committee Reports

Property Report: Joyce reported

- The door downstairs needs to be fixed before VBS (possible the mechanism at the top of the door can be replaced vice replacing the door
We need mulch for the playground- 8 or 9 yards
- We need to re-stain the benches and decking at the picnic shelter

Old business

- Fundraiser Breakfast - There was a good turnout to help with the breakfast and a good turnout of participants
- VBS All the materials are in; Adam Eller will work on the sets; Gary Gibson will make the banners

New Business

Roof Estimates- We received three estimates:

o Estimate 1: Big Lick Roofing and Solar "

\$59,406

- GAF Master Elite Roofing Company
- Install Standard GAF Roofing shingle system
- 5 year workmanship warranty, 15 year wind warranty
- 25 year algae resistance warranty
- 50 year materials warranty
- Replace two rubber membrane sections
- 060 EPDM rubber membrane
- 5 year workmanship warranty
- 25year material warranty

o Estimate 2: Davis Construction "

\$65,600

- GAF Master Roofing Company
- Install Gold Pledge GAF Roofing shingle system
- 50 year materials warranty
- 25year workmanship warranty
- Replace two rubber membrane sections
 - 060 EPDM rubber membrane
 - 10 year workmanship warranty
 - 10 year material warranty
 - Option to pay \$4,500 for additional 10 year workmanship and materials warranty

o Estimate 3: Classic Metals/Outback Buildings «

\$29,725

- 29gauge galvanized metal • 40 year paint warranty
- 40 Year paint warranty
- 3 year workmanship warranty (willing to extend longer)
- Screws on the ridge seams
- Titanium underlayment and Ice breaks
- Flashing, screws, boots, caulk, rake trim
- Replace two rubber flat roof sections
 - 40 Years material warranty
 - 3 years workmanship warranty

oNOTE: There may be additional cost for each estimate depending on how much plywood is required to be replaced in the attic; the Board anticipates this will be no more than \$5,000. Removal of steeple is not included in these estimates. The current steeple is not in good enough condition to be placed back on the church. If we choose to replace the steeple, there will be an additional cost for a new steeple.

oJanet Purdue made a motion to replace the Church roof with a metal roof provided by Classic Metals/Outback Buildings, Vivian seconded, and the motion failed due to a tie vote.

oPhil Winn made a motion to replace the Church roof with a shingle roof provided by Davis Construction and do not include the optional \$4,500 additional warranty for the rubber membrane section. Kitty Plybon seconded; the motion carried.

oThere will be a need to have a fundraiser campaign for the roof; however, we cannot wait since the need is urgent.

oThere will also need to be a fundraiser campaign for a replacement steeple.

Calendar of Events

- Mother's Day- May 12
- Pastor Scott out of town June 16 and 23
- Father's Day- June 16
- Homecoming -July 14
- VBS-July 21-25

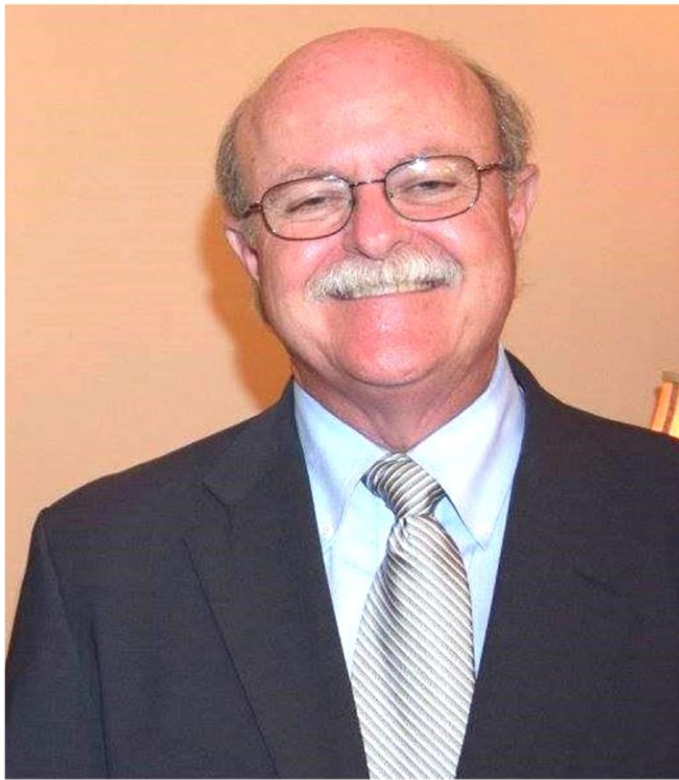
Pastor Scott said a closing prayer. Meeting adjourned. Respectfully Submitted,
Wanda Damon, Secretary



Homecoming

July 14, 2024

- **10:00 AM** Our celebration will begin with our regular Sunday service being ministered by our guest speaker, Bill Oliver.
- **11:00 AM** The Spiritualaires will bless us with their musical ministry
- **1:00 PM** Potluck Dinner will be held in the fellowship hall, bring your favorite dish



Bill Oliver

Our guest speaker for this years Homecoming will be one of our most beloved former Ministers, Bill Oliver.

Bill graduated from Lexington Theological Seminary and was ordained Minister of the Christian Church (DOC).

He has served our Church as an interim bases and full-time bases

His wife Beth is a retired High School principal and they have two sons Scott and Michael, along with two grandchildren. Scott is our Current pastor.





