

# SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



*1 Thessalonians 5:16-18*

*Rejoice always, pray continually, and give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

Dear Church Family,

Gratitude is a virtue. Gratitude is worthy of our cultivation. Within the Christian life, gratitude is to be planted, watered, dressed, and harvested for all seasons. In this autumn season, many people find themselves focusing more on thankfulness. But a look at Scripture reminds us that to "give thanks to the Lord" must be a foundation of our lives every day. Developing an "attitude of gratitude" adds to our spiritual and physical health all year round - and it's a mindset we can cultivate.

This year, I would like to give God thanks for His provisions. I know that our attitudes can begin to reflect poorly with gas, utilities, and grocery prices. Then, when we turn on the news, and all we see is crime, war, and chaos, our spirits can be diminished. Then, when I read my Bible and start to study the Word of God, I am reminded about God's provisions.

From the earliest days of the Israelite nation, God has delivered His people and led them through all sorts of trials and hardships. So many accounts tell of people responding with gratitude for how God watched over them in challenging times. Their trust grew stronger and led them to pray with expectation going forward. It should not take much thought for us to come up with our own testimonies of how God has carried us in hard times. He wants us to recognize that He, and no one else, is our Provider.

In Psalm 16, David sang, "Lord, you alone are my portion and my cup; you make my lot secure — with God at my right hand, I will not be shaken" (verses 5, 8).

When we trust in God's provision, realizing He is our provider (Psalm 16:5-6), our "stability" in these

changing times, and the One in whom we trust, we will not be shaken — not by a sinking economy or the onsets of war and social unrest. When we trust in God's provision, we are assured that He is our stability and security.

In closing, Henri-Frédéric Amiel once said, "Thankfulness is the beginning of gratitude. Gratitude is the completion of thankfulness. Thankfulness may consist merely of words. Gratitude is shown in acts." The act of gratitude is a gift from God; let's do our part and display this Christian act to all.

I Love you all,

Pastor Jason

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## OCTOBER DEACONS UPDATE

Playground equipment has been installed and the bill has been paid in full. Project complete.

Nominating committee continues to search for a Brotherhood Director and a Treasurer. Bobby Mills has compiled a list of duties to be used when the Grounds/Cemetery committee interviews candidates for grounds maintenance.

Dianne Davis will contact committees who have not identified a chairperson to move this process along.

The PreBorn ministry adopted by WOM is moving ahead at a brisk rate. Approximately \$700 has already been contributed.

Roy Lasher proposed the Deacons begin a program to assist church members through the grieving process of losing a loved one. The grieving person would be supported by their Deacon for a year following the

death. A series of 4 books by Kenneth Haugk, entitled *Journeying Through Grief*, would be sent at intervals over the year. The Deacon would also be a support for that person and continue in that position even if their term on the board ends before the year is completed.

Pastor Jason is in the process of creating a Prayer Committee. This will be a core group that will help train, educate and lead the church in prayer. The pastor will prepare the procedures for the committee and request volunteers for the initial committee.

Krista McClain is speaker for homecoming.

Swift Creek Studios is up and running.

Christmas series is entitled "Heart of Christmas".

Prepared by Dianne Davis,  
Deacon Chair

## WOMEN ON MISSION

The month of October was a busy month for Swift Creek Baptist Church. On behalf of W.O.M., I would like to thank everyone who made our annual yard sale possible, which includes volunteers, vendors, all those that made donations and our customers. George's hotdogs and desserts were a hit as always. At last count we made over \$470.00 to be divided between a donation to PreBorn and Children & Youth projects.

W.O.M.'s next event is our Christmas Shopping Spree and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 4th, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. Please take time to come support our vendors, eat a hotdog and purchase a home-baked pie or cake.

This year we have some new vendors, including Billie Jo and Abigail Leonka, along with many other returning favorites.

Proceeds from the shopping spree this year will be used to help families in need this holiday season. We will continue to help and provide support to one family who has an 8 year old boy with terminal cancer. Please be in prayer for him and his family. Please pray for our Father in Heaven to wrap His arms of love around them as they go through this extremely difficult time.

In Christ Service,  
Robin Atkins

We would love for everyone to attend Wednesday Night meals. It is very important to sign up ahead of time so the team knows how much to purchase and how much to prepare each week. You can sign up on the permanent list and just let us know when you are not going to attend, or you can sign up on a week by week basis.

In November, we will serve meals for 2 weeks then take a break for Thanksgiving and Christmas and return on January 10th.

The November 8th meal is a conference meal which will be by donation.

### November Wednesday Night Menu

#### November 1

Meatball Subs, Salad,  
Chips, Fruit, Dessert

**November 8** - Conference Night - this meal is by donation  
Chili w/ beans  
Baked Potato  
Salad, Dessert

Next meal January 10, 2024

# ~NOVEMBER~



November 6 Casey Yunker  
 November 13 Marc Patterson  
 November 19 Sandra Reardon  
 November 21 JoAnn Dewar  
 November 24 Sarah Jones  
 November 24 Charles Livengood  
 November 29 Abigail Leonka  
 November 29 Ray Arnett

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

November 7  
 Joe & Algaree Jones  
  
 November 29  
 Jason & Lindy Dunham

## PRESCHOOL SCHEDULE

**November 5**  
 Dianne Davis, Jennie Jones  
**November 12**  
 Tiffany Arnett, JoAnne King  
**November 19**  
 Dianne Davis, LaRue Holmes  
**November 26**  
 Sarah Jones, Eloise Garland

## JAM SCHEDULE

**November 5**  
 Pat Mills  
**November 12**  
 LaRue Holmes  
**November 19**  
 Sue Mulvihill  
**November 26**  
 JoAnne King

Thank you! 

## NOVEMBER AT A GLANCE

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| 1 Wednesday Night Meal                 | 5:00 pm           |
| 4 Christmas Shopping Spree & Bake Sale | 9:00 am - 2:00 pm |
| 5 Brotherhood Breakfast                | 8:45 am           |
| 7 Deacons Meeting                      | 6:30 pm           |
| 8 Fellowship Meal                      | 5:00 pm           |
| Quarterly Conference                   | 6:00 pm           |
| 9 Southern Supreme Fruitcake           |                   |
| 12 BBQ Lunch following Worship Service |                   |
| 13 Finance Meeting                     | 7:00 pm           |
| 16 Women On Missions                   | 10:30 am          |
| 22 CARE                                | 9:30 am           |
| 22 No Wednesday Night Events           |                   |
| 23 Happy Thanksgiving                  |                   |



**ANNUAL CHRISTMAS SHOPPING SPREE & BAKE SALE**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2023**  
**9:00 AM - 2:00 PM**

**Brotherhood Breakfast**  
**Sunday, November 5,**  
**at 8:45 am.**



## SAVE THE DATES

December 1 - 5:30 pm - Christmas Banquet  
 December 2 - 9:30 am - Decorate the sanctuary  
 December 3 - 8:45 am - Brotherhood Breakfast  
 December 3 - 6:00 pm - Annual Hanging of the Greens Service  
 December 9 - 9:30 am - Breakfast with Santa  
 December 10 - 6:00 pm - Christmas Cantata  
 December 24 - 6:00 pm - Christmas Eve Service



**Operation Christmas Child**  
**Please return all packed shoeboxes by November 5th**

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## Sunday

Sunday School 9:45 am

Worship Service 10:30 am

## Wednesday Evening

Fellowship Meal 5:00 pm

Bible Study & Prayer 6:00 pm

Children & Youth

**A message from Wake County Sheriff's Office** - After receiving several reports that someone is impersonating a deputy, Wake County Sheriff's Office is alerting the public to an ongoing scam. An impersonator is asking people to pay them through an app, like PayPal, they are intimidating people into paying. **The two most important things the sheriff's office wants everyone to know so you don't get scammed:**

- No employee of the sheriff's office will ever contact you and ask for money or payment of any kind over the phone.
- Deputies will never call and threaten to arrest someone if they do not pay.

Sheriff Rowe says "No matter how threatening the caller is, don't panic and know it is okay to hang up the phone,"

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