SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLER

Enjoying the Autumn Days of Life

This is a beautiful autumn day, just the kind that proved infinitely enjoyable when our son, his dog Smiley and I would go for long Sunday afternoon walks. Whenever fall crispness transfigures the leaves, and they begin to crunch under foot, I fondly recall those precious, delightful times.

On such a day as this, my mind carries me back, and we three are once again on one of our little jaunts. Old Smiley runs to investigate every rustle in the leaves and to chase every smell, covering three miles of back, forth and zigzag to our one. Then with a shout, my son suddenly brandishes a stick he has plucked off the ground and challenges me to a game of Robin Hood and Little John. We mount a fallen log, quarterstaffs clash, and I take a tumble. He guffaws about how he beats me every time.

Then we're back on the trail, encouraging Old Smiley with whistles and shouts to move toward the car—and the snacks waiting at home. Smiley huffs and puffs contentedly on the floorboard as we rehash the day's excitement on the return trip. Sometimes a treasure, a deer antler or jawbone with teeth is waved before Mom, perhaps with a few embellishments of our adventure.

Old Smiley has been gone for years. My son now sleeps on Sunday afternoons to recuperate from a week of rigorous physical labor. And I am older and far less sturdy than I once was.

In one of his hymns, Isaac Watts penned this poignant line: "Time, like an ever-rolling stream, bears all its sons away; they fly, forgotten, as a dream dies at the op'ning day." The significant people, times and places of the seasons of our lives come and go, leaving only memories—until time bears even those away.

Though autumn is my favorite time, I actually welcome each season of the year and look forward to the inevitable, predictable changes it will bring. Should it not be so with the seasons of life?

The writer of Ecclesiastes is right: each season and purpose of life has its proper place in God's grand scheme.

While I truly miss those past summer days of my life, shouldn't autumn bring its own unique perspectives and pleasures? Albeit the pace is slower, crunching fallen leaves underfoot without the ever-pressing responsibility of rearing small children imparts a different sort of joy. I'm content to be in autumn and do not wish to relive spring or summer. Memories of them still linger—and suffice.

"There is an appointed time for everything. And there is a time for every event under heaven—a time to give birth and a time to die . . . a time to weep and a time to laugh . . . a time to keep and a time to throw away." (Ecclesiastes 3:1)

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Deacon Update

Pastor Jason opened the meeting with a devotion referencing Isaiah 43:18–19 - *"Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past. See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland."*
New business began with the election of new officers: Jennie Jones – Chair, Dianne Davis – Vice Chair, Peter Walker – Secretary. Other items discussed were deacon responsibilities, including communion. The Board voted to suspend the Sunday broadcast of Facebook until routines, expectations, and assistants were in place. The Board also agreed to allow Lindy Dunham to continue using the church on Friday afternoons for tutoring provided her insurance coverage information is on file with the church secretary. Homecoming was discussed and it was determined to ask Brenda Watson to return to her home church and lead the Homecoming Service in music and song along with Jae Kim, our pianist.

The Deacons discussed continuing the current programs to the best of our abilities with the current individuals and committees in place. Wednesday Night Bible Study, "The Crimson Cord", will be led by Roy Lasher. Dianne Davis and the Children's Advisory Committee will secure individuals to assist with Children's Ministry. And a special request was made to pursue opportunities of ministry with our homebound. The Deacons will be reaching out to members of the church to led and assist with these opportunities.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Jones, Chair of Deacons

Women on Mission

We are looking forward to our annual yard sale on Saturday, October 3, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. We have many vendors joining us with items to sell. Also, we will sell hot dogs for lunch. We hope you will stop by for lunch and to browse the yard sale.

There are still vendor spaces available for the November 7, Christmas Shopping Spree and Bake Sale. Vendor forms are available at the information center in the hallway behind the sanctuary. W.O.M. will sell hot dogs and we will have a Bake Sale. We are currently seeking donations for the Bake Sale. We hope you will come join us for lunch, shop for Christmas and purchase a sweet treat from the Bake Sale.

Funds raised from each of these events will go toward local mission opportunities, and to assist families in need at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

W.O.M. continues to pray for and make personal donations to to PreBorn. PreBorn ministers to women considering an abortion. The women are offered an ultrasound to view their baby and hear the heartbeat. The gospel is shared with all of the women. Please consider making a donation to save a baby.

In His Service,
Robin Atkins and Ladies of W.O.M

2ND WEDNESDAY

Fellowship Meal - October 14, 2026
Meal will be served 5:00 - 5:30 pm.

Please sign up at the information center. It is important to sign up. This helps the team know how much to purchase and how much to prepare.

Menu:
Chicken Noodle Soup
Grilled Ham and Cheese Sandwich
Fresh Fruit & Dessert

Homecoming Sunday

October 25, 2026

What a celebration it will be! Join us as we welcome Brenda Watson back to her home church to lead in music and in song.

Following the service will be a covered dish fellowship meal.



Happy Birthday

October 4	Joyce Powell
October 5	Ava Cannon
October 5	John Britt
October 8	Randy Davis
October 17	Matt Leggett
October 21	Shirley Livengood
October 23	Lynne Cullins
October 27	Jerry Darnell
October 29	Daniel Holmes
October 31	Reid Dawson
October 31	Margie Britt

Happy Anniversary

October 4
Bobby & Pat Mills

October 4
Charles & Lorraine Norton

October 11
James & Joyce Powell

October 26
Sean & Jae Kim

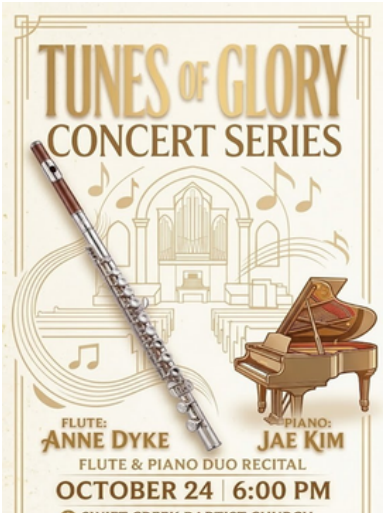
OCTOBER at a Glance

3	Yard Sale	8:00 am - 2:00 pm
6	Deacons Meeting	10:00 am
7	Bible Study	6:00 pm
11	Finance Meeting following service	
14	Fellowship Meal	5:00 - 5:30 pm
14	Bible Study	6:00 pm
15	W.O.M.	10:30 am
21	Bible Study	6:00 pm
22	W.O.M. to With Love From Jesus	
24	Tunes of Glory Concert	6:00 pm
25	Homecoming	
28	CARE	9:30 am
28	Bible Study	6:00 pm

Brotherhood will not meet for the regularly scheduled breakfast in October.



October 3, 2026
8:00 - 2:00



Jae Kim and Anne Dyke are hosting a flute and piano concert on October 24th at 6:00 pm. This will be an evening of beautiful music for everyone to enjoy.

This is a free event. Please make sure to attend and invite friends. As always, you will not be disappointed in this Tunes of Glory Concert.

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