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SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



IMPACT 2022

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Psalm 25:1

Dear Church family,

As I write this letter to you all, the drumbeat of war has been heard. Russia has invaded the country of Ukraine. Here at home, inflation and gas prices have risen and it seems there is no end to this COVID-19 pandemic. With these events taking place, I know that our anxiety is rising and our children can feel the emotional pressures of stress that this life can bring. It is times like this that I am reminded that we all serve a mighty God. In Psalm 25:1 it reads **In you, Lord my God, I put my trust.**

In this specific Psalm, David looks to the Lord in prayer. Although he was surrounded by pagan nations that worshiped false gods, David addressed his concerns to the Lord, and he earnestly prayed.

The words "In you; I put my trust" indicated that David was turning to God with his whole life. Our Prayers to God should always be focused and wholehearted. When Jesus prayed in the garden of Gethsemane, His prayer was so focused and so intense that He fell on His face (Matthew 26:39). On the other hand, Jesus' disciples

went to sleep when they should have been praying (Matthew 26:40-41). Earlier, Jesus had told His disciples "a parable to the effect that they ought to always pray and not lose heart" (Luke 18:1).

We can learn from David and Jesus what it truly means not to lose heart as we trust that God will answer our prayers. Ecclesiastes 3 tells us that "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens"

While the world beats the drum and marches to the sound of war — It is time for men to put their trust in God, fall to their knees and pray wholeheartedly.

Remember prayer can make an IMPACT, and prayer can change everything.... Place your trust in the Lord, call to Him, and know that God will faithfully answer your prayers in His Timing... We have nothing to fear for our trust is in the Lord. I love you all...

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Jason

DEACONS UPDATE

Tony Lineback presented the devotion for the February Deacons Meeting encouraging us to pray. If it is not asked it will not be given! Keep it simple and remember the “pocket prayer” from author Max Lucado, “Father, you are good. I need help. Heal me and forgive me. They need help. Thank you. In Jesus name, Amen.”

Old business consisted of revisiting status of the Music Director Search Committee, Columbarium, and purchase of a portable Baptismal Pool. The Music Director Search Committee is meeting and discussing the job description, covenant agreement, interview questions and the desires of the qualities of the next director. It was noted in the Deacons Meeting that the Choir would like to have an opportunity to meet with the candidate before a motion is brought to the church.

Quotes for the construction of an additional 50 niche columbarium are being sought. Current cost of the niches is \$15,000. Additional information is being researched regarding the cost to include the necessary brick housing for the niches, top covering for the preservation of the brick housing and relocating a few roses from the Rosie Jetter Rose Garden and providing proper irrigation of those roses (@ \$2,000 for the roses). Once all quotes are gathered a proposal will be brought before the Deacons and the church for backing.

Pastor Jason has been researching information for the purchase of a portable baptismal pool. He met with the Baptismal Committee to discuss this matter and the baptismal pool has been purchased and in the process of being shipped to the church. The cost of this purchase was approximately \$6,100.

The Deacon Board recommended to the Finance Committee (January 2022) that a non-budgeted line item be made available should church members wish to contribute to the purchase of the baptismal pool and/or columbarium.

Pastor Jason continued to encourage the support of Operation Christmas Child as part of IMPACT 2022. There was also discussion regarding shifting the Food Gift Card ministry to the Raleigh Baptist Association instead of housing that responsibility at the church.

Easter Week sermon series will be “The Resurrection” with sermons on Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday. There is also an effort being made to have the Community Easter Sunrise Service at Montague Lake as in past years. However, if that is not feasible for this year, SCBC will host its own.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennie Jones

WOMEN ON MISSION

W.O.M. and the Brotherhood would like to thank all of you who baked desserts, assisted in preparing potatoes, cooked and chopped barbeque, worked at preparing the to-go plates, greeting and taking to-go orders from customers and all the jobs that made SCBC Annual BBQ possible. It takes all of us working together to make our BBQ a success. And, we had a great time.

