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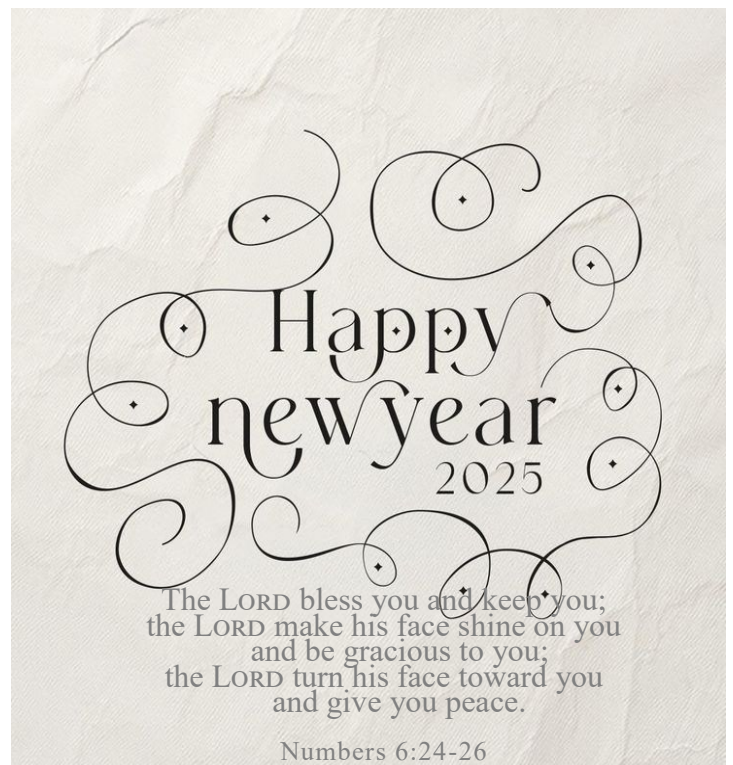
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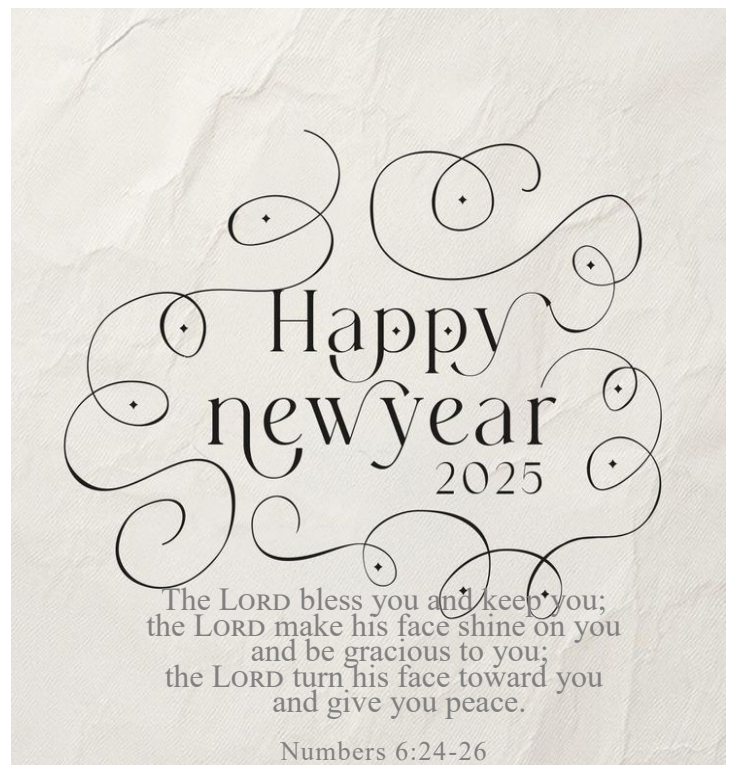
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