SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLER

Dear Church Family,

As we enter this sacred season of Lent, my heart is drawn to the powerful words of the prophet Joel: “Even now,” declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart, with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garments. Return to the LORD your God, for He is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and He relents from sending calamity.”

Joel 2:12–13

There is a profound sense of urgency in God’s voice “Even now…” It is as though He reaches across every barrier of time, circumstance, and personal struggle to call His people home. Joel spoke to a nation in turmoil, yet the invitation he delivered was deeply personal. God was not asking for outward displays of religion or dramatic gestures of repentance. He was asking for hearts - whole, honest, surrendered hearts.

In biblical times, torn garments were a sign of grief. But God makes it clear that He is not after symbolic gestures. He desires something far deeper: the breaking of our pride, the dismantling of our idols, and the closing of the distance we sometimes place between ourselves and Him. He wants our very being - beyond the rituals, beyond the routines, beyond the motions we can so easily slip into.

This is the true essence of Lent. It is not a frantic attempt to achieve spiritual perfection. It is not a season of guilt or pressure. Instead, Lent is a gracious invitation to return, to come back to the God who loves us, to rediscover the joy of His presence, and to rest in His mercy.

And here is the good news - the God who calls us back does so with compassion, not condemnation. His character is steady and sure - gracious, compassionate, slow to anger, and overflowing with steadfast love. This is not an abstract theological idea; it is the very heart of the One who invites us home.

Whether you feel as though you have wandered far from His embrace or simply drifted a little, the invitation remains the same - Return to Me. Not someday, not when life feels easier, not when you feel more worthy. Even now.

My prayer is that this season will be one of renewal for each of us - a time to quiet our hearts, to turn our attention back to the Lord, and to experience again the depth of His love and mercy.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Jason

Deacon Update

The Deacons met on February 3, 2026, with Roy Lasher opening the meeting with a devotion titled "Life of Service", Romans 12:5. As Christians, our lives of service should be lived as a battleship, not a cruise liner. The Christian life is one of readiness and service, man the cannons and serve the crew. How do we prepare for the readiness of "battle and service"?

We discussed our family concerns and continue to pray for those who are grieving, in need of healing, and in everyday dealings. If your deacon has not reached out to you, please contact your deacon with questions, concerns, and updates.

The Grounds / Cemetery committee continues to look into improving sidewalks and grounds.

Pastor Jason presented a list of upcoming activities:
February 18 – Ash Wednesday
March 29 – Palm Sunday
April 2 – Maundy Thursday,
April 5 – Easter.
Check your bulletins for updates on Son Rise Service.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Jones

Women On Mission

W.O.M. meets on the third Thursday of each month. All of the ladies at Swift Creek are invited and encouraged to join us. Our monthly meetings consist of praying for missionaries throughout the world, a devotion, mission opportunities, ministry to our families and community and upcoming events. We welcome your input. We also serve at With Love From Jesus on the fourth Thursday of each month and would love to have you join us. If you are interested, please meet in the church parking lot to carpool over to WLFJ at 9:00 am.

W.O.M. continues to pray for and personally support PreBorn. We are thankful for your prayers and donations. If you have any questions about PreBorn, please contact Robin Atkins or Agnes Lasher.

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

March Fellowship Meal

2nd Wednesday Fellowship Meal will be on March 11th at 5:00 pm.

This meal is by donation with the proceeds going toward designated church projects.

Please don't forget to sign up at the information center if you plan to attend. Signing up helps determine how much to purchase and prepare.

Menu: Taco Salad, Buttered Corn, & Dessert

Spring Senior Adult Rally

This year the Spring Senior Adult Rally will be held at Hayes Barton Baptist Church on Tuesday, March 17th. The cost is $20 per person, the deadline to sign up is March 5th.

The sign-up sheet is located at the information center.



March 6 Jimmy Walker
March 6 Kyle Lineback
March 15 Susan Mulvihill
March 17 Donna Lineback
March 19 Sherman Gibbons
March 20 Eloise Garland
March 28 Haley Lineback



March 5
Steve & Jeannette Cox

March 18
Jim & Billie Jo Cochran

MONTHLY SCHEDULE

NURSERY/ PRESCHOOL

March	Sarah Jones
April	Dianne Davis
May	Lorraine Norton
June	Sharon Lawrence

Swift Creek Kids

1st Sunday	Pat Mills
2nd Sunday	LaRue Holmes
3rd Sunday	Sue Mulvihill
4th Sunday	JoAnne King
5th Sunday	Children in Service

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AT A GLANCE

1	Brotherhood Breakfast	8:45 am
3	Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
4	Bible Study	6:00 pm
8	Daylight Saving Time Begins	
8	Finance Meeting following service	
11	Fellowship Meal	5:00 pm
11	Bible Study	6:00 pm
17	Spring Rally at Hayes Barton	
18	Bible Study	6:00 pm
19	W.O.M.	10:30 am
25	CARE	9:30 am
25	Bible Study	6:00 pm
26	With Love From Jesus	9:00 am



Brotherhood Breakfast
March 1,
at 8:45 am



Don't forget to change your clock for Daylight Savings beginning on Sunday, March 8, 2026

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