

SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



IMPACT 2022

Dear Church Family,

We just celebrated Easter and we all rejoiced as we worshipped the living Christ. Now we are five months into the year 2022 and we are getting ready to celebrate “Mothers”. When I reflect on Mother’s Day I often think of my mother and then my attention turns to T.V. sitcom mothers. Who can remember June Cleaver, Carol Brady, Caroline Ingalls, Lucy Ricardo, and then there is Debra and Marie Barone? I remember watching TV and these ladies could solve or fix almost every problem within 30 minutes. They entertained us for years and we fell in love with them but their faith in God left us empty after an hour.

As we all reflect on mothers, I would challenge us all to read about Jochebed, the mother of Moses. In Exodus 2:1-10, when I read about Jochebed and how she was forced to give up her child my soul cries for her. As a father of two daughters, I could not imagine the pain of letting go of my children. Then, when I think of Jochebed, I often think of Mary who would have to let her son go too. When you compare these mothers to each other we can see the faith that they had in the Lord and how it sustained them.

Here is what I have learned about Jochebed and Mary:

- Despite their many fears, they trusted God to be the light of their world.
- In the midst of their trials, they continued to praise God.

- Their suffering drew them closer to God every day.
- Above all, they trusted God in the unknown.
- They both surrendered to God’s will.

These mothers are amazing, and they are an inspiration to women all over the world. It takes faith and strength to follow God’s plans when it involves your children.

Someday, we all are going to have to place our children into a basket and let them go into this great big unknown world. When Jochebed placed little Moses in the Nile River that day, she could not have known that Moses would grow up to be one of God’s greatest Biblical leaders, chosen to rescue God’s people from slavery in Egypt. By letting go and trusting God, an even greater dream was fulfilled. Like Jochebed, we won’t always foresee God’s purpose in letting go, but we can trust that God’s plan is even better.

I can say without a doubt that we are all better because God has placed mothers in our lives to help us discover God’s plans within our lives. Letting go is never easy.... but trusting in the Lord gives us all strength. The true strength and beauty of a mother is the faith that she has in her God. Happy Mother’s Day to you all!

I love you all,
Pastor Jason Dunham

DEACONS UPDATE

Deacon Update - April 5, 2022

Roy Lasher provided the devotion to begin the meeting. Old business began with a discussion of a scheduled called conference for the approval of Kristin Frazier as Music/Choir Director. Discussion was held about possible conflicts with staff meetings and how that will be handled. Columbarium construction can begin once the niches are delivered. They must be on site for the mason to begin proper construction of the brick housing. The portable Baptismal Pool has been delivered and is ready for use. Rugs will need to be placed to absorb water from those exiting the pool. The baptismal committee will determine if additional rugs need to be purchased or if we can use methods of the past. On May 1, the schedule will be as follows: coffee fellowship will be held at 9:30, Sunday School will be 9:45 and worship hour will be 10:30-11:30. This will be announced throughout March and April. Any concerns from the congregation should be forwarded to Jennie Jones.

New Business: Nominations were made by the board for those to serve on the Nominating Committee for the upcoming church year. Jennie Jones will contact those individuals to fill the committee so work can begin soon. A concern was brought before the board that a copy of the building blueprints should be placed with the Swift Creek Fire Department for emergency purposes. This will be investigated, and the fire department contacted.

Workers compensation insurance has been reviewed and will be signed by Trustees. Glen Jones (Insurance Representative), Pastor Jason Dunham, and Jennie Jones have discussed the potential purchase of and adding “Bonding of Employees” and “Employment Practice Liability” insurance to the churches insurance policy. Glen Jones is looking into cost and will report findings for deacons to discuss. Pastor Jason provided an update for Holy Week plans; Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday, “Sonrise” Celebration and Easter Sunday Worship. Help will be needed to set up chairs, assist with parking, supply coffee and clean-up. It was suggested to enlist the following groups to help with the various task: Ushers - parking, Hospitality - coffee, Brotherhood - setup. Some of these had been contacted for assistance and were in place.

Family Concerns were discussed and the request for continued prayer was made for those who are homebound, sick, experiencing grief and for those who have not yet returned due to covid precautions.

Respectively Submitted,
Jennie Jones
Chair Of Deacons

WOMEN ON MISSION

Happy Mother’s Day to all the mothers at Swift Creek. W.O.M. has a busy month ahead. We start with a Yard Sale on Saturday, May 14th at 8:00 am. The Children and Youth will have a Bake Sale and we will be selling hotdogs for lunch. We are looking for donations for the Bake Sale. Please bring in baked goods on Friday, May 13th. We will be renting parking spaces to anyone who would like to set up your own space. If you have items you want to sell, please pick up one of the vendor forms on the table at the information center. Also, we are accepting donations of items to sell in the fellowship hall. Please bring donations by Tuesday, May 10th, for W.O.M. to price. As always we are looking for volunteers. If you have questions please contact Robin Atkins by text 919.621.2400.

