

C SWIFT CREEK H R O N I C L E R



Dear Church Family,

Greetings in the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. As we reflect during this meaningful season of Lent, I feel a deep sense of joy and gratitude in sharing a devotion centered on the resurrection of Jesus Christ. This transformative event is the foundation of our Christian faith, serving as a powerful testament to God's endless love and might.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is described in the Gospel of Matthew 28:5-6 (NIV): The angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you are looking for Jesus, who was crucified. He is not here; he has risen, just as he said. Come and see the place where he lay." This declaration by the angel profoundly reminds us that Jesus' triumph over death was foretold and fulfilled, solidifying our faith in His promises.

The resurrection signifies victory over death and the promise of eternal life. As the Apostle Paul explains in 1 Corinthians 15:55-57 (NIV): "Where, O death, is your victory? Where, O death, is your sting? The sting of death is sin, and the power of sin is the law. But thanks be to God! He gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ." This victory reassures us of our salvation and empowers us to live a life free from the fear of death.

The power of the resurrection is evident in the transformation it brings to our personal lives. In Romans 6:4 (NIV), Paul writes: "We were therefore buried with him through baptism into death, in order that, just as Christ was raised from the dead through the glory of the Father, we too may live a new life." Through the resurrection, we are given a new life, a life that reflects the glory and grace of our risen Savior.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ offers us hope and assurance that extends beyond our earthly existence. In John 11:25-26 (NIV), Jesus says to Martha, "I am the resurrection and the life. The one who believes in me will live, even though they die; and whoever lives by believing in me will never die. Do you believe this?" This profound statement by Jesus assures us that our faith in Him guarantees us eternal life - a promise that brings comfort and hope in times of trial.

As followers of Christ, we are called to embody the resurrection in our daily lives. Colossians 3:1-2 (NIV) urges us: "Since, then, you have been raised with Christ, set your hearts on things above, where Christ is, seated at the right hand of God. Set your minds on things above, not on earthly things." This call to focus on the eternal rather than the temporal encourages us to lead lives that reflect Christ's resurrection, filled with hope, love, and purpose.

The resurrection is not just a historical event, it is the Good News that we are called to proclaim to the world. In Acts 4:33 (NIV), we read: "With great power, the apostles continued to testify to the resurrection of the Lord Jesus. And God's grace was so powerfully at work in them all." As modern-day disciples, we too are called to testify to the resurrection, sharing the transformative power of Jesus with those around us.

Embracing the resurrection means living in the fullness of the grace and power that Jesus has bestowed upon us. Ephesians 1:18-20 (NIV) beautifully captures this: "I pray that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you, the riches of his glorious inheritance in his holy people and his incomparably great power for us who believe. That power is the same as the mighty strength he exerted when he raised Christ from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms." May we fully embrace this power and live lives that glorify God as a community of believers.

The resurrection of Jesus Christ is a beacon of hope, a testament to God's unfailing love, and a call to live a life of purpose and joy. As we meditate on this divine event, let us allow its power to transform, inspire, and guide us on our journey of faith. May we carry the message of the resurrection in our hearts, proclaim it with our lips, and reflect it in our actions.

Your Servant in Christ
Pastor Jason C. Dunham

DEACONS UPDATE

DEACON UPDATE - MARCH 2025

We had a consensus of the group that there is not a need for a staff member or the Pastor to become a Notary.

Jennie Jones announced that she will proceed with canceling Sunday School on Easter Sunday, Mother’s Day and Father’s Day. Additional days may be added in the future.

Revisions to the composition of the contracts for Classical Conversations and Swift Creek Studios were review and approved. Additionally, it was proposed and approved to increase the Classical Conversation

maintenance fee from \$250 to \$400 and increase the charge per family from \$50 to \$75. Swift Creek Studios remained the same except for the addition of the payment due on the first of each month.

Jennie Jones asked permission to switch the nursery and the preschool class rooms because the nursery is the larger room. Approval was granted. We discussed updating the furniture and the toys. Jennie will present a time line and a budget at the next meeting for further discussion.

Submitted by Dianne Davis, Chair of Deacons

WOMEN ON MISSION

In April, W.O.M. will meet on Wednesday, April 23 at 10:30 am in the conference room, following CARE. We will help the ladies of CARE if they have not completed the cards. We have several upcoming events to discuss.

