



# October

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## Swift Creek Chronicles

### FROM THE PASTOR...

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Rev. David Beaver, Minister of Music  
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Dr. Bill Pruett, Pianist  
Mr. Bobby Mills,  
Grounds Maintenance  
Mrs. Sandy Jones, Custodian  
Mrs. Sandy Jones, 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

I read of an interesting Parent -Teacher meeting in Fort Worth, Texas, a while back. Dr. James Bailey was the Superintendent of the Fort Worth schools, and during this meeting he tried to emphasize his openness and accessibility. He told the audience that he would be pleased to speak with them any hour of the day or night. "In fact," said he, "here's my telephone number . . ." and proceeded to recite it. There was a sudden outcry from Assistant Superintendent Joe Ross. "Hey," he said, "***That's my telephone number!***" Bailey was just having some fun with his assistant superintendent, but isn't it true that when God wants something done, most of us really hope that He will call somebody else's number: The Pope, or Billy Graham, or at least the pastor. But God has got our number and, upon occasion, He does call each of us. We, too, are those sent with a message to deliver.

Here is a familiar poem by Annie Johnston Flint (1862 -1932) which says it well:  
Christ has no hands but our hands to do His work today;  
He has no feet but our feet to lead men in His way;  
He has no tongue but our tongues to tell men how He died;  
He has no help but our help to bring them to His side.  
We are the only Bible the careless world will read;  
We are the sinner's gospel, we are the scoffer's creed;  
We are the Lord's last message given in deed and word  
What if the line is crooked? What if the type is blurred?  
What if our hands are busy with other work than His?  
What if our feet are walking where sin's allurements is?  
What if our tongues are speaking of things His lips would spurn?  
How can we hope to help Him unless from Him we learn?

Dr. Barry Jones, Associate Professor of Old Testament and Hebrew at Campbell Divinity School will be our preacher for homecoming Sunday. I have known Dr. Jones for many years and he was the Supervisor of my Doctor of Ministry Program. He is a wonderful preacher and even better person. Hope you plan to be with us.

In God's Grace,  
David Vess



## ROBIN'S ROUNDTABLE

Our new church year has begun and we have an exciting and busy fall. Thanks to all that have volunteered to assist in each of the upcoming events. We are each blessed to be a part of such a loving church family. God is good!

In Christian Service,  
Robin Atkins

October 1	Ladies Bible Study Resumes
October 11	PNO 6-9
October 27	Trunk or Treat 4 pm—6 pm
November 2	Annual Christmas Shopping Spree and Bake Sale 9 am—2pm
November 8	PNO 6-9
November 17	Collection of Shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child
November 24	Dedication of boxes
December 7	Breakfast with Santa 9:30 am - 11:00 am
December 13	PNO 6pm-9pm

## Deacon Update

In addition to our Family Ministry concerns the Deacon group dealt with the following items:

\*Elected of new officers: Chair (Sherman Gibbons), Vice-Chair ( Lynne Cullins), Secretary (Jo Anne King)

\*Portico Update: Jim Walker has someone working on a drawing.

\*Church Sign status: Wake County Commissioners voted unanimously to allow LED signs in residential zones for churches, schools, etc. with certain strict guidelines.

\*Family Ministry Assignments:

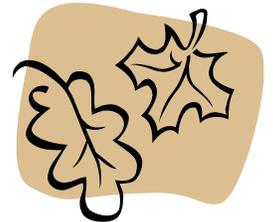
Pat Mills was assigned Bobby Mills' list of Deacon Families  
Dianne Davis was assigned Wiley Johnson's list of Deacon Families  
Charles Norton was assigned Matt Leggett's list of Deacon Families  
Shirley Livengood was transferred from JoAnne's list to Pat Mills' list  
Peter and Sasha Flaten were added to JoAnne King's list  
Zach Vedder was added to Pat Mills' list  
Angel Shelton was added to Dianne Davis' list

\*Deacon Appreciation luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, September 15 @ 12:30 at Bocci Italian Restaurant. Pat Mills will arrange.