W.O.M. and Brotherhood will host the Annual Picnic on Wednesday, June 8th at 5:30 pm at Montague Lake. We will serve hotdogs, hamburgers, sides, and desserts. Everyone is invited so please join us for food, fun, and fellowship.

Our next meeting is Thursday, June 15th at 10:30 am in the vestibule.

In His Service,
Robin Atkins



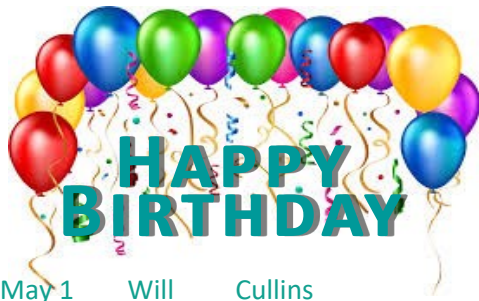
Do you sing? Do you play any musical instrument? Do you have an interest in joining the choir, or even singing just occasionally? If you answered yes to any of those questions, please plan to attend our open rehearsal on May 11th at 5:15 pm.

Have you seen the beautiful piece of hand crafted art work that has been recently placed in the vestibule? If not, please make sure you stop to take a look at it.

This beautiful piece was crafted by Susan Moore.

Thank you Susan, for your many hours of work that went in to creating such a beautiful piece.

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May 1	Will	Cullins
May 1	Lynda	Hinnant
May 2	Daniel	Metzger
May 8	Janice	Murray
May 11	Nicholas	Williams
May 11	Daniel	Atkins
May 13	Janet	Yunker
May 16	Terry	Brown
May 18	Danny	Howell
May 23	Carson	Yunker
May 26	James	Powell
May 28	Bobby	Mills
May 30	Pearl	Strickland



May 19	Casey & Janet	Yunker
May 21	Gerald & Teresa	Atkins

Nursery Schedule

May 1	Lyn Pierce, Lynda Hinnant
May 8	Lorraine Norton, Jennie Jones
May 15	Dianne Davis, Sarah Jones
May 22	Tiffany Arnett, Sharon Lawrence
May 29	LaRue Holmes, Dianne Davis



Jam Schedule

May 1	Pat Mills
May 8	Sue Mulvihill
May 15	TBD
May 22	JoAnne King
May 29	Dianne Davis

Sunday

Coffee Fellowship	9:30 am
Sunday School	9:45 am
Worship Service	10:30 am

Wednesday

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

Morning Bible Study	10:00 pm
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May At A Glance

1 Brotherhood Breakfast	8:30 am
3 Deacons Meeting	4:00 pm
7 Sanctuary rented for Piano Recital	
9 Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
11 Fellowship Meal	5:00 pm
Quarterly Conference	6:00 pm
12 Children & Youth Mtg.	10:30 am
19 WOM	10:30 am
21 Youth Group to Duncan Girls Camp	6:30 am - 3:00 pm
22 Remembrance Day	
25 CARE	9:30 am
29 Communion	

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Muffins for Moms will be in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, May 8th at 9:30 am.

A day trip to Camp Duncan Girls Camp is scheduled for Saturday, May 21st. We will meet at the church at 6:45 am to carpool there. We plan to be back around 3:00 pm. Our work there will consist of painting and cleaning. Anyone is welcome to go with us to help.

Mark you calendar for VBS - June 19 - 23

SENIOR SAINTS

Spring Senior Adult Rally

Tuesday, May 10th at Salem Baptist Church

Cost is \$15 per person. Lunch will be served

Please sign up at the information center located in the hallway behind the sanctuary.

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Sunday

Coffee Fellowship 9:30 am

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening

Bible Study & Prayer
Children & Youth 6:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am
Morning Bible Study

Brotherhood Breakfast will be at 8:45 on May 1st. Please make every effort to attend, this will be the last breakfast until we resume in September.



Operation Christmas Child **In May we will collect** **Hygiene Items**

ie: bar of soap, wash cloth, brush, comb, deodorant, toothbrush, any other small hygiene items you can think of, just remember no liquid. Please place items in the collection bins provided in the vestibule.

There will be a Fellowship Meal on May 11th at 5:00 pm followed by the Quarterly Conference at 6:00 pm.