

# SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



<sup>23</sup> Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. <sup>24</sup> And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, <sup>25</sup> not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching. Hebrews 10: 23-25 NIV

Dear Church Family,

It is August, and the seasons are moving fast. Teachers are scrambling to prepare for school, parents are counting down the days till they drop their kids off at school, and I can already smell and hear the fall season upon us. I can hear the high school bands playing music, the cheer in the crowd at the football games, and the smell of pumpkin spice in every bakery. Speaking of pumpkins, it is time to get excited about our pumpkin patch.

Our pumpkin patch brought many people to our little church. I have received the report that they all want to return and experience the love they felt while shopping in our patch. What makes our pumpkin patch different from the rest of the pumpkin patches across the Raleigh community? First, we express the love of Jesus Christ to all who come to visit. Second, our visitors get to connect to the fellowship of God's people. Christian fellowship reminds us that we are part of a spiritual family where God is our Father, Jesus Christ is Lord, and the Holy Spirit is our Helper. Christian fellowship can be experienced at any venue and through any medium, and at any time. When we invite the community to our little pumpkin patch, they feel loved and, most of all, valued. Lastly, we get to disciple and celebrate the season with our neighbors. When we serve people and love them, we earn credibility and the

opportunity to speak. We don't love people only to get to the point of sharing the good news of Jesus; that would be manipulative. Jesus didn't only love us to be able to share the Good News and His life with us – that is backward; He loved us so much that he wanted to share the Good News and His life with us! Likewise, as we show how much we love others, we receive opportunities through our sincerity to speak of Jesus and the reasons we love! 1 John 3:18 states: “Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth.” Our words might be nothing but a crash of a cymbal without the proof of our actions.

Serving like, and as Jesus, only makes sense when we know who we are. We aren't random people doing nice things. We are children of God, living for God and wanting people to experience the tangible love of God. Serving people is easy when we know who we are and what we are about. Our biggest purpose is to give our lives away to others like Christ. In return, we will receive happiness, fulfillment, and meaning. Therefore, let us all get excited about our pumpkin patch, and let's be a blessing for our community, as this might be the only opportunity that they will get to know the love of Christ.

I love you all,  
Pastor Jason C. Dunham

## DEACONS UPDATE

### Project updates:

- Playground equipment should arrive soon. Jennie Jones will follow up with the company.
- Hearing impaired devices are here and available for use. Trudy Byron used the device and she reported that she heard well.

### Old Business:

- Nominating committee is making good progress. Remaining vacancies are: Brotherhood Director, Treasurer, Nursery, and the Children and Youth Committee needs one additional member. There are 17 Deacon nominations, waiting for replies.

### New Business:

- Sunday School start time will remain at 945 AM.
- Herbert and Betty King, recent new members added to Peter Walker's family deacon list.

### Pastor Time:

- Copy of Pastor Jason's sick leave and vacation summary presented to Board.
- Brochure entitled "Swift Creek Studios", a proposed new ministry for SCBC was given to the members. This proposal is presented by Kristin Frazier, Director of Music. The proposal will be discussed at a future meeting.
- Pumpkin Patch preparation is in progress.
- Pastor Jason is reaching out to Patrick Smith to be guest speaker for homecoming.
- Love offering for Asher (7 year old with terminal cancer) received from church was \$1475. The Finance committee approved an additional \$1525 be added from the Benevolence fund for a total of \$3000 to be sent to the family.

Prepared by Dianne Davis, Secretary

## WOMEN ON MISSION

Women's Sunday is August 27th and we look forward to having Cynthia Thelen as our guest speaker.

Cynthia Thelen has been the Director of the Caring Connections Ministry housed at the Raleigh Baptist Association for 13 years. Caring Connections is a mentoring ministry for women experiencing barriers associated with generational and systemic barriers of poverty or women in rebuilding their life in recovery from alcohol and drugs. She earned her B.A. in Psychology and a Masters in Social Work from the University of South Carolina. Cynthia has been married to Eric for 29 years and has two sons, ages 23 and 19. She describes her personality as fun, laid back, and always up for a good joke or prank. In fact, in her early twenties, she worked as a clown so you never know when she may show up with pink pigtails and an animal balloon.

Prior to August 27th, we will be collecting items from the baby wish list of the Caring Connections Ministry.

As a reminder, WOM meets on the third Thursday of each month at 10:30 am. Our August 17th meeting will be at First Watch Restaurant in Cary at 10:30 am. Please join us as we continue to make plans to serve in missions within Swift Creek Church and the community.

In His Service,  
Robin Atkins

### Welcome Baby Bundle Wish List Items:

Bottles  
Pacifier  
Diapers  
Baby Wipes  
Diaper Rash Creams  
Baby Tylenol  
Receiving Blanket  
Baby Body Wash, Shampoo, Powder  
Brush, nail clips, nasal syringe  
Thermometer  
Baby Wash Cloths & Towel  
Baby Bathtub  
Diaper Bag (new, gender neutral)  
Sleepers and other clothing  
Socks  
Boppy / Nursing Pillow

Cards or notes of encouragement for new moms.

# ~ AUGUST ~



- August 2 Billie Jo Leonka
- August 5 Colin Arnett
- August 6 Gerald Atkins
- August 14 Claudia Metzger
- August 18 Jacob Kim
- August 18 Roy Lasher
- August 21 Nancy Fowler
- August 23 Debbie Turner
- August 26 Libby Arnett
- August 27 Tony Lineback

## NURSERY SCHEDULE

- August 6  
Lynn Pierce, Dianne Davis
- August 13  
Jennie Jones, Pat Mills
- August 20  
Lynda Hinnant, Sarah Jones
- August 27  
Sarah Jones, Jennie Jones

## JAM SCHEDULE

- August 6 - Sue Mulvihill
- August 13 - JoAnne King
- August 20 - Claudia Metzger
- August 27 - Pat Mills

## AUGUST AT A GLANCE

- 1 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm
- 7 Finance Meeting 7:00 pm
- 9 Quarterly Conference Meal 5:00 pm
- Quarterly Conference 6:00 pm
- 12 Back to School Splash 11:00 am - 2:00 pm
- 17 WOM 10:30 am
- 16 - 20 Pastor Jason out of the office
- 23 CARE 9:30 am
- 27 Women's Sunday

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

Thank you! 

- August 5  
Matt & Christian Leggett
- August 9  
Marc & Jamie Patterson
- August 19  
Chris & Leslie Mouchet
- August 28  
Gregg & Billie Jo Leonka

**Invite All of the Children & Youth That You Know**



**Join us for a BACK TO SCHOOL SPLASH**  
 Saturday, August 12, 2023 11:00 am - 2:00 pm  
**FUN, GAMES, FOOD - ALL FREE EVENT!**

### Message from the Nominating Committee:

We still have a few vacancies that we would like to have filled prior to our August 9, Quarterly Church Conference. The positions are: Nursery Committee, Children & Youth Advisory Committee, Brotherhood Director, Assistant Church Clerk, and Treasurer. If you would like to fill one of the positions, please see Jennie Jones, Pat Mills, Sue Mulvihill, George Pratt, Peter Walker or Charles Livengood.

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