

# SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



Dear Swift Creek Family,

As we bid farewell to the vibrant days of summer and turn our gaze towards a new school year filled with promise, let us pause to appreciate the invaluable gift of teachers who surround us. These dedicated individuals work tirelessly to instruct, guide, and shape our understanding, not only in the truths of God's Word but also in the complexities of life itself. The Scriptures remind us of our responsibility to not only receive knowledge from these mentors but also to honor them for their unwavering commitment.

In Galatians 6:6, we find a profound reminder: *"Let the one who is taught the word share all good things with the one who teaches."* This is not simply a suggestion; it is a heartfelt call to express our gratitude. The teachers who lead us in understanding God's Word deserve not just our acknowledgment, but also our sincere encouragement, support, and tangible expressions of appreciation.

Furthermore, 1 Thessalonians 5:12-13 urges us: *"Respect those who labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you, and esteem them very highly in love because of their work."* Our teachers, whether they be school faculty, college professors, small group leaders, Sunday school teachers, or personal mentors, carry an immense responsibility. Their efforts deserve our utmost respect; let us not take their labor lightly. Instead, let us uplift them with love and honor.

Proverbs 9:9 beautifully states: *"Instruct the wise and they will be wiser still; teach the righteous and they will add to their learning."* Teaching is not merely a profession; it is a sacred calling, an art that must be approached with reverence. Learning, on the other hand, is a lifelong endeavor that requires humility and a willingness to grow. By honoring our teachers, we acknowledge the profound value of wisdom and the beauty that comes from pursuing knowledge.

Therefore, I encourage you all:

- Consider adopting a teacher in your midst. Seek out innovative and meaningful ways to support them with your presence, heartfelt gratitude, and partnership in ministry.
- Offer words of encouragement to those who impart knowledge and wisdom.
- Pray for their strength, clarity, and joy in their calling.

Let us strive to be a church that not only receives instruction but cherishes those who deliver it. In doing so, we are reflecting the heart of Christ, the greatest Teacher of all.

I love you all!

Your Servant in Christ, Pastor Jason

## DEACONS UPDATE

### DEACON UPDATE JULY 2025

Jennie Jones reports a 40 inch TV has been purchased for the Children 2 classroom. Also taller chairs have been moved into the room as requested by the students.

Nominating Committee report: Teachers for Adult 2 and an assistant for Youth Sunday School classes are only slots not filled.

Herbert King and Peter Walker have accepted the nomination for Deacon Board and will be confirmed at the August conference.

Roy and Agnes Lasher presented a proposal from W.O.M. to give a Welcome Bag to first time visitors. The bag will include a welcome letter, a trifold that has church information, Connection and Prayer cards and a copy of the church constitution. All agreed that this an exciting way to welcome visitors and inform them about our church.

Jae will be on vacation for 3 weeks in July. She has already prepared and sent to Ray the music programs for the time she will be away. For this reason, she will be paid her regular salary for July.

Grounds Committee presented a proposal for repair of the dumpster pad for \$15,000. The proposal was returned to the Grounds Committee along with a request for them to meet with the Building Committee.

The committees are asked to discuss needs so that all are aware of needed maintenance or improvements and that they are addressed based on safety and urgency.

There are still unpaid cemetery plots and niches on HOLD for non-church members. A letter will be sent stating the plots are to be paid for based on the church constitution. A letter will also be sent to those who have not made the \$400 yearly contribution as required by the constitution.

A new and exciting J.A.M. format will begin in September. Lindy Dunham will continue as the leader at this time. Up to \$1,000 has been approved for educational materials and the supporting supplies needed to get this program up and running by September.

Pastor Jason will be working on his dissertation August 2025 – May 2026. It will be titled “Strategies for the Elderly Church to Revitalize Their Church”. He will be collecting ministry based data using surveys and small “think” groups to discuss and make recommendations. The goal is to improve ministry and growth here at SCBC and to share his findings when published that will aid other churches. Up to \$1,000 was approved for the purchase of research materials to aid Pastor Jason in this endeavor.

Submitted by Dianne Davis, Chair of Deacons

## WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission will meet for brunch on Thursday, August 21 at 10:30 am at First Watch on Walnut Street in Cary for our annual 1st meeting of the new church year. If you would like to join us, please let Robin Atkins or Agnes Lasher know.

Even though we did not have an official W.O.M. meeting in July, we did volunteer at With Love From Jesus on Thursday, July 24th. We volunteer at WLFJ the 4th Thursday of each month. We carpool from the church at 9:15 am. There is always a need for help at WLFJ and donations are always needed as well. Please consider joining us on our next visit.

W.O.M. is planning the annual Yard Sale for Saturday, October 4th 8:00 - 2:00. This year we will only rent parking spaces. We will not be accepting items to sale.

We will still have hot dogs for sale  
The rental will be \$15 for two parking spaces. You can use your space to sell or give away your items that you no longer want or need.

W.O.M. continues to support PreBorn with prayer and personal donations. We also pray you would consider making a donation to PreBorn. Their ministry saves babies and they also minister to the mothers by sharing the Gospel and assisting financially for the first two years of a baby's life. We thank you all for your prayers and generous donations.

