

SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



Dear Church Family,

Here is an Easter Story that was shared with me, and I wanted to pass it on to you all. Our children deserve a real “Jesus Easter”. Enjoy!

Ask your average heathen youngster what Easter is all about and he'll tell you about the Easter bunny, and finding Easter baskets filled with that annoying grass that seems to stick to household furnishings long after Easter is past. And those pastel foil-covered, football things that are a sorry excuse for real chocolate. And, of course, there are Easter eggs to dye and jelly beans, you've got to have jelly beans. Black beans are best.

"And mommy, that's what Easter is."

"Oh, Jason, how cute."

How sad! Most children today don't know beans about what Easter really means. Why don't you tell the story of Jesus to your children or grandchildren this Easter? Tell them about the man who is God's Son, who came to show people the love God has for them. Tell them how evil people murdered Him by nailing Him to a cross. Tell them how Jesus was buried in a rock-hewn tomb. Let them hear how the Roman soldiers were powerless the morning of that third day when the stone rolled away and Jesus walked forth alive.

Tell your children that because of Jesus, even though people may die, they will not stay dead. They can live

forever with Jesus, and even their bodies will be raised from the dead just like Jesus' body was.

Now I'm sure that Jesus loves bunnies — He made them, and probably chocolate, too. But don't you think He gets a little impatient with parents and grandparents who exalt a rabbit over the Savior? And on His own special day, too?

How about it? Will you tell them the real story this year? Maybe even take them to church where they'll hear the story told by experienced Sunday school teachers? Sure, buy some jelly beans and a wad of that clingy grass for their baskets. But don't suppress the real, fascinating truth of Jesus' triumph over death. After all, those same children are trying day by day to make sense of the death and life they see around them. They have real hopes and real fears and a destiny unfolding. **They deserve a real "Jesus Easter" this year.**

I love you all, Happy Easter, and remember to celebrate a real “Jesus Easter” this year,

Pastor Jason Dunham

DEACONS UPDATE

Updates:

Church Security - Recommendations from Roy Lasher to complete Phase 2 of Church Security Project include:

*Security bars and mounts for Men's and Women's bathrooms in both buildings,

*A boat horn for the foyer and two-way radios. The cost of these items based on prices obtained in 2022 is \$821.

Dianne Davis made motion to accept recommendations and to allot up to \$1000 to cover costs subject to approval of Finance Committee. Seconded by Sue Mulvihill, and all agreed, Pastor Jason will present to Finance Committee.

*Choir loft safety lift- no report.

*Church clean up- Clean up has begun. Suggestion made to paint the storage room behind the choir room. Peter Walker has volunteered to do the painting once the paint color has been chosen.

Old business:

*Playground - Recommendation presented in writing from the Grounds/Cemetery Committee - there were concerns and unanswered questions. The decision was made to table this item and discuss at later date when additional information available.

*Incident/Accident form- Pastor Jason has form and Debra Vick is in the process of completing. Will be available at next meeting for review and approval. The forms will be kept in the copy room with the other forms.

New business:

Dumpster price increase - When Debra Vick, Ministry Assistant, learned of the \$100 increase in the monthly

dumpster bill, she did some investigation and had discussions with Mr. John Shelor at GFL. She submitted a written report that includes some options for our dumpster service and charges. After review, it was decided to go dumpster pick up every other week, instead of weekly, at a charge of \$137 per month. All present in agreement. Dianne Davis will give information to the Finance Committee. Thank you, Debra for your initiative and dedication to SCBC.

Pastor time:

Easter Sunrise Service - Will be held at Montague Lake at 6:30 AM on April 9th. Churches participating are Swift Creek, Macedonia Methodist, Macedonia Baptist and Ephesus Baptist. Setup will be on Friday. Swift Creek and Macedonia Methodist will share parking and safety. Pastor Johnson from Macedonia Methodist will present the message. Ephesus and Macedonia Baptist will provide coffee and donuts. Swift Creek will provide music.

