



**JUNE
2013**

*Swift Creek
Chronicles*

FROM THE PASTOR...

Mothers and Fathers -- you think you're special? You think you're being honored, having one day out of the year dedicated to you? Consider this: Egg salad gets a whole week. As do pickles, pancakes, pickled peppers, split pea soup, clowns, carpenter ants and aardvarks. Peanut butter (March), chickens (September) and oatmeal (January) each rate an entire month. Mothers and fathers can draw solace from the fact that along with themselves, such national treasures as the rubber eraser and moles also merit only a single day of recognition.

In Bill Cosby's book, *Fatherhood*, he tells many delightful stories. Here are two: Now that my father is a grandfather, he just can't wait to give money to my kids. But when I was his kid and I asked him for fifty cents, he would tell me the story of his life, how he got up at 4 A.M. when he was seven years old and walked twenty-three miles to milk ninety cows. And the farmer for whom he worked had no bucket, so he had to squirt the milk into his little hand and then walk eight miles to the nearest can. All for 5 cents a month. The result was that I never got my 50 cents.

But now he tells my children every time he comes into the house: Well, lets see how much money old Granddad has got for his wonderful kids." And the minute they take money out of his hands I call them over to me and I snatch it away from them. Because that is MY money.

In the other story Cosby tells the difference between Mother's Day and Father's Day. He insists Mothers Day is a much bigger deal because Mothers are more organized. Mothers say to their children: Now here is a list of what I want. Go get the money from your father and you surprise me on Mother's Day. You do that for me.

For Father's Day I give each of my five kids \$20 so that they can go out and buy me a present--a total of \$100. They go to the store and buy two packages of underwear, each of which costs \$5 and contains three shorts. They tear them open and each kid wraps up one pair, the sixth pair of underwear going to the Salvation Army. Therefore, on Father's Day I am walking around with new underwear and my kid's are walking around with \$90 worth of my change in their pockets.

Father's Day is not a religious holiday; it is a secular day. As Christians, we are commanded to "honor our parents" all the time, even more than the month for peanut butter, chickens and oatmeal. It is important to recognize dads for another very important reason. There are many in our society today who think fathers are simply not needed. While the number may numerically be small there are some women who actually chose to be single parent mothers. And there are far too many men in America today who father children that they have no intention of raising. The church, therefore, needs to reinforce the message that fathers play a critical role in the life of the family, that fathers are needed, and that God expects something of them. It is good to celebrate those men who truly accept and bear the responsibility of being a father to their children.

That in itself is a great reason to plunge into Father's Day celebrations. Besides what in the world would all the stores do with all those loud, ugly ties, socks and underwear without the Father's Day to unload them on the public.

In God's Grace,
David Vess

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Church Office Hours:

Monday -- Friday - 9 a.m.-1p.m.

Sunday Schedule:

Coffee Fellowship—9:30 a.m.
Bible Study—9:45 a.m.
Worship Service—11:00 a.m.

Wednesday Schedule:

Fellowship Meal—5:30 p.m.
Prayer and Bible Study—6:30 p.m.
Children on Mission—6:30 p.m.
Adult Choir Rehearsal—7:15 p.m.

Monthly Events:

1st Sunday—Men's Breakfast
1st and 3rd Sunday – Youth
2nd Friday - PNO
3rd Thursday - WOM
4th Tuesday—C.A.R.E. Ministry

ROBIN'S ROUNDTABLE

Lazy days of summer are almost upon us, but we have a busy month of June ahead. We start June with recognition of our Graduates here at Swift Creek. God has blessed each one of them and we are proud to acknowledge their accomplishments.

Next is our annual church picnic with good food, fun, fellowship and always great desserts. The WOM and Brotherhood hope you will join us Wednesday, June 5 at 5:30pm at Montague Lake. Bring your swimsuit for a dip in the water.

Vacation Bible School will wind up the month of June. This is our opportunity to share the love of Jesus with children. We still need volunteers even if for one night. If you are willing to help in some way at VBS please contact Robin Atkins or Lynne Cullins. Remember to keep the children and volunteers in your prayers during this busy and fun filled week.

