

Swift Creek Chronicler

June

2015



From the Pastor's Pen ~

In his book, *Eureka*, Norman Neaves tells the story of a fifteen-year-old girl who went to a youth conference in Oklahoma. She was short and a bit overweight. She was not too attractive, and she had been crippled from birth. When a dance was held one night at the conference, she simply put her crutches by a chair nearby, sat down in another chair and spent the evening watching the others dance. All the time smiling, but who knows the pain that was going on inside. Norman Neaves, tells the story, "The music was the kind that peels the skin off your face and overloads the auditory nerve, and the floor was full of teenagers moving with the rhythm." Then a very special thing happened. In the middle of the dance program that evening, a slow number was played by the band, and a tall 16-year-old boy went over to this girl, held out his hand and said to her, "Please, would you dance with me?" She looked up with unbelieving surprise, and with a smile quivering on her face, she said, "Yes." Together they began dancing. The young man held her tightly, and she held on to him tightly, lest she stumble and fall. It was a beautiful sight to behold. "Later that evening, one of the leaders went to the young man and told him how special he thought it was for him to do this, and how much he admired him. And he said, "As the two of you were dancing, I noticed that she whispered something in your ear. Do you mind if I ask what it was?" And the teenager said, "You're not going to believe this, but she said that this was the first time that anyone had ever asked her to dance in her whole life." That's a picture of it - grace. All grace. Can you imagine how that young woman felt? Unattractive, crippled, never having been asked to dance. And then came Prince Charming -- and it happened. Can you imagine how she felt? If so, then you are beginning to understand grace.

In June, through VBS, we get to tell some young people about God's grace. If you would like to help, contact the church office.

In God's Grace,

David Vess

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Mrs. Susan Moore,
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Mrs. Deborah Hutchins, Secretary

Mrs. Eloise Garland, Custodian

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:

Prayer & Bible Study 6:15 p.m.

In the sanctuary for summer

Adult Choir 6:15 p.m.

Children's Mission Group 6:15

Monthly Events:

1st Sunday-Men's Breakfast 8:30

2nd Sunday-Grounds 5:00 pm

TBA - Youth

2nd Monday - Finance 6:30 pm

1st Tuesday - Deacons 7:00 pm

3rd Thursday - WOM 7:00 pm

2nd Friday - PNO 6-9 pm

4th Wed.-C.A.R.E. 10:00 am

Deacon Update

At the regular monthly Deacons Meeting on May 5, 2015, in addition discussing our Family Ministry needs, the Deacons discussed the following items:

Old Business:

Portico Update: New interior doors have been stained and waiting for hardware. Still waiting on a special order piece from California for over the door outside. Landscaping will follow soon. Church was required to record with Wake County a wet pond management report (retention ditch).
 Homeschool: School organizers are still gathering more information regarding a wall partition in the Fellowship Hall.

New Business:

Request has been made to include in bulletin or monthly newsletter the highlights of the Quarterly Conference.
 Other questions to consider regarding long-range planning:
 Refreshing/repainting other parts of Sanctuary
 Rearrangement of pulpit area etc. (Fire Code concerns)
 Rearrangement and reconstruction of some church pews

Pastor Comments:

May and June calendars were distributed
 May 17th Memorial Sunday for Frances Brown, Pearl Mundy and Mary Lee King
 Also, Children's Musical "Down by the Creek Bank".
 No Wednesday night meals after May 20th
 Communion is Sunday, May 31, 2015
 Church picnic scheduled for Wednesday, June 3rd at Montague Lake
 Graduate recognition will be Sunday, June 7th.
 Vacation Bible School is scheduled for June 14 – 18.

Please help the Church Clerk update our records. The following people have not removed themselves from church membership, but do not attend and we have no current contact information for them. If you have any updated information please notify Lynne Cullins.

- Amelila Krumsiek
- Matthew Poole
- Greg Porter & daughters
- J.C. Cousins
- Beth Ozment
- Brian Childress
- Beverly Gelvin
- Steve Ragan
- Woodrow & Kathy Caudle
- Keith Davis
- Betty Hobbs
- Rhonda Wise
- Heather & Raley Horton
- Jay & Penny Howell

- Sherry Clayborne
- Faye Atkins
- Katherine Southall
- Sonya Steward Clodfelter

Fellowship Coffee Schedule 2015

January	Journeymen	Angie Vess
February	Shepherd's Flock	Lynne Cullins
March	Busy Bees	Steve Cox
April	Disciples	Tony Lineback
May	Journeymen	Angie Vess
June	Shepherd's Flock	Lynne Cullins
July	Busy Bees	Steve Cox
August	Disciples	Tony Lineback
September	Journeymen	Angie Vess
October	Shepherd's Flock	Lynne Cullins
November	Busy Bees	Steve Cox
December	Disciples	Tony Lineback

Music



Notes

“We Are Still the Church,” a song composed by Kirk Talley and Lanny Wolfe, is based on scripture from the book of Philippians 3:13-14. Recently, the choir sang an anthem arrangement of this song by Tom Fettke that powerfully expressed the message found in these verses, “... forgetting about the things that are behind, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.” Yes, there are times when we face uncertainty, and our faith is tested, but through all the trials and tribulations, we can place our trust in the sovereign God, knowing He will see us through while we press on!