\*Pastor Comments:

\*New church secretary, Sandy Jones, is doing a great job.

\*Pastor will be on vacation Sunday, September 22.



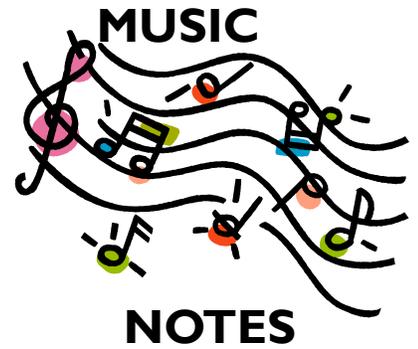
As we gear up for the fall season please consider the opportunities the music ministry offers whether it's singing in the choir or ringing handbells. Please join with us as we prepare music that lifts up our Lord that we may be drawn closer to Him in our Christian walk. According to God's Word, others will also be drawn to Him when He is lifted up!

The sound system is now completely installed and the music ministry is reaping the rewards by having the many features a digital soundboard offers to us. The gift that made this possible is greatly appreciated as we enjoy better sound production each Sunday morning. Our homebound will hear the difference too, as we strive to produce a better recording of our worship services. The old system will be installed in the fellowship hall where it will be used for Wednesday activities and special events.

Speaking of special events, the idea of having a talent show has been suggested to help raise funds for the video needs in the sanctuary. There will be a sign-up sheet placed on the bulletin board in the hallway by the music rehearsal room for those who would like to participate.

David

*Psalm 150: 3-4, 6 Praise him with the sounding of the trumpet; praise him with the harp and lyre, praise him with the timbrel and dance; praise him with stringed instruments and organs. Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord.*



## Dear Church Family.....

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for the many acts of kindness shown to me. You are such a caring and concerned family. The cards, calls, prayers, and food were greatly appreciated. I am so blessed to have each one of you in my life.

Sincerely,  
Sharon

Swift Creek Baptist Church Family,

Thank you so much for all the prayers, calls, cards, and other expression of Christian love. It is wonderful to be a part of a loving church family. Your love means so much to me.

Jo Ann Dewar



Dear Church Family,

Just wanted to thank everyone who put together the lovely shower. The decorations, food, gifts, and fellowship were wonderful. We couldn't have asked for anymore. Thanks again for everyone who came out to celebrate with us. Also, thanks for all the precious gifts, words of encouragement, and kindness. We really appreciate everything and everyone.

Sincerely,  
Tiffany and Ray Arnett

My Dear SCBC Family

Our hearts have been touched by the outpouring of love through your prayers, cards, food, calls, visits, rides, and concerns during my recent hand surgery. Never have I felt the power of prayer as I have recently. I am now on the road to recovery, beginning physical therapy, and will hopefully be fully resuming my duties as financial secretary very soon. Praise God from whom ALL blessings flow! Thank you!

Susan Moore

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## FAMILY LIFE CENTER UPDATE



CURRENT FUNDS ON HAND \$110,217.42

### NURSERY WORKERS FOR OCTOBER

- 6- LaRue Holmes, Diane Davis
- 13- Jennie Jones, Margie Britt
- 20- Christian Leggett, JoAnne King
- 27- Dorothy Smith, Judy Durden

The C.A.R.E.



### Ministry

Care Ministry will meet on Tuesday, October 22nd 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.



### Average Attendance and Giving August 4, 2013-Sept. 22, 2013

Bible Study Attendance	45
Worship Service	81
Tithes and offerings	\$3418
Needed weekly to meet budget	\$4,434

Thank you for your gifts!

### Online Giving

Available at [www.swiftcreekchurch.com](http://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 SEPTEMBER 17 WE HAVE FED AND CLOTHED 494 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.