

MAY

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Swift Creek Chronicles

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Mrs. Sandy Jones, Custodian
Mrs. Kim Sharp, Church Secretary
Mrs. Susan Moore, Financial Secretary

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

FROM THE PASTOR...

As I write this, we are only two days past the bombing at the Boston Marathon. Of course, on a smaller scale, we are reminded of the events of 9/11. By the time you read this, we may well know who is behind this cowardly act, and whether it is international or domestic terrorism, or just one sick minded person. I went back to re-read an article so well written by Dr. Tony Cartledge in the aftermath of 9/11, regarding this type of evil in the world. He wrote, "God allows evil to exist in the world because real freedom cannot exist apart from the possibility of choosing between good and evil. But God is not the author of evil. The Bible consistently challenges God's people to avoid evil and do good (Psalm 34:14; Amos 5:14; Romans 12:9; 1 Peter 3:11). Paul, who was well acquainted with violence and persecution, believed God could work together with believers to bring good from all things – even those that are evil (Romans 8:28). He insisted that Christian people should not be overcome with evil, but work to overcome evil with good (Romans 12:21)."

Dr. Cartledge concluded his thoughts, "As we struggle for proper ways to respond to this awful assault on our nation and our collective sense of security, we must recognize it for what it is, as evil. And ultimately, there is only one way to overcome evil -- with good. Find something good to do and do it."

In that line of thought, Mr. Rogers, of the Children's TV show, Mr. Roger's Neighborhood, said that when he was a child and something bad happened, his mother told him not to concentrate on the bad things, but to "look for the helpers". There would always be those helpers coming to help those in need.

May God help us to always find something good to do and to help someone as we do it, in His name.

In God's Grace,
David Vess

ROBIN'S ROUNDTABLE

The month of May starts out with Mother/Daughter Camp near Asheboro, NC. Brianna, Katie, Christian Leggett, Grandmother Nancy Leggett and myself will be traveling Friday, May 3 to Camp Mundo Vista and returning late Saturday afternoon. We will be working on a mission project and enjoy worship service and other activities. We hope to share with our church family these experiences. Please pray for safe travel on our adventure.

Mother's Day will be another time our children will share what they have been learning in Sunday School and Children's Church. Pray for God to open our hearts to these precious children that we are so blessed with here at Swift Creek. Each week I am blessed by the things they say and do. God is good.

In Christian Service,
Robin

Up Coming Events:

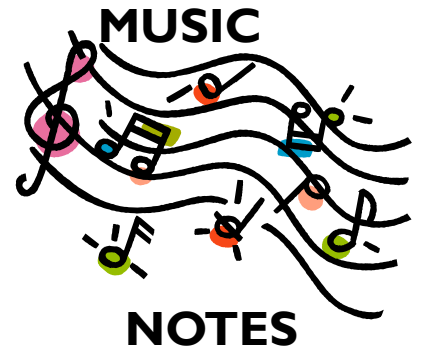
Camp Mundo Vista (Mother/Daughter Camp)	May 3-4	
Graduation Sunday	June 2	
VBS	June 23-June 27	5:30 pm-8:30 pm
Billy Graham Library	TBA	

Deacon Update

At the regular monthly Deacons meeting, in addition to our Family Ministry concerns, the Deacons considered the following items:

- *Music/video estimates are coming in and being evaluated
- *Flag pole memorial has been ordered and should be delivered by summer.
- *Building update committee is presently on hold.
- *Deacon nominating committee for next year's deacons consists of Wiley Johnson, Matt Leggett and Bobby Mills. They will need to start on forms to be distributed for nominations.
- *Church Nominating committee for 2014 – will consist of Dr. Livengood and four other members. Sunday School Supt. will also be included in committee.
- *Dr. Vess passed out calendar for next 2 months activities. Meeting closed by prayer by pastor.

The featured anthem for May is “Awaken Me To Pray” composed by David Lantz with words by John Parker. When life’s burdens seem to overwhelm the soul or our footsteps lead us astray, this song reminds us to bring our needs to the Lord through prayer. Just as a familiar hymn we sing states, “We should never be discouraged, take it to the Lord in prayer.” It is indeed a privilege we have as Christians to go to the One who created us with our needs. Another beloved hymn tells us that we often suffer needless pain because we do not take it to the Lord in prayer. It may sound like a broken record, but we all need to be reminded of the powerful resource that is ours when we humbly call upon the Lord in prayer. Let us be ‘awakened’ to pray as never before during these troubling times.



A very special thank you to the choir and bell ringers for the beautiful way you led in our Easter services. Hallelujah that we sing and pray to a Risen Lord!

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!

COMMITMENTS		3-31-2013
Gifts & Contributions		\$202,506.00
Pledges		\$256,970.00
Total Committed		\$459,476.00
RECEIPTS		
Gifts & Contributions Received		\$202,506.00
Pledges Received		\$162,758.00
Total Receipts		\$365,264.00

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May 15



**Average Attendance and Giving
 March 17, 2013-April 21, 2013**

Bible Study Attendance	48
Worship Service	84
Tithes and offerings	\$3,123
Needed weekly to meet budget	\$4,434

Thank you for your gifts!

NURSERY WORKERS FOR MAY

11:00 Service

- 5- Dorothy Smith, Joyce Powell**
- 12- Janet Yunker, Dianne Davis**
- 19- Christian Leggett, JoAnne King**
- 26- Sharon Lawrence, Lorraine Norton**



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

Care Ministry will meet on
 Tuesday, May 28th 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 MARCH 10 WE HAVE FED AND CLOTHED
 213 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.**