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Now, the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. <sup>18</sup> And we all, who with unveiled faces contemplate the Lord's glory, are being transformed into his image with ever-increasing glory, which comes from the Lord, who is the Spirit.

2 Corinthians 3:17-18

Dear Swift Creek Baptist Church Family,

As we gather to celebrate Independence Day, our hearts swell with gratitude for the freedoms we enjoy as citizens of this great nation. The Fourth of July is more than just a day of picnics, fireworks, and parades; it's a time to reflect on the profound gift of freedom. On July 4, 1776, our forefathers boldly declared independence from Great Britain. John Adams, in a letter to his wife, envisioned this day as a celebration of liberty - a festival of deliverance. But let us not forget that our ultimate deliverance comes from God Almighty who is the author of freedom and liberty. Our spiritual freedom is even more significant than our national freedom. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, set us free from the bondage of sin and death. Through His sacrifice, we are born anew, born from above. As followers of Christ, we hold dear the right to worship God and read His Word boldly and freely. Let us cherish this privilege and use it to draw near to God without reservation. Our freedom extends beyond individual salvation. Galatians 5:13 tells us,

"You, my brothers and sisters, were called to be free. But do not use your freedom to indulge the flesh; rather, serve one another humbly in love. We are to live out this liberty as the Church - a diverse body with unique gifts and callings. When our "I" becomes "we," we accomplish amazing things for The Kingdom of Heaven. As we wave flags and watch fireworks, let's also pause to thank God for our nation's heritage. May our freedom be a platform for sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Pray for all of America that they may know God's salvation and the fullness of His Word. In closing, may God bless you and our nation. Have a safe, joyous, and memorable Fourth of July! May the light you shine this Fourth of July reflect the light of Christ that points others to salvation!

> Your Servant in Christ Pastor Jason C. Dunham

#### July 2024

## **DEACON UPDATE FROM JUNE 2024 MEETING**

Kristin Frazier signed a covenant and joined staff as Interim Director of Children and Youth.

Each Deacon will be providing additional support and information to any of their church families to help them through the difficult time after the loss of a loved one.

The question was asked at the Town Hall meeting: who monitors time off taken by staff members? Time off guidelines are covered in the covenants and are to be monitored by the direct supervisor.

Lindy Dunham has been give permission to use a classroom for student tutoring during the summer. She has provided proof of insurance and will make a monetary contribution for use of the facility.

Prepared by Dianne Davis



## **MUSIC MINISTRY**

### Down Home Sunday Sunday, July 28<sup>th</sup> 10:30 am

We are returning to our roots for this day of worship. Join us for worship as we play and sing the songs of our youth and of those who came before us. Expect to see and hear some great musicians coming together to worship God.

If you have any specific requests, please see Kristin Frazier. We will try to work in all requests.

### **CHILDREN & YOUTH**



DON'T MISS Youth Night - July 13<sup>th</sup> -6:00 - 9:00 pm

Join us for games, fun, fellowship and food in a biblically themed escape room.

## Bring a friend.







David & LaRue Holmes

# ~JULY\_~

### **NURSERY SCHEDULE**

July 7 Lorraine Norton, Eloise Garland July 14 Sarah Jones, Lynda Hinnant July 21 Dianne Davis, Jennie Jones July 28

Sarah Jones, JoAnne King

### **JAM SCHEDULE**

July 7 - Pat Mills July 14 - LaRue Holmes July 21 - Sue Mulvihill July 28 - JoAnne King

> Guest Speaker Jonathan Lotz SUNDAY, JULY 21, 2024 10:30 AM

### JULY at a Glance

| 2 | Deacons Meeting | 6:30 pm |
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- 3 Bible Study 6:00 pm
- 4 Office Closed
- 7 Community Patriotic Service 10:30 am
- 8 Finance Meeting 6:30 pm
- 10 Bible Study 6:00 pm
- 15 21 Pastor Jason on Vacation
- 17 Bible Study 6:00 pm
- 18 Midsummer Men's Study 9:30 am
- 21 Guest Speaker 10:30 am Jonathan Lotz
  24 CARE 9:30 am
  24 Bible Study 6:00 pm
- 31 Bible Study 6:00 pm

## **WOMEN ON MISSION**

W.O.M. will not meet in July. We will resume meeting in August. Thank you for all of your time and energy you have given to missions and ministry throughout the year.

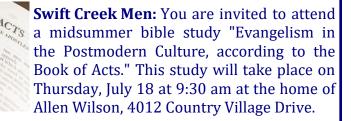
We continue to support PreBorn. When you make a donation, you can write the check to the church and notate on the check and your offering envelope for PreBorn. You can also mail a check directly: PreBorn PO Box 78221 Indianapolis IN 46278

Thank you for your support in saving the lives of innocent babies and saving souls for Jesus Christ.

If at any time you have questions concerning this ministry, please don't hesitate to see Robin Atkins or any member of W.O.M.

> In His Service, Robin Atkins





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**Do you enjoy jigsaw puzzles?** If so, please make sure to stop by the shelf in the fellowship hall and pick up a puzzle that you would enjoy. You can also drop off any puzzles you'd like to share.

You do not have to leave a puzzle to take a puzzle.



HUNGER WITH DIGNITY

We continue to support the mission of feeding the hungry. Please drop off any non perishable food items in the containers provided at the

information center. All donations will be delivered following the last Sunday of each month.