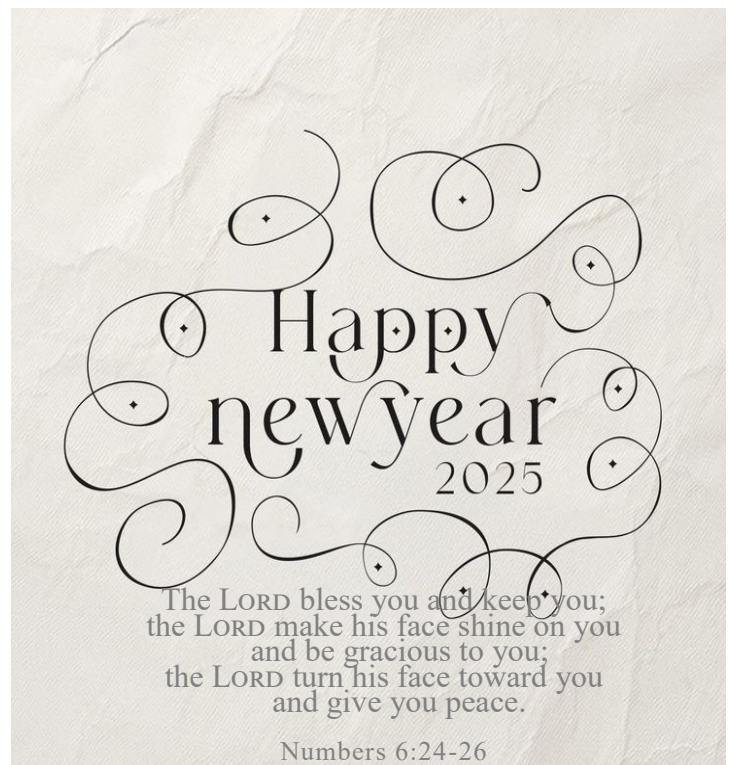
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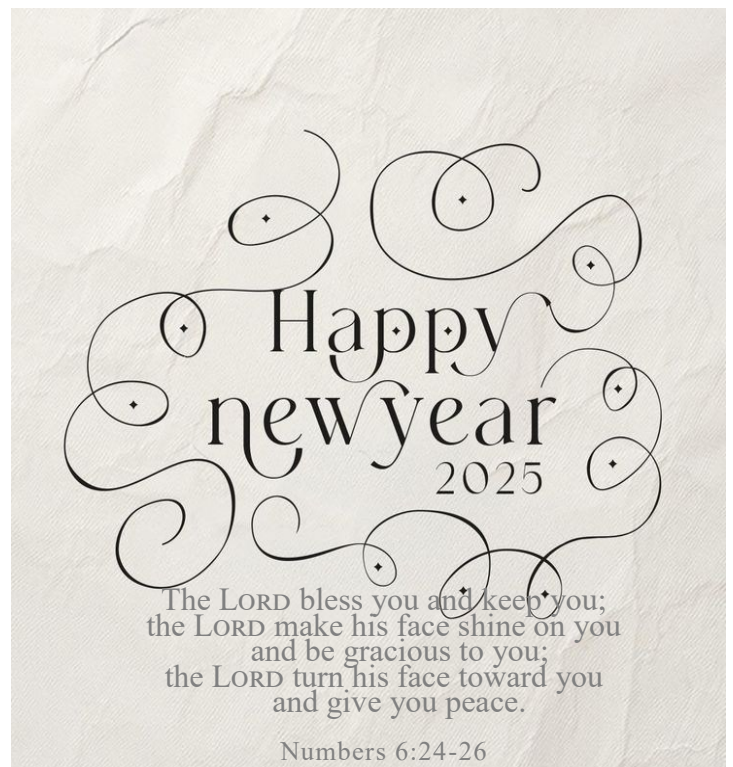
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# SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



## New Year's Devotional for 2025

*"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*  
Isaiah 43:18-19

Dear Church Family,

As we begin a new year, we are reminded of the fresh start and renewed hope that each new day in Christ offers. The new year is not merely a change of the calendar but a divine invitation to embrace the new things God is doing in our lives and in our church.

**Reflection:** The past year, 2024, may have brought its share of challenges and triumphs. You might have experienced moments of joy, sorrow, growth, or setbacks. Regardless of what has happened, Isaiah 43:18-19 encourages us to let go of the past and open our hearts to God's new work.

**Forget the Former Things:** Clinging to our past failures, disappointments, or even the shadows of former successes, can cloud our vision, making it difficult to see the fresh and vibrant opportunities that God places in our path. In His wisdom, God invites us to release these heavy burdens, encouraging us to trust in His divine plan, knowing that He is skillfully weaving every experience for our ultimate benefit. Embracing this trust allows us to step into a future filled with hope and possibility.

**God is Doing a New Thing:** God is constantly at work, even in the bleakest, most desolate moments of our lives. He assures us that He will forge a path through the wilderness and create refreshing streams in the parched wasteland. This powerful imagery reflects God's incredible ability to infuse life and hope into situations that appear utterly impossible. Let's step into 2025 with open hearts and minds, staying vigilant and receptive to the transformative new things that God is accomplishing around us.

**Personal Renewal:** Dedicate time to seek God's will for your life through prayer, fasting, and studying the Bible. Ask Him to reveal the new paths He is creating for you and to give you the courage to follow them.

**Church Vision:** Commit to being an active participant in our church's mission to "Celebrate, Connect, and Care." Look for opportunities to get involved in worship, service, and discipleship. Together, let's unite in our vision and work collaboratively to make a positive impact on our community and the world for Christ.

**Community Outreach:** Take a moment to reflect on the meaningful ways you can create a positive impact in our community. You might choose to dedicate your time to volunteering at a local shelter, lending a hand to those in need, or participating in outreach programs that support vulnerable populations. Alternatively, you can be a shining example of the love of Christ through your everyday interactions, whether by offering a kind word to a neighbor, listening with compassion to a friend, or sharing your resources with those less fortunate. There are countless opportunities to serve and uplift those around you, and each small act can contribute to a greater sense of love and unity in our community.

As we embark on the journey of 2025, let us navigate this year with hearts brimming with hope and unwavering faith. May we all open our eyes to the beautiful and transformative things that God is bringing into our lives. Wishing you all a joyous and blessed New Year! May this year be filled with God's abundant grace and blessings!

Your Servant in Christ,  
Pastor Jason C. Dunham

## DEACONS UPDATE

### DECEMBER DEACON UPDATE

Discussed request from church member not to have Sunday School on December 22 to give the teachers a break from preparing a lesson during this busy time. A few of the teachers teach every Sunday. Four of the Deacons are teachers and did not object. Information will be posted in the bulletin.

Letter received from Richard and Kimberly Barham stating they have made other arrangements for their future funeral services and wish to sell their niches back to the church. The Church Constitution states an individual who pays for a burial plot or niche that is not

subsequently used will be provided a receipt of contribution to the SCBC Perpetual Care Cemetery for one-half of the purchase price and the plot or niche will be returned to unclaimed status. A letter of explanation and a copy of the Perpetual Care Cemetery section of the constitution will be sent to the Barhams.

Pastor Jason and family will be spending time with his family in Florida, December 22, after worship service until December 28. We pray for their safe travel and joyous visit with family.

Submitted by Dianne Davis, Deacon Chair

## WOMEN ON MISSION

PreBorn is a non-profit organization to save the lives of unborn children from abortion. They also share the gospel of Jesus with each woman.

WOM supports this organization with prayer and our individual donations. Please consider a donation to save the life of a child.

If you have any questions, please see Robin Atkins or a member of our Women On Mission.