In His Service,

Robin Atkins & the Ladies of W.O.M.

# ~ AUGUST ~



August 2 Billie Jo Leonka  
 August 5 Colin Arnett  
 August 6 Gerald Atkins  
 August 18 Jacob Kim  
 August 18 Roy Lasher  
 August 23 Debbie Turner  
 August 26 Libby Arnett  
 August 27 Tony Lineback

## HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 9  
 Marc & Jamie Patterson

August 28  
 Gregg & Billie Jo Leonka

## PRE SCHOOL SCHEDULE

August 3  
 Tiffany Arnett, Eloise Garland

August 10  
 Lynda Hinnant, Lorraine Norton

August 17  
 Sharon Lawrence, Tiffany Arnett

August 24  
 Jennie Jones, Dianne Davis

August 31  
 JoAnne King, Sarah Jones

## JAM SCHEDULE FOR THE YEAR

1st Sunday - Pat Mills

2nd Sunday - LaRue Holmes

3rd Sunday - Sue Mulvihill

4th Sunday - JoAnne King

5th Sunday - Children in Service

Thank you! 🖐️🖐️

## AUGUST AT A GLANCE

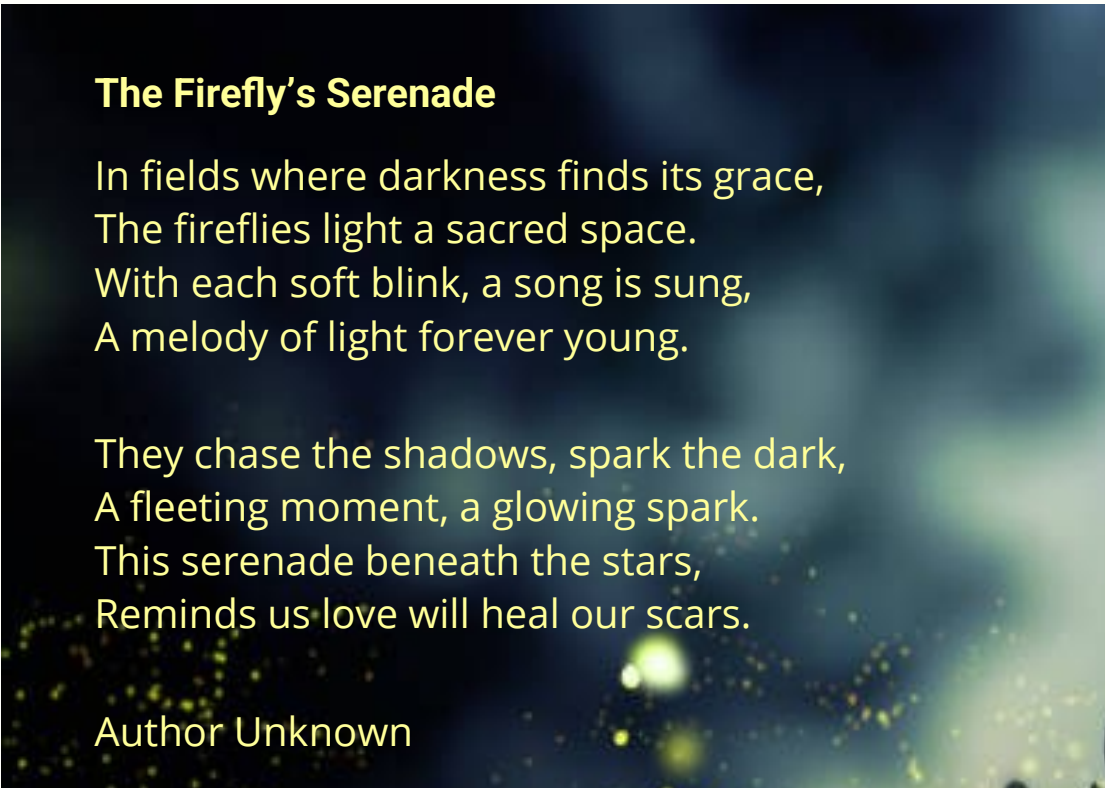
5 Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
6 Bible Study	6:00 pm
10 Finance Meeting following service	
13 Bible Study	6:00 pm
20 Quarterly Conference	6:00 pm
21 WOM	10:30 am
23 Back to School Splash	
24 Promotion Sunday	
27 CARE	9:30 am
27 Bible Study	6:00 pm
31 Communion Sunday	

# Back to School Splash

August 23 11:00 am-1:00 pm

For all children and youth:

Come enjoy the water and sunshine with friends. Don't miss this splashin' good time!  
 Bring a Friend!



## **The Firefly's Serenade**

In fields where darkness finds its grace,  
The fireflies light a sacred space.  
With each soft blink, a song is sung,  
A melody of light forever young.

They chase the shadows, spark the dark,  
A fleeting moment, a glowing spark.  
This serenade beneath the stars,  
Reminds us love will heal our scars.

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