W.O.M. plans to assist at WLFL (With Love From Jesus) one Thursday a month. If you are interested in joining us in this community service, please contact Robin Atkins or Agnes Lasher for more information.

W.O.M. continues to pray for and support the PreBorn ministry. Their mission is to save babies and save souls.

A donation of \$28.00 provides an ultrasound for a pregnant women seeking an abortion. Upon seeing their baby on an ultrasound, many women choose to not go forward with an abortion. PreBorn is set up to assist mothers with necessities for the first 2 years of their baby’s life. They also share the gospel with each mother and they help them in finding a church. Please consider a donation to this ministry.

In His Service,
Robin Atkins

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Due to upcoming events, Sunday School will be canceled on the following dates:

April 20, 2025 - Easter Sunday
 May 11, 2025 - Mother's Day
 June 15, 2025 - Father's Day


Please make note of this on your calendar to avoid any confusion.

Respectfully,
 Jennie Jones
 Sunday School Coordinator



Easter Egg Hunt

**Community
 Easter Egg Hunt
 Saturday, April 12 at
 9:30 am**

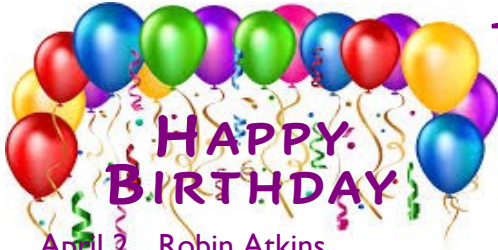


HE IS RISEN
CELEBRATE THE RESURRECTION

**SonRise Celebration
 April 20, 6:30 am
 Montague Lake**

Volunteers are needed to help set up at Montague Lake on Saturday, April 19 at 3:00 pm

~ APRIL ~



- April 2 Robin Atkins
- April 3 Algaree Jones
- April 10 Bobby Turner
- April 11 Jo Anne King
- April 12 Susan Rollins
- April 12 William Rhodes
- April 14 Finn Mollere
- April 22 LeLe Cochran
- April 22 Jon Bartley
- April 22 Jack Rollins
- April 27 Kristin Frazier

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- April 5
Buddy & Susan Moore
- April 8
Terry & Barbie Brown
- April 10
Jon & Kathryn Bartley

PRE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

- April 6
Jennie Jones, JoAnne King
- April 13
Tiffany Arnett, Eloise Garland
- April 20,
Dianne Davis, Betty King
- April 27
Lorraine Norton, Pat Mills

JAM SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR

- 1st Sunday - Pat Mills
- 2nd Sunday - LaRue Holmes
- 3rd Sunday - Sue Mulvihill
- 4th Sunday - JoAnne King
- 5th Sunday - Children in Service

Thank you! 

APRIL AT A GLANCE

- 1 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm
- 2 Meal 5:00 –5:30 / Bible Study 6:00 pm
- 9 Meal 5:00 –5:30 / Bible Study 6:00 pm
- 12 Easter Egg Hunt 9:30 am
- 13 Brotherhood Breakfast 8:45 am
(notice date changed for this month)
- 13 Palm Sunday
Easter Cantata during morning service
- 13 Finance Meeting following service
- 16 NO WEDNESDAY ACTIVITIES
- 17 Maundy Thursday
Meal 5:00 –5:30 - Service 6:00 pm
- 20 Easter Sunday
SonRise Celebration 6:30 am
No Sunday School
Worship Service 10:30 am
- 21 Office Closed
- 23 CARE 9:30 am
WOM 10:30 am
- 23 Meal 5:00 –5:30 / Bible Study 6:00 pm
- 30 Meal 5:00 –5:30 / Bible Study 6:00 pm

April Wednesday Night Menu Please sign up in advance. It's very helpful for the team so they will know how much to prepare. You can sign up on the permanent list or you can choose the weekly list. Suggested Donation, \$2.50 per person, children under 5 are free.

The April Menu is as follows:

- April 2**
Taco Salad
- April 9**
Deli Sub Sandwich
- April 17 - MAUNDY THURSDAY**
Lasagna
- April 23**
Hot Dogs
- April 30**
Baked Ham Sliders



Flowering the Cross on Easter Sunday

Please remember to bring your flowers of choice on Easter Sunday.

Place your flowers on the cross when you arrive.

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