The next WOM meeting will be held on January 16, 2025 at 10:30 am. If you have never attended a WOM meeting, or if you haven't been in a while, please consider starting the new year with serving in this capacity with the women of Swift Creek.

Happy New Year!  
Women On Mission

## A quick glance at January

Christmas decorations, as beautiful as they are, they do have to come down. Please make plans to meet at 10:00 am on Saturday, January 4, 2025 to help take down the decorations.

Brotherhood Breakfast will be January 5th at 8:45 am.

Wednesday Night Meals and Bible Study will resume on January 8th at 5:00 pm. As always, please sign up in advance so the team will know how much to purchase and how much to prepare.

The menu is posted along with the sign-up sheet at the information center.

### January Menu

January 8  
Chicken Noodle Soup, Sub Sandwich

January 15  
Taco Salad

January 22  
Hot Dogs

January 29  
Baked Spaghetti

# ~ JANUARY ~



January 2	Jennie	Jones
January 3	Beverly	Wheeler
January 3	Wayne	Dewar
January 8	Charles	Norton
January 13	Christian	Leggett
January 17	Kaden	Patterson
January 25	Brianna	Leggett
January 28	Savannah	Dunham
January 31	Daniel	O'Dell
January 31	Lauren	Odell
January 31	Kaylin	Holmes

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

**January 5**  
Dianne Davis, Tiffany Arnett

**January 12**  
Lorraine Norton, Eloise Garland

**January 19**  
Jennie Jones, Pat Mills

**January 26**  
Sharon Lawrence, Lynda Hinnant

## JAM SCHEDULE

**January 5**  
Pat Mills

**January 12**  
LaRue Holmes

**January 19**  
Sue Mulvihill

**January 26**  
JoAnne King

Thank you! 🙌🙌

## JANUARY AT A GLANCE

1	Office Closed/No Wednesday Activities	
5	Brotherhood Breakfast	8:45 am
7	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
8	Fellowship Meal Bible Study	5:00 pm
12	Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
15	Fellowship Meal Bible Study	5:00 pm
16	WOM	10:30 am
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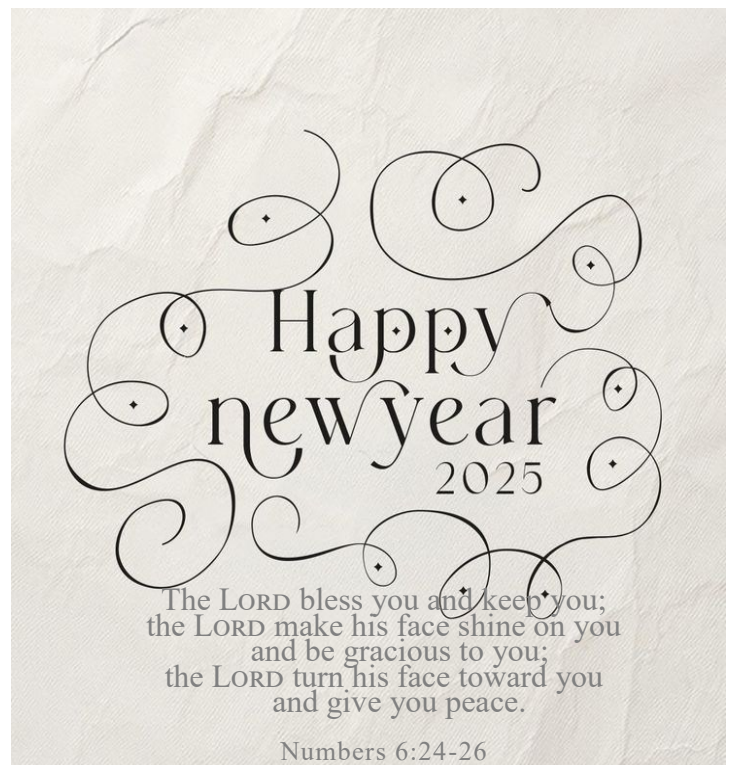
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