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SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLER



After Jesus was born in Bethlehem in Judea, during the time of King Herod, Magi from the east came to Jerusalem and asked, “Where is the one who has been born king of the Jews? We saw his star when it rose and have come to worship him.”

-Matthew 2:1-2

Dear Church Family,

Merry Christmas! As we gather around the manger this season, I'm reminded of a reflection from "Chasing the Star of Bethlehem" (I hope that you have a copy; if not, please see me):

"The star did not lead the wise men to comfort; it led them to Christ. And Christ was found not in a palace, but in a place of humility, wrapped in vulnerability, yet radiant with glory."

This profound truth resonates within the heart of our church family. Together, we have journeyed through countless seasons filled with grief, growth, and grace. We've witnessed God's gentle hand at work in the soft whispers of quiet prayers, the shared moments of tears, and the unwavering dedication of our faithful service.

Much like the Magi, we have walked with a sense of expectancy, sometimes weary and uncertain, yet always holding steadfast to the belief that God walks alongside us.

As we celebrate this Christmas, let us seek the Star of Bethlehem, not just for answers, but for the transformative presence of Christ. May we find Him not only in our Christmas celebrations but also in the profound act of surrendering ourselves to His will. My hope and prayer is that Swift Creek remains a sanctuary where the light of Jesus illuminates the path through humility, hope, and healing for our Raleigh community.

I am genuinely thankful for each one of you and this incredible church that embodies the humble heart of Bethlehem. Small in stature but mighty in Spirit and overflowing with love, you inspire me every day. As we look ahead to the coming year, I am filled with excitement for the remarkable ways God will work among us. Merry Christmas, and I love you all!

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Jason C. Dunham

Merry Christmas

DEACONS UPDATE

The Deacons met on November 4, 2025, with Tony Lineback opening the meeting with a devotion and challenging us to do as David did and turn from our “wicked ways”. We have the duty to pray, read the Bible, attend church, and be ready to answer questions for those who want to know Christ.

The Children and Youth Search Committee will present Phillip Burnett as a candidate for election as Minister of Children and Youth at the November 12th Quarterly Church Conference. The Music Search Committee continues to function and recently received the resume

of a new applicant. Both committees are meeting with and discussing promising candidates.

The deacon board continues to discuss deacon service terms and to take on the challenge of creating policy regarding the ethical and proper use of AI in church business, documents, and publications. The deacons have also requested the establishment of a committee to devise policy and procedures regarding social media.

Submitted by Jennie Jones, Chair of Deacons

WOMEN ON MISSION

W.O.M. would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help make our Christmas Shopping Spree a success. We had a wonderful time of fellowship and enjoyed great food. Thank you to all of the vendors who brought a variety of gifts and food for shoppers to purchase. We have some talented kids and youth here at Swift Creek who were vendors this year.

W.O.M. will use proceeds from the Yard Sale as well as the Shopping Spree & Bake Sale to assist families in need this Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will also be sending a donation to the Budd family and the Dodge family for their ministry.



Brotherhood Breakfast
Sunday, December 7th
8:45 am

We continue to support PreBorn with our prayers and personal donations. A \$28.00 donation to PreBorn provides an ultra sound for a woman considering abortion. Many times when she sees her baby and hears a heartbeat she reconsiders her choice to abort and a life is saved. PreBorn ministers to the mother and shares the Gospel with her. They also continue to assist the mother throughout her pregnancy and the first 2 years of the baby's life. Please consider a donation to PreBorn by writing PreBorn on your check or donation envelope. Thank you all for your generous donations.

Merry Christmas,
Robin Atkins and the Ladies of W.O.M.



CHRISTMAS
Cantata
Sunday,
December 14
10:30 am

~ D E C E M B E R ~



December 3	Linda Gibbons
December 5	Sharon Lawrence
December 11	Joe Jones
December 15	Agnes Lasher
December 22	Katie Leggett
December 25	LaRue Holmes
December 27	Rick Jones
December 28	Annette Rhodes
December 28	Jason Dunham

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

December 4	Ray & Tiffany Arnett
December 14	William & Annette Rhodes
December 30	Peter & Eloise Walker

NURSERY/ PRE SCHOOL MONTHLY SCHEDULE

December - Dianne Davis
January - Lorraine Norton
February - Sharon Lawrence

SWIFT CREEK KIDS SCHEDULE

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

Thank you! 

DECEMBER AT A GLANCE

2	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
3	Bible Study	6:00 pm
4	Senior Saints hosting Christmas Reception	2:00 - 4:00 pm
6	Breakfast with Santa	9:30 - 11:00 am
7	Brotherhood Breakfast	8:45 am
10	Bible Study	6:00 pm
14	Cantata during worship service	
14	Finance Meeting following service	
17	Bible Study	6:00 pm
18	WOM to WLFJ carpool at	9:15 am
23	CARE	9:30 am
24	Christmas Eve Service	
25	Merry Christmas	
28	NO Sunday School	
31	New Years Eve - No Wednesday events	

Christmas Reception

Senior Saints
Christmas Reception and
Everyone is Invited.

Thursday, December 4
2:00 - 4:00 pm

Please sign up at the
information center.

Breakfast with Santa
at Swift Creek Baptist Church
Saturday, December 6, 2025
9:30 - 11:00 am



Continental Breakfast, Storytime,
Crafts, Birthday Party for Jesus
Meet & Greet with Santa



Swift Creek Baptist Church
9300 Penny Road
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