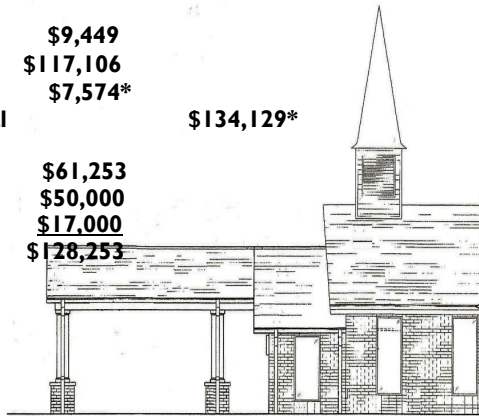
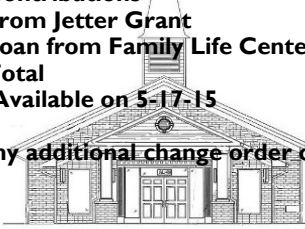
Under the leadership of Myra Williams, the performance of “Down by the Creek Bank” was a tremendous success. Myra will be missed when she moves back to Georgia, but she will certainly be remembered in so many ways. Her passion for music and “giving our best” to the Lord will continue to echo, especially in the hearts and minds of our children. I thank Myra and all who played a part in this production and give God the glory for the way He spoke to us through our children on that special day.

David Beaver

Construction/Architect/Surveying/Permits Cost:

Phase One (Paid)	\$9,449	
Phase Two (Paid to date)	\$117,106	
Phase Two (Balance Due)	\$7,574*	
Total		\$134,129*
Income through May 17th, 2015		
Contributions	\$61,253	
From Jetter Grant	\$50,000	
Loan from Family Life Center Fund	\$17,000	
Total	\$128,253	
Funds Available on 5-17-15	\$1,639	

*plus any additional change order costs



CARE 10:00 am
Wed. June 24th



CARE

Upcoming Events:

- June 3 Church Picnic at Montague Lake 5:30 pm
- June 7 Graduation Sunday
- June 14 VBS (volunteers needed) 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- June 22 Newsletter deadline

June Nursery

JUNE—Tiffany Arnett 423-341-5784

- 6/7 Dorothy Smith, JoAnne King
- 6/14 Joyce Powell,
- 6/21 Janet Yunker, Sharon Lawrence
- 6/28 Tiffany Arnett, Lorraine Norton

Average Attendance and Giving

May 3rd, 2015 ~ May 24th, 2015

Bible Study Attendance	55
Worship Service	85
Tithes and offerings	\$4,174

Online giving available at www.swiftcreekchurch.com

Cans for Christ Shopping List

- macaroni & cheese
- jelly/peanut butter
- pasta
- cereal

- saltine crackers
- beans
- fruit cups
- rice

- canned meat
- spaghetti sauce
- applesauce
- canned soup

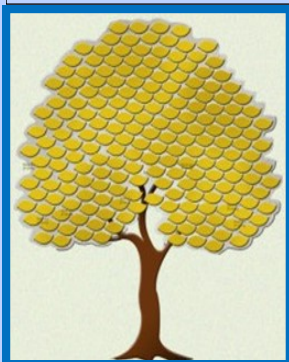
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June 22

**Swift Creek Baptist Church Clothes Closet and Food Pantry
AS OF May 26th WE HAVE FED AND CLOTHED
260 PEOPLE IN NEED!**

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



The 200 leaf "Giving Tree" has been delivered and is temporarily on display in the hallway on the organ side of the sanctuary. It will be installed permanently in the new foyer once construction is complete. Leaves are available for a minimum donation of \$250 per leaf and may be

purchased by contacting Charles Livengood, Susan Moore or the church office. An order form is available to assist you with placing your order. Engraving is included with each purchase. Please provide **in writing** the exact wording to be engraved on each leaf. Suggestions for engraving include: in memory of, in honor of, friends of, or the name of a particular organization. Engraving should be no more than 4 lines and 92 characters.

Dear Friends at Swift Creek Baptist Church,

Thanks so much for all the good and wonderful things that my friends did in the loss of my sister-in-law, Betty Shaw, in April, and my brother, Wilber, in May. The phone calls, cards, food, visits and prayers. May God bless you all. I miss my friends.

Love, Mary Alice



Thank you to the Homeschool families for their very generous donation to our church for letting them use our buildings for 3 days of teacher training.