In Christian Service,
Robin

Up Coming Events:

Graduation Recognition Sunday	June 2	
VBS	June 23-June 27	5:30 pm-8:30 pm
Billy Graham Library	TBA	

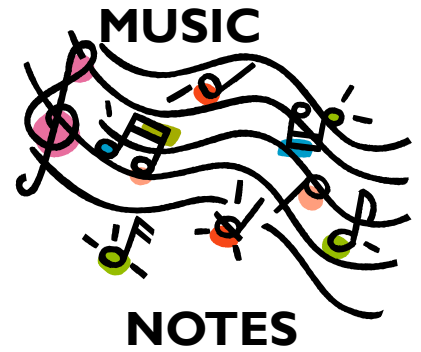
Deacon Update

At the regular monthly meeting in addition to the regular Family Ministry concerns the Deacons discussed the following:

- Dr. Livengood reported the Jetter family approved use of money given for their mother.
- Joint meeting with Finance committee.
- Finance committee recommends that Jetter family money be used for building update. 50% of money used will be repaid to church building fund. Deacons approved this recommendation.
- Deacons voted to inform the Church Conference on May 8 of this recommendation and that there will be a called conference on May 22 for vote on this recommendation.
- Building remodeling committee will need to meet and adjust or approve amount needed for construction.
- Finance committee recommends that we hold off on purchase of video projection system. Money is already available for sound system.
- Dr. David Vess stated that on May 15 playground equipment will be cleaned and stained. Memorial Sunday will be May 19. Church picnic will be June 5.

Meeting closed by prayer by pastor.

This summer, the music ministry will provide opportunities for those who like to sing. The choir will be singing favorites from the past and also learn new songs that are sure to bless. What better way to use your time and energy than joining the choir! "It is good to give thanks to the Lord and to sing praises to your name, O Most High. For You, O Lord, have made me glad by what You have done, I will sing for joy at the works of Your hands." (Psalm 92; 1, 4)



The handbell choir will play for the worship service on June 2nd. We will break for the summer months so this will be the last Sunday to show your support for this ministry until we resume in the fall. The ringers continue to grow as an ensemble while enjoying the camaraderie that makes bell-ringing such a satisfying endeavor. We would welcome others to come and join the fun when we crank back up in September!

David



VBS 2013
JUNE 23-27
5:30pm-8:30pm

Volunteers are needed in all areas! Please contact Robin Atkins to volunteer or to register your children!



FAMILY LIFE CENTER UPDATE



CURRENT FUNDS ON HAND \$109,745

Save the Date!
June 5th @ 5:30 pm
Church wide Picnic at Montague Lake
Lots of food, swimming
and fellowship!
Sign up for side dishes will be coming out soon! Please call Robin at 919-852-3602 if you would like to sign up early!

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June 12



**Average Attendance and Giving
 April 28, 2013—May 19, 2013**

Bible Study Attendance	45
Worship Service	75
Tithes and offerings	\$3,744
Needed weekly to meet budget	\$4,434

Thank you for your gifts!

**NURSERY WORKERS FOR JUNE
 11:00 Service**

- 2- Pearl Strickland, Sandra Cox**
- 9- LaRue Holmes, Barbie Brown**
- 16- Jennie Jones, Tiffany Arnett**
- 23- Dorothy Smith, Joyce Powell**
- 30 - Janet Yunker, Dianne Davis**



**The C.A.R.E.
 Ministry**

Care Ministry will meet on Tuesday, June 25th at 10 a.m. Many have been blessed with our calls, visits, cards and prayers. Thank you for your dedication to this important part of Swift Creek's outreach program.

Online Giving

Available at www.swiftcreekchurch.com
 You can now make secure donations on our website using a credit card, debit card, or Paypal account. This feature allows you to make contributions from anywhere internet access is available.

Swift Creek Baptist Church Clothes Closet and Food Pantry

**AS OF MAY 26 WE HAVE FED AND CLOTHED
 292 PEOPLE IN NEED THIS YEAR!**

**Don't forget the food pantry on your next shopping trip.
 Anything you donate that is store bought is greatly appreciated.**