

SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE

IMPACT 2022



Matthew 5: 1-10

Now when Jesus saw the crowds, he went up on a mountainside and sat down. His disciples came to him, 2 and he began to teach them. He said:

3 “Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

4 Blessed are those who mourn, for they will be comforted.

5 Blessed are the meek, for they will inherit the earth.

6 Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

7 Blessed are the merciful, for they will be shown mercy.

8 Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will see God.

9 Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

10 Blessed are those who are persecuted because of righteousness, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

Dear Church Family,

As I write to you today; like many of you, I am saddened, angered, and broken over the tragedy that happened in Uvalde, Texas. My heart cries out for the loss of 2 teachers and 19 children. I know at times like this our faith can be shaken to the core. There are so many questions to be answered and the truth is there will never be a satisfying answer. We live in a broken world and this is the very reason that God sent his only Son. When the tragic storm of life happens, and they will, I am reminded that Jesus truly knows our pain. He knows how we feel and He understands our emotions. Never forget that even in the midst of the storm, Jesus’ presence will be there. When Jesus preached at the Mount, He knew that generations to come would need comfort in tragic times. This is why I often reflect on the “Sermon of the Mount” (Matthew 5). These words often bring healing. I want you to read and listen to the last words of each sentence that God spoke in the Sermon of the Mount.

“For theirs is the kingdom of heaven, for they will be comforted, for they will inherit the earth, for they will

be filled, for they will be shown mercy, for they will see God, for they will be called children of God, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.”

Our faith in God is what makes every promise and every hope real. Remember that our faith is what keeps us going, through the good times and the hard times. Our faith is what makes us trust in God and believe that we have a future with Him beyond this life.

The prophet Habakkuk said that “the just shall live by his faith” (Habakkuk 2:4 KJV) so let us live by faith too. In closing, these three always remain: faith, hope, and love. But the greatest of these is love.

Please, reach out to those you love and tell them, and I hope you know how much I love you all.

Pray for the families in Texas.

Your Servant in Christ
Pastor Jason C. Dunham

DEACONS UPDATE

Deacon Update -May 3, 2022

Old business began with an update on the Columbarium noting that the niches have been delivered to the church and need to be put together. The Grounds Committee has set a time and date to begin that process and once completed the mason can begin work.

The Deacons have requested, and the following members have agreed to serve on the Nominating Committee for the upcoming church year: Jennie Jones (Chair), Sue Mulvihill, Pat Mills, George Pratt, and Peter Walker. This committee will begin the search for a new Sunday School Director, officers, and committee members in the near future.

Workers compensation insurance has been reviewed and signed by Trustees. Glen Jones (Insurance Agent), Pastor Jason, and Jennie Jones have discussed the potential purchase of “Bonding of Employees” and “Employment Practice Liability” insurance to the church’s insurance policy. Glen Jones is looking into cost and will report findings for deacons to discuss.

The church service times were modified May 1, 2022. Coffee Fellowship at 9:30, Sunday School 9:45-10:20 and the worship service 10:30-11:30. After only this one Sunday using this new schedule, Deacons were pleased to see an increase in members attending Sunday School and Worship. The Deacons support this change and will continue with this schedule indefinitely. There was a discussion to move Coffee Fellowship to one Sunday per month with that taking place on the second Sunday of each month. Members are asked to volunteer and sign up for the second Sunday of each month.

Discussion was held regarding the upcoming baptism, May 15, 2022. It was noted that all Baptism Committee members be notified prior to scheduling further baptisms and that the new baptismal pool receive a “practice run” prior to its first official use. The Baptism Committee was contacted, and arrangements made to practice and prepare for the May 15th baptism.

New Business: Joyce Powell and Dianne Davis brought two proposals before the Deacons requesting support in their efforts to make an IMPACT. The first proposal was an opportunity to support the Food Gift Card Ministry through a Sunday Fellowship Lunch to be provided once a month. A small group of members will be responsible for planning and preparing the meal and members are encouraged to participate through attendance and donations. Donations will go to help fund the Food Gift Card Ministry. The Deacons were in favor of this proposal and encourage this event to proceed provided it does not conflict with other meals/events. The second proposal brought by Powell and Davis was the recommendation of using “Sign Up Genius” as a tool for

members to sign up to provide meals for church members who are in temporary need of assistance. This program can be used should there be an extended illness, major or minor surgery and the church member needs support. This proposal does not involve or impact the Hospitality Committee. The Hospitality Committee would continue to function as normal and provide services should there be a death or funeral. Sign-up Genius would only be used to provide meals in an organized manner in the case of a sudden illness, surgery, broken bones, etc. Members would be given access to this tool through the church website and/or email. The Deacons were in support of this opportunity provided it does not require extra work of the church secretary. This is to be member generated and supported.

Final item discussed at the Deacons Meeting was to request church members to avoid interruption of the Finance Committee as they prepare monies and deposits. Only members of the Finance Committee who are actively counting money or preparing deposits should be in the room. Thank you for complying with this request to allow committee members to complete this task properly and without interruption.

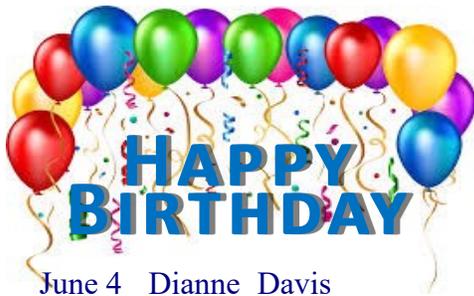
Pastor Jason updated the Deacons on several items and made the following request for consideration:

- Marriage counseling for 2 couples will begin soon.
- Pastor Jason inquired about having a southern gospel singing group for a performance. Deacons noted it has been done in the past and welcomed again.
- Requested for the Children/Youth Search Committee to actively begin work. The pastor will contact additional church members to serve on this committee with those previously appointed.
- Suggested we consider hiring an Associate Pastor to function as part-time pastor, youth/children director. The deacons will continue to discuss/consider this.
- Suggested we extend an invitation to Ron and Katie Dodge to speak to the church about supporting this couple, financially and prayerfully, as they begin mission work with at risk youth in Kentucky.
- Inquired if the church would financially support his efforts to achieve a doctorate from Andersonville Seminary. These items will be discussed by the deacons and final decisions made later.

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

Respectively Submitted,
Jennie Jones
Chair Of Deacons

~ J U N E ~



- June 4 Dianne Davis
- June 6 Louise Wilkins
- June 7 Buddy Moore
- June 8 Barbie Brown
- June 8 Sean Kim
- June 16 Addison Yunker
- June 20 George Pratt
- June 28 Elli Hughes

Nursery Schedule

- June 5
Lynn Pierce, Eloise Garland
- June 12
Lorraine Norton, Lynda Hinnant
- June 19
Jennie Jones, Teresa Atkins
- June 26
Dianne Davis, Sarah Jones

Jam Schedule

- June 5 JoAnne King
- June 12 Sue Mulvihill
- June 19 Pat Mills
- June 26 TBD

Sunday

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

Wednesday

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

Friday

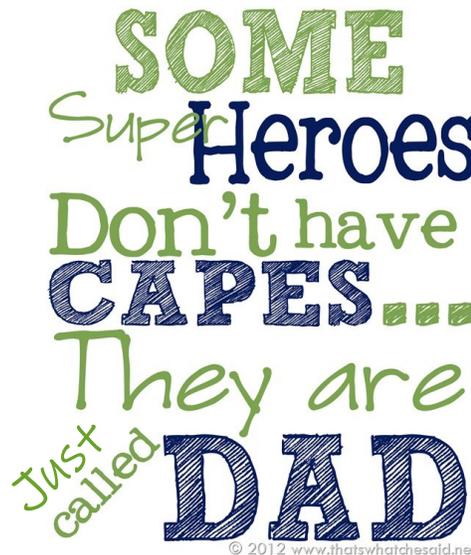
- Morning Bible Study 10:00 pm

June At A Glance

- 7 Deacons Meeting 4:00 pm
- 8 Church Pic-Nic at Montague Lake
- 9 VBS Planning Meeting 10:00 am
- 9 VBS Planning Meeting 6:00 pm
- 13 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm
- 16 WOM 10:30 am
- 18 VBS Decorating 10:00 am
- 19 Happy Father's Day 9:30 am
Donuts for Dads
- 19 -23 VBS 5:30 - 8:30 pm
- 23 CARE 9:30 am
- 25 Church Family Outing - Willow Oak



- June 1 Robert & Dorothy Smith
- June 12 Tony & Donna Lineback
- June 19 Bobby & Debbie Turner
- June 20 Daniel & Claudia Metzger
- June 20 Don & Sharon Lawrence
- June 21 Sherman & Linda Gibbons
- June 24 Randy & Dianne Davis
- June 25 John & Margie Britt



CHILDREN & YOUTH

Vacation Bible School is coming up quickly. Please look at the schedule so you will know the details.

- 6/9 VBS Planning Meeting 10:00 am and 6:00 pm
- 6/18 VBS Decorating Day 10:00am - until finished

6/19 Donuts for Dads 9:30 am

6/19 - 6/23 VBS 5:30-8:30 - A snack supper will be provided. Register on-line or at the information center. Invite all of the children you know to attend.

6/25 Family Outing to The Scoop at Willow Oak Farms. Meet at church at 10:30 am or meet us there at Willow Oak Farms at 11:30.

Address: 1530 LaFayette Road, Fuquay-Varina. There is a farm themed indoor play area, and ice cream shop, for more information please see their website: willowoakfarms.net

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Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 am

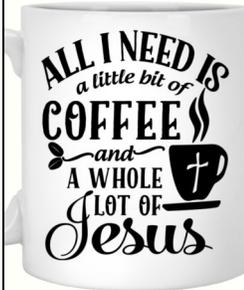
Worship Service 10:30 am

Wednesday Evening

Bible Study & Prayer
Children & Youth 6:00 pm

Friday 10:00 am

Morning Bible Study



Coffee Fellowship
2nd Sunday
at 9:30 am



Operation Christmas Child **In June we will collect** **Small Toys:**

ie: baby teethers, baby keys,
board books, dolls, coloring
books, play dough, slinky,
hot wheels, teas sets, yo-yo
spinners, inflatable balls,
jacks, marbles,

Please place items in the
designated collection bins.



~ You Are Invited ~
Please join us in celebrating
Louise Wilkins
for her 92nd Birthday.

Sunday, June 5th — 2:00 - 4:00 pm (floating)
Foundation Senior Living
1437 Aversboro Road, Garner NC

Spring is in the air and the flowers are blooming.
A big thanks to Roy & Agnes Lasher for keeping
the planters looking so beautiful and welcoming.
Also, a big thanks to David & LaRue Holmes
who always trim and maintain the rose bushes
and keep the roses looking so lovely.