

January 2022

# SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



## IMPACT 2022

Dear Church family,

It is my prayer that you all had a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. I know that the past couple of years has not been easy as we all have had to adjust to the pandemic crisis. I also know that we are tired and sometimes we feel tapped out. Still, I believe that God has a mission and a purpose for us all. It's called discipleship and discipleship comes in many unique forms. While we cannot control the world that we live in, through Christ Jesus, and discipleship we can make a difference. I believe that it is time that we all except the challenges of discipleship.

First, we are all called to disciple... Matthew 28:19 tells us to go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father, Son, and of the Holy Spirit. This means that we must develop the mindset of Christ. What does this mindset look like? Let's consider Paul's explanation: "Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant" (Phil. 2: 4-5) Discipleship flourishes when we seek others' interests in Christ-like humility.

To be able to disciple others with Christ-like humility we must begin to invest deeply, wisely, and seasonally. This year for 2022, I am issuing a **discipleship challenge called "IMPACT 2022"**.

Impact 2022 involve all of us as a church family to come up with 22 tangible discipleship ideas that we can accomplish throughout next year. For example, I am going to challenge us to recommit to doing Operation Christmas Child throughout the year. We will all collect items throughout the year as a Church family to be able to pack 222 Christmas Boxes. I am also looking to collect food gift cards throughout the year to feed the needy...I have also started to look at a portable baptistry for our sanctuary...The good news is that we have a donor that is willing to cover 50% of the cost.

I have other ideas in my head but I want this **Impact 2022 Discipleship Challenge** to be a church-wide discipleship ministry. I need ideas, and I need you all in this ministry with me. I will be building my sermons around this "Impact 2022 Discipleship Challenge" throughout the year. Let's get excited for what God has in store for us all in the year 2022 because discipleship is something that God, the Church, and we can control. It is time to impact our community, our church, and our families through the service of discipleship.

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Jason C. Dunham

PS. Please send all ideas to our deacons, staff, and church office. We look forward to serving you all as we make an impact for Christ Jesus our Lord.

## DECEMBER DEACONS UPDATE

### January Deacon Update

Sherman Gibbons led the devotion referring to Luke 13:24 which discussed who will be lost and who will be saved when the Day of the Lord will arrive.

Old business was discussed with the first item being the review and granting permission to the nominating committee for the finance committee to continue to function this church year with one less member. Sunday School format was reviewed, and it was determined that the current format will continue into 2022 until there is a need to expand or until covid protocol becomes more relaxed. The portico repair was discussed and there seems to be a delay in communicating information between the insurance company and contractor. Once information is received, there is hope that the repairs will soon begin. Other items discussed in old business included the completion of the installation of dusk to dawn lighting at the sanctuary entrance and the east side of the building. There was a request to now install the same lighting on the west side of the building. The deacons also agreed to begin putting together a Choir/

Music Director Search Committee in January 2022.

New business brought up the opportunities to discuss the expansion of the columbarium, securing a portable baptistry, and ways to ensure that worship services do not extend beyond the allotted 1-hour service. Pastor Jason and committees responsible for these tasks will begin looking into cost, construction, and design of such opportunities. Pastor Jason discussed his goal of "IMPACT 2022" moving toward ministry and discipleship to reach out beyond the walls of Swift Creek Baptist Church. He will be bringing ideas and challenges before the church as we move into the New Year.

The meeting concluded with discussion of family concerns: Frank Eagles passed away October 14, Billy Dennis' Mother (Brenda Prevatte Dennis) passed away November 29, Charles Norton's Mother (Elizabeth Norton) passed away November 23. Bernie Reardon has recovered and is home. Please continue to pray for those who are sick, injured and aging.

Respectfully Submitted,  
Jennie Jones

## WOMEN ON MISSION

Happy New Year!!!

The ladies of W.O.M. would like to thank the Brotherhood and all of the Swift Creek Church family for the assistance, donated funds and gift cards for Thanksgiving and Christmas to help families in need. All of the families were very thankful. We are all blessed to be able to help those in need.

Please join our next meeting on Thursday, January 20, as we pray for our missionaries, share a devotion and plan for future mission outreach.



In His Service,  
Robin Atkins

Please look at the bulletin board in the main hallway behind the sanctuary if you would like to see the individual thank you cards.

# ~ JANUARY ~



- January 1 Dorothy Smith
- January 2 Jennie Jones
- January 3 Wayne Dewar
- January 8 Charles Norton
- January 13 Christian Leggett
- January 16 Angel Shelton
- January 23 Alexander Williams
- January 25 Brianna Leggett
- January 28 Savannah Dunham
- Jan 31 Kaylin Holmes



- January 21  
Roy & Agnes Lasher
  
- January 26  
Charles & Shirley Livengood

## Nursery Schedule

- January 2  
Sharon Lawrence, Eloise Garland
- January 9  
Tiffany Arnett, Lorraine Norton
- January 16  
Lynn Pierce, Pat Mills
- January 23  
Dianne Davis, Lynda Hinnant
- January 30  
Lorraine Norton, LaRue Holmes

## Jam Schedule

- January 2 Dianne Davis
- January 9 TBD
- January 16 JoAnne King
- January 23 Sue Mulvihill
- January 30 Pat Mills

A couple people are still needed to help with JAM and other children and youth programs. Please see Lindy if you can to help.

## Sunday

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

## Wednesday

- Wednesday Evening 6:00 pm
- Bible Study & Prayer
  
- 2 Brotherhood Breakfast 8:30 am
- 4 Deacons Meeting 6:00 pm
- 5 Staff Meeting & Lunch 11:00 am
  
- 8 Take down Christmas decorations 10:00 am
- 10 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm
- 13 Children & Youth meeting 9:30 am
- 18 VBS Planning Meeting 10:00 am
- 20 W.O.M. 10:30 am
- 25 CARE 9:30 am
- 30 Communion



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**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.

# Thank You

Greetings Swift Creek,

What a year it has been for everyone. Thank goodness that our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ has been with us all the way. We apologize for not responding sooner. What an awesome gift it was to receive from you all through our devastating time. The thoughts and prayers you all sent up were more than enough. Though we are still shocked with the loss of Logan, you all have helped us make it through this tragic time. We were able to pay for all of the expenses associated with Logan's funeral. Once again, thank you all for your love and kindness through this.

Trilt & Sandy Jones

Dear Swift Creek Family,

David and I are so very grateful for every gesture of kindness expressed over the past several months as we had family sorrows.

Our church family is the most loving and caring of churches.

Thank you for loving us and being present in our time of sadness and sorrow.

Loving thanks,

David & LaRue Holmes

Swift Creek Church Family,

It is with great humbleness that we each say Thank You from the bottom of our hearts to all of you. Your generosity, love and support is very much appreciated and extremely heart-warming.

The people of Swift Creek go above and beyond to show appreciation to the staff year round, but during this most wonderful time of year, you really show your love and support to us more than you even realize.

The cards, gifts, and love offerings are an extra blessing in so many special ways. You have been a blessing to all of us and our families. We can never say Thank You enough.

Much Love and Happy New Year to all of You!

Pastor Jason & Lindy,  
Jae, Susan, Bobby, Elosie & Debra