Jesus is coming soon



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Snow Creek Christian Church History

The following are memories of the Church by past and present members:

Memories of the Church by **Gladys Washburn**

A brief history of the Snow Creek Christian Church by past Church historian Gladys Washburn in approximately 1967.

The Church was organized March 13, 1872, and twenty-five charter members purchased one square acre of land from Dr. Ben Tatum for the sum of \$20.00.

Silas Garrett Bernard was the first Trustee of the Church. Some members when the Church was first built were Coopers, Waltons, Bernard's, George and Charlie Brodie, Giles, Hundley's, Doyle's', Parkers, Stockton's, Cox family, David Davis family, Martins, and Gravely's. Only one daughter, Mrs. Annie Martin, of the George Brodie family is still living, though many descendants still live in the Snow Creek Valley and are members of the present Church.

Organists in the old Church were Cenia Brodie, Annie Brodie (Martin) and Miss Estelle Stultz. T.J. Stone was the first minister. Rev. William C. Clark was a long-time minister, having served forty years.

The first wedding in the old Church was that of Miss Elizabeth Brodie to Mr. William G. Lester of Abingdon on November 25, 1910.

The original Church building was torn away and the new Church was built in 1953 and was dedicated June 13, 1954. An addition was made to the present Church, and we are planning another addition

The first person baptized in the baptistry of the new Church was Daphne Virginia Washburn on the second Sunday in August 1954. The first wedding in the Church was that of Nancy Lee Perdue to Allen B. Cooper.

The parsonage was built in 1966-1967. Then we went to a full-time pastorate and called Rev. Berlin G. Hanks, a graduate of Lexington Theological Seminary, to our pastorate in 1967. We thank God he is still with us.



William C. Clark

In part from "History of Snow Creek Church 1872-1954"
by **Eliza Pearson**

The two denominations brought many talented men to serve them through the years-men like Dameron, Lucas, Cutler, Bullard, and among the latest ones in the eighties, T.J. Stone, who served as pastor until the late nineties, and after a short interval, the Rev. W.C. Clark came as pastor and remained until the early forties when ill health caused a break and his career came to an end in 1945. The much beloved Rev. Clark served Snow Creek Church as pastor for 40 years, being held in high esteem by both Methodists and Christians.



Memories of the Church by **Calvin Martin**

Calvin began attending Snow Creek Christian Church when he was very young. He attended Church with his parents and siblings. He lived most of his life across from the Church. He remembers going to Sunday School when he was young in the 1930's. The Church was a two-story building at the time. He says William Cutler Clark was the preacher at the time (more about Minister Clark below). According to Calvin, Minister Clark drove a car to Church from another area and he joined families of the Church for meals.

Calvin joined the Church and was baptized in 1966.

He remembers when the new Church building was completed in 1954.

He states one of his fondest memories of the Church is when he and his brother, Harold, gathered wood from the land surrounding the Church for firewood for the Church stove. The land was owned by his family at the time. His Uncle Burwell Washburn (married to Calvin's Aunt Molly Martin) took collections at the Church for the wood. He gave the collections to Calvin and Harold. He was around 10 years old at the time.

Memories of the Church by **Ruby Martin Plybon**

NOTES FROM THE FIRST SERVICE IN THE NEW CHURCH IN JANUARY 1954.(The notes were from the files of Ruby Martin Plybon. She was the Church Treasurer at the time. The author of the notes is uncertain. Ruby may have written the notes but did not indicate the name of the author on the notes.)

At the 11:00 a.m. worship service on the second Sunday in January 1954, the dreams of many people were realized. On this day, the congregation of Snow Creek Church held their first service in this New Church, with Mr. Carl Howard, student pastor, bringing the message.

About 13 years ago, a need was felt on the part of several Members of the 82-year-old Church for a new Church building. However, nothing was done and the idea lapsed for several years. Later, a Building Fund was created but the idea of a New Church just remained an idea. In the winter of 1953, final plans were made for a new building and in the middle of June of the same year, actual work on the building was started.

The Church that we worship in today was built through cooperative thoughts, efforts, and hard work with both Methodist and Disciples congregations, not to build a Methodist or Christian Church, but to build a Church where any man, regardless of his denomination affiliation, could come and worship God.

There was courage, efforts, insight, and continuing prayer before and during the construction of this edifice. We were only able to erect it through the strength received from God, who has so greatly blessed us.



Memories of the Christian Youth Fellowship by **Curtis Washburn.**

In remembering back many years ago, probably 1948, the Church Youth Sunday School class went on a picnic trip to Mrs. Fanny Cooke's home on Turkeycock Mountain. We were riding on a 1 ½ ton truck when we found the road blocked by an automobile. My cousin went to check on the car. The keys were in it, so he moved it off the road. The car was loaded with moonshine. We saw no one, so we continued on our journey and enjoyed a wonderful afternoon on the mountain.

During those years, the Christian Youth Fellowship was very active with large numbers of youth. My wife was a member of another church but she joined our Christian Youth Fellowship before we were married. I think Reverend Boswell was our minister at this time.

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.



LET'S CELEBRATE



JULY BIRTHDAYS

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

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS

1 Pam Doyle
4 Kenny Beall
7 Westlee Martin
13 Taylee Amos
15 Beth Oliver
22 Ricky Norris
22 Patti Amos
24 Dean Arrington

JULY ANNIVERSARIES

10 Scott & Laurie Oliver
28 Mark & Pam Gabriel

AUGUST ANNIVERSARIES

5 Bill and Beth Oliver
10 Ken & Michele Beall

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