

SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE

December 2021



How the Grinch Stole Christmas

Every Who down in Whoville, the tall and the small, was singing! Without any presents at all! He HADN'T stopped Christmas from coming! IT CAME! Somehow or other, it came just the same! And the Grinch, with his grinch-feet ice-cold in the snow, stood puzzling and puzzling: "How could it be so?" "It came without ribbons! It came without tags!" "It came without packages, boxes or bags!" And he puzzled three hours, till his puzzler was sore. Then the Grinch thought of something he hadn't before! "Maybe Christmas," he thought, "doesn't come from a store." **"Maybe Christmas...perhaps...means a little bit more!"**

by Dr. Seuss

Dear Church Family,

Let me be the first to say, "Merry Christmas"! I love, just love Christmas.... It is a season of Faith, Hope, and Love! I was watching "How the Grinch Stole Christmas" this past week and with all the supply chain crisis that our nation is facing; I am reminded that Christmas means a little bit more...Christmas is about a Savior who came to earth to save each one of us from our own sins. Yes, no doubt, we are dead in our own sin. Still, I am often reminded about a Father who gave His only Son and that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. We learn that which is given to us by the Father can never be stolen...and no matter how empty the store shelves may be; if you keep Jesus in your heart; your soul will always be full....Merry Christmas and may God bless you all....

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jason C. Dunham

Dear Church Family,

Monday I was driving Marc home from a doctor's appointment and he got a phone call from that office. We had not been allowed in the office but saw the doctor in an outside tent. They were calling to let us know the cost of our appt. since at this time, we have no insurance because Marc is unable to work. After the call we were talking about where or how we would pay for it and the next appt in 2 weeks. It's all so overwhelming - so we prayed and let it go and continued on our journey back home. When we got home I got Marc back inside and all set up and then I walked to the mailbox. I took it

inside, sat down with some coffee and went through the mail. Do you know that God answers prayer? He goes before us and we just need to follow him. Right there in an envelope was a check that will cover both of those appointments and our car insurance bill! From You! Praise the LORD! God is so good.

Thank you friends for helping us in such a time of need. Most importantly, thank you for your prayers. Please continue to pray, we still have a long way to go. We love you all and miss you very much.

Love,
Marc, Jamie, Kaden & Kobe Patterson

NOVEMBER DEACONS UPDATE

Charles Livengood led the devotion extending an opportunity for Deacons to reflect on “the Seasons of the Church”. The seasons were described, and we were challenged to identify our current “season” and where we go from here. The parable of the lost sheep, Matthew 18: 12-14, was referenced in efforts to remind all that no one shall be lost.

Old business discussed included the estimated cost of \$9000 to repair the Portico. A contractor has been secured and plans to begin work in November.

The Deacons continue to discuss ways to meet the needs of those not currently in regular attendance and how to maintain contact and fellowship. Also discussed was a means in which to poll those not in attendance to determine if current service times are a contributing factor in their absence. Information regarding this matter will be collected through the newsletter/phones calls. Sunday School concerns continue to be discussed but the current format will remain in place until January 2022. However, the current adult Sunday School class is now meeting in an upstairs classroom. The Deacons agreed to sponsor “Coffee Fellowship” for three Sundays during the month of December.

New items of business consisted of a recommendation from the Nominating Committee for a candidate to serve a one-year term on the Finance Committee who has just finished serving a 3-year term. The Deacons asked the Nominating to consider someone else in keeping with the Church Constitution which requires members to have at least a 1-year gap before serving again. A motion was made and seconded to request the Building Committee convert the 2 sconces at the front entrance and the light at the east entrance of the sanctuary to “dusk to dawn lights”.

Pastor Jason brought before the Deacons the opportunity to support the American Bible Society through their “Bibles for Military” campaign. The Deacons support this effort and the campaign will begin at the beginning of December. Pastor Jason also provided an update on the upcoming sermon for Sundays and Wednesdays (book of Revelation).

Family concerns were discussed, and it was noted that a gift was sent to a church family experiencing unusual difficulties.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennie Jones

WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission would like to thank everyone who made donations to Baptist Children’s Homes of NC, Operation Christmas Child and Thanksgiving assistance for families in need. You have all blessed someone in need. It is amazing what we can all accomplish together as the hands and feet of Christ.

December brings more opportunity to donate to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering that assists the work of our International Missionaries.

W.O.M. is also sponsoring donations for families in need. Donations of gift cards from grocery stores, Walmart, Target or checks for purchasing gift cards to assist with food and gifts for Christmas will be very much appreciated. Please make all donations by December 5th.

Thank you for your generosity. W.O.M. will not meet in December but will resume on January 20, 2022.

Merry Christmas to ALL!

Robin Atkins

CHILDREN & YOUTH INFORMATION & DATES TO REMEMBER

December 10 - 9:30 am

Decorate for Breakfast with Santa

December 11 - 9:30 - 11:00 am

Breakfast with Santa which will include Continental Breakfast, Story & Craft, and visit with Santa

December 12 - Practice for Children's Christmas Play during Sunday School 9:15-9:45

December 19 -

Children' Christmas Play during Worship Service

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HAPPY BIRTHDAY

December 3 Linda Gibbons
 December 5 Sharon Lawrence
 December 9 Jeremy Howell
 December 11 Joe Jones
 December 15 Agnes Lasher
 December 22 Katie Leggett
 December 25 LaRue Holmes
 December 27 Rick Jones
 December 28 Jason Dunham



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 4
 Ray & Tiffany Arnett

December 30
 Peter & Eloise Walker

Nursery Schedule

December 5
 Lynn Pierce, Lynda Hinnant

December 12
 Lorraine Norton, JoAnne King

December 19
 Dianne Davis, Eloise Garland

December 26
 Jennie Jones, Sarah Jones

Jam Schedule

December 5 Dianne Davis
 December 12 Sue Mulvihill
 December 19 Pat Mills
 December 26 TBD

Thank you! 

Tithes and Offerings

October 31 - November 21

October 31	\$2,956
November 7	\$4,558
November 14	\$2,650
November 21	\$3,462

Thank you for your gifts and continued support.

Sunday

Sunday School - 9:15 am
 Worship Service - 10:00 am

Wednesday

December 1 will be the only Wednesday night Bible Study in December. We will resume on January 5, 2022.

2 Banquet Set-up	
3 Senior Saints Banquet	5:30 pm
5 Brotherhood Breakfast	8:30 am
7 Deacons Meeting	6:00 pm
8 Staff Meeting	11:00 am
11 Breakfast with Santa	9:30 - 11:00 am
12 Coffee Fellowship Resumes	8:45 am
13 Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
19 Christmas Cantata Reception to Follow	6:00 pm
22 CARE	9:30 am
24 Christmas Eve Service	6:00 pm
27 Office Closed	
30 Last Day for 2021 Contributions to be	
31 Office Closed	

The Deacons Request Your Input Regarding Current Service Times.

We ask that ALL members respond to the survey below and then detach and return this portion to the church via mail or offering plate by Sunday, December 19, 2021. You may also call the church office with your response at 919-851-0112 during church office hours.

_____ Sunday School at 9:15, Worship at 10:00

_____ Sunday School at 10:00, Worship at 11:00

I suggest the following times for Sunday School and Worship Service _____

Jason Dunham,
Senior Pastor
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Lindy Dunham
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Visit our website

swiftcreekchurch.com

Sermons Online

<https://scbc-2.faithlivesites.com>



Coffee Fellowship - 8:45 am (beginning 12/12)

Sunday School - 9:15 am

Worship Service - 10:00 am

Wednesday - Bible Study and Prayer Time at 6:00 pm.

At this time we ask that everyone continue to social distance. Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. We are asking that children and anyone who is working with children please continue to wear a mask.

Also, one added precaution is that the back two rows and the front row on the east side of the church be reserved/designated for those who are handicapped and those with DMR or other medical related matters.



Updated membership directories are available at the church office. You can pick up your copy or it can be mailed to you. If you have had any changes to your information, please call the church office.

Coffee Fellowship will resume on December 12th at 8:45 am



Schedule:

December 12 - Roy and Agnes Lasher

December 19 - Jason & Lindy Dunham

December 26 - Jennie Jones

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