

SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



Dear Church Family,

As I was studying and preparing for Easter, this was a devotion that I came across. As I read it, I was overjoyed knowing that our Savior calls us by our names. Imagine being Mary on that first Easter morning when the Lord spoke her name. I want you to imagine when the Lord speaks your name as you enter Heaven. What a day that will be! I cannot begin to imagine what I will do physically the day I come face to face with our creator, but I know that I will be overcome with joy in my heart. The only thing more powerful than the resurrection is the day Christ embraces us in