March 27th is our Women’s Sunday. Our guest speaker will be Tammy Budd. We look forward to her sharing the message God has laid on her heart to share with us. On Women’s Sunday, we will also honor the memory of Fannie Heck and Sallie Jones, the founders of WMU of NC, for their service to God through missions and ministry. Please consider a gift to the Heck-Jones Mission Fund which helps to fund WMU of NC and the missions and ministries that WMU sponsors.

W.O.M.’s next meeting is Thursday, March 17th at 10:30 in the vestibule. We invite all of the women to join us.



In His Service,
Robin Atkins

ASH WEDNESDAY

FELLOWSHIP MEAL & WORSHIP SERVICE MARCH 2, 2022

Meal at 5:00 pm - Worship Service - 6:00 pm

Menu: Chicken Pot Pie, Steamed Broccoli,
Applesauce & Assorted Desserts.

The meal will be provided on a donation basis. Proceeds will be used to purchase gift cards that will go toward our IMPACT 2022 goal to feed more people as we purchase 2022 gift cards. Please help us prepare by signing up for the meal.

We are also planning a meal on April 14th prior to the Maundy Thursday service.

Proceeds from the February 9th Wednesday Night Meal and the Senior Saints Brunch have given us \$325 that will go towards grocery gift cards.

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- March 6 Jimmy Walker
- March 6 Kyle Lineback
- March 15 Susan Mulvihill
- March 17 Donna Lineback
- March 19 Sherman Gibbons
- March 20 Eloise Garland
- March 28 Haley Lineback
- March 31 Shirley Sorrell



- March 3
Will & Lynne Cullins

- March 5
Steve & Jeannette Cox

Nursery Schedule

- March 6
Dianne Davis, Pat Mills

- March 13
Tiffany Arnett, Eloise Garland

- March 20
Jennie Jones, Sarah Jones

- March 27
Sharon Lawrence, Lynn Pierce



Jam Schedule

- March 6 JoAnne King
- March 13 Sue Mulvihill
- March 20 Dianne Davis
- March 27 Pat Mills

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

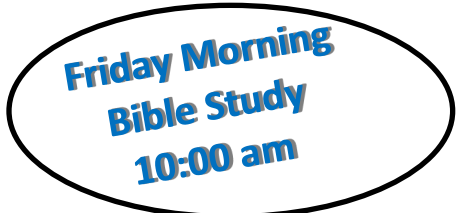
Sunday

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

Wednesday

- Bible Study & Prayer and Children & Youth 6:00 pm

- 1 Deacons Meeting 4:00 pm
- 2 Ash Wednesday Meal Followed by Service 5:00 pm 6:00 pm
- 4 Sanctuary Reserved for Wedding
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- 6 Brotherhood Breakfast 8:30 am
- 10 Children & Youth Committee Meeting 9:30 am
- 14 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm
- 17 WOM 10:30 am
- 23 CARE 9:30 am
- 27 Women's Sunday



Children & Youth

Children's Outing - Date and Place to be determined

God's Brave Girl Bible Study - Wednesday Nights 6-7pm: 6-week Bible Study to guide girls into a life of bravery to be who God created you to be.

Jesus and Me - God Speaks: 12 week Bible lessons on the story of Moses

Children and Youth Committee Meeting - March 10th at 9:30 am.



Easter Sunday is April 17th. We will once again order Easter Lilies for the sanctuary. Order forms will be available as soon as we are quoted a price.

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Friday
Morning Bible Study 10:00 am

At this time we ask that everyone continue to social distance. Masks are optional for those who are fully vaccinated. We do ask 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.



Operation Christmas Child Collection Items for March:

Small Craft Kits and Supplies. Examples are stickers and sticker books, no-sew projects, small wooden projects, yarn, ribbon, beads, bracelet kits, leather craft kits and any other small project items that children would enjoy.

Please place items in the collection bins provided in the vestibule.