Easter cantata will be April 2 during worship service. Easter sermon series - Experiencing God Through Roman Eyes.

Offering envelopes still unavailable with no delivery date in sight. Order canceled and new order placed with Lifeway who will provide delivery within 10 days. (copy of new envelopes presented)

2023 BBQ - This year's BBQ was a huge success. \$11,675.08 was the total profit after expenses! Thank you to everyone who gave their time, talents, blood, sweat and tears to make this possible!

WOMEN ON MISSION

In April, W.O.M. will sponsor two opportunities. The first is the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. This is your opportunity to give an offering to assist with local missionaries, along with missionaries in the United States and throughout North America. Our next opportunity to give and share is the Baptist Childrens Home Food Collection. The list of items needed is will be available for pick up in the vestibule so you can take the list with you when you go shopping. Gift cards to Walmart and local grocery stores are also welcome. There will be containers available in the vestibule and in the main hallway behind the sanctuary for your donations.

April 9th brings the Celebration of Easter and the Resurrection of Our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. We have many opportunities to worship, celebrate and fellowship this Easter season.

W.O.M. meets April 20th at 10:30 am in the vestibule. You are welcome to join us for prayer, devotion, and planning of upcoming events.

W.O.M. and Brotherhood will host our annual church picnic on Wednesday, June 7th at 5:30 pm. Everyone is invited for the food, fun and fellowship.

In His Service,
Robin Atkins

~ APRIL ~



- April 2 Robin Atkins
- April 3 Algaree Jones
- April 10 Bobby Turner
- April 11 Jo Anne King
- April 12 Susan Rollins
- April 22 Jon Bartley
- April 22 Jack Rollins
- April 25 JoAnne Hartsfield
- April 27 Kristin Frazier

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

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

APRIL AT A GLANCE

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- April 2
Dianne Davis, Sarah Jones
- April 9
Sarah Jones, Jennie Jones
- April 16
Claudia Metzger, Sharon Lawrence
- April 23
Lorraine Norton, Lynda Hinnant
- April 30
LaRue Holmes, JoAnne King

JAM SCHEDULE

- April 2 - JoAnne King
- April 9 - Sue Mulvihill

Thank you!

- 2 Brotherhood Breakfast 8:45 am
- 2 Easter Cantata 10:30 am
- 4 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm
- 5 No Wednesday Evening Events
- 6 Fellowship Meal 5:00 pm
- 7 Good Friday Service 6:00 pm
- 9 Sunrise Service 6:30 am
- 10 Office Closed
- 10 Finance Meeting 7:00 pm
- 12 Wednesday Night Supper 5:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer 6:00 pm
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- 20 WOM 10:30 am
- 26 CARE 9:30 am
- 26 Wednesday Night Supper 5:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer 6:00 pm
- 30 Youth Fundraiser Lunch following worship service

Menu for April Fellowship Meals

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 is, \$2.50 per person, children under 5 are free. Exception to the regular suggested donation applies when we have a Fundraiser Meal, fundraiser meals are always posted as such and the donation is your gift to the cause or event. This month there will be two fundraiser meals, one on Maundy Thursday and one on Sunday, April 30th. Funds from each of these meals will go toward youth camp.

Maundy Thursday (Fundraiser)

- April 6, 2023**
- Roast Pork Sandwich
- Baked Beans
- Cole Slaw
- Chips
- Assorted Desserts

April 12, 2023

- Meatball Subs
- Veggie Salad
- Fruit
- Chips
- Dessert

April 19, 2023

- Hot Dogs
- Chili/Slaw/Onions
- Chips
- Fruit
- Dessert

April 26, 2023

- Deli Sub Sandwich
- Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
- Chips
- Fruit
- Dessert

Sunday, April 30, 2023

Menu - To Be Determined

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**Brotherhood Breakfast
Sunday, April 2,
at 8:45 am.**



**Easter Cantata
Sunday, April 2,
during the worship
hour.**

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**Mr. & Mrs. Jon Bartley
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