

# Swift Creek Chronicler

May



2015



## From the Pastor's Pen ~

Across the country grade schools, high schools, colleges and universities are or soon will be holding their graduation ceremonies. In the middle of this month, Angie and I will be attending our son's Master's graduation. We look forward to sharing this time with him as he celebrates this point in his career. For the graduates this is oftentimes a bittersweet occasion. What makes it a time of mixed emotions is not the accomplishment of finishing school, but the recognition that soon many of their friends will be going separate ways. And so some of the final conversations that classmates will have with each other or will put in each other's yearbooks is the desire to stay in touch, to stay connected. Because if friendships are going to last or grow stronger or develop more deeply, people have to stay connected with each other.

Jesus Christ is the best friend of every person in this world. As Christians, we know this. But like any friendship, it is a relationship that has to be cultivated. When it is, great blessings follow. If it is not, the friendship, the connection, the joy of knowing that He is genuinely interested and involved in our life can grow distant or even be lost completely.

Many of you have heard that our secretary, Myra Williams will be leaving at the end of May. She has been such a blessing in her ministry here. She has been such an asset in the music ministry, children's ministry and in the church office. We wish her and her family God's best blessings, but we will sorely miss her.

In God's Grace,

David Vess

### Deacon Update

At the regular monthly meeting, April 7, in addition to the Family Ministry concerns, the deacons discussed the following items:

\* Portico Update: The majority of the work has been done. They are still waiting for a few items that are on back-order. Hoping to have everything completed by first part of May.

\*Matt Leggett has agreed to serve as SS Director.

\*Deacons suggested members to serve on Nominating Committee. This group is to be presented to the May Church Conference.

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### Church Staff:

Dr. David Vess, Pastor

Rev. David Beaver,  
Minister of Music

Mrs. Robin Atkins, Director of  
Children and Youth Activities

Mr. Bobby Mills,  
Grounds Maintenance

Mrs. Susan Moore,  
Financial Secretary

Mrs. Myra Williams, Secretary

Mrs. Myra Williams, Custodian

### Church Office Hours:

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

### Sunday Schedule:

Handbell Rehearsal - 9:00 a.m.

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 & Bible Study 6:15 p.m.

Adult Choir 6:15 p.m.

Children's Choir 6:15 p.m.

### Monthly Events:

2nd Sunday—Grounds

3rd Sunday – Youth

2nd Monday - Finance

1st Tuesday - Deacons

3rd Thursday - WOM

2nd Friday - PNO

4th Wednesday-C.A.R.E.

**Deacon Update (continued)**

\*There is a possibility of upgrading our organ for \$6,000. Deacons voted to pass this along to Finance Committee with recommendation to see how to fund this.

\*The Home School group is seeking permission to have a dividing wall built in the Fellowship Hall. This would be helpful particularly to church during VBS. The Home School group would completely fund this. Before making a decision, the Deacons ask for more information and some examples of how this would work.

Dear Church Family,

Thanks so much for all the cards, visits, and meals you provided during my hospital stay. Your continued love and support is appreciated.

Love, BB Jones and family



**Foyer / Portico Building Project**

**Construction/Architect/Surveying/Permits Cost:**

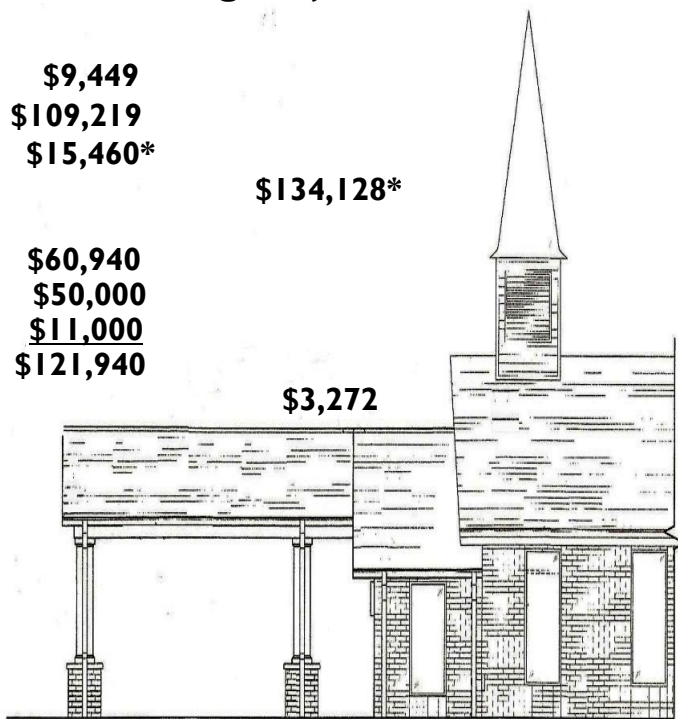
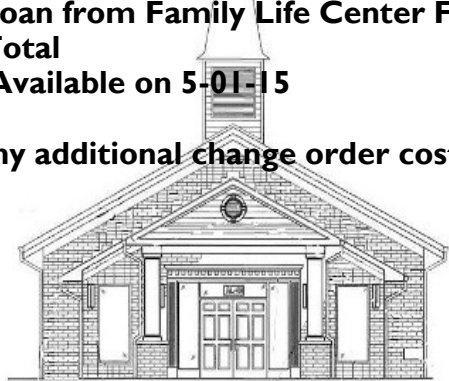
**Phase One (Paid)** \$9,449  
**Phase Two (Paid to date)** \$109,219  
**Phase Two (Balance Due)** \$15,460\*  
**Total** \$134,128\*

**Income through May 1st, 2015**

**Contributions** \$60,940  
**From Jetter Grant** \$50,000  
**Loan from Family Life Center Fund** \$11,000  
**Total** \$121,940

**Funds Available on 5-01-15**

\*plus any additional change order costs



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

The month of May will be a time when the sounds of bells and children singing will be heard praising the Lord in His sanctuary. Anthems from the choir loft will be lifted up to the One from whom all blessings flow. The sun comes up, it's a new day dawning, it's time to sing Your song again. Whatever may pass, and whatever lies before me, let me be singing when the evening comes. Bless the Lord, O my soul, worship His holy name. These words from the song "10,000 Reasons," express the heart's desire to trust the Lord's provision through every day of our lives.

Do not miss the opportunities listed in this month's calendar to come into God's house each week to worship, serve, and fellowship with like-minded Christians.

David Beaver

Proverbs 3: 5-6 Trust in the Lord with all your heart; and lean not unto thy own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge Him, and He will direct thy paths.

### *Robin's Roundtable*

We here at Swift Creek are so blessed with such talented children and youth. You will all have a chance to experience this talent on May 17th, "Children's Sunday", at 11 a.m. during worship service. These kids along with Myra Williams (director), David Beaver, Cindy Beaver, Whitney Beaver, Katie Hennenlotter, and all the parents and grandparents have put in a lot of time preparing for this musical, "Down By the Swift Creek Bank." It has been such a blessing working with these kids. They are such a joy and each hold a special place in my heart. So be prepared for a special blessing on May 17th. We pray this musical performance will be for God's Glory. Amen.

In Christ's Service,  
Robin Atkins



#### **Upcoming Events:**

May 2	Women's Retreat with Allison Cain	9:00 - Noon
May 10	Mother's Day	
May 17	Children's Sunday "Down By The Swift Creek Bank"	11:00 am service
June 3	Church Picnic at Montague Lake	5:30 pm
June 8	Graduation Sunday	
June 14	VBS (volunteers needed)	5:30 - 8:30 pm

#### **Average Attendance and Giving**

April 5th, 2015 - April 26th, 2015

Bible Study Attendance	58
Worship Service	94
Tithes and offerings	\$4,000
Needed weekly to meet budget	\$4,244

Online giving available at  
[www.swiftcreekchurch.com](http://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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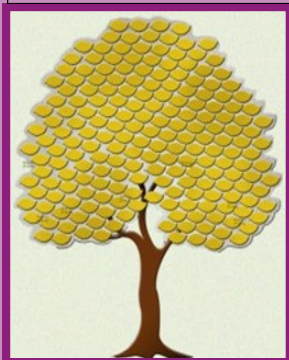


May 22

### Swift Creek Baptist Church Clothes Closet and Food Pantry



**AS OF April 28th WE HAVE FED AND CLOTHED  
226 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.

#### Wednesday Meals Menu for May

- May 6 Hot Dogs, Chili/Slaw/Onions, Baked Beans/Chips, Dessert
- May 13 Baked Spaghetti, Tossed Salad, French Bread, Dessert
- May 20 Pork Roast Sandwich, Potato Casserole, Green Beans/Slaw, Dessert

**May 20 will be the last meal for the summer.**

#### May Nursery

- 5/3 Tiffany Arnett, Lorraine Norton
- 5/10 Diane Davis, Kristin Holmes
- 5/17 LaRue Holmes, Janet Yunker
- 5/24 Jennie Jones, Margie Britt
- 5/31 Christine Leggett, Judy Durden

**CARE**  
10 am  
Wed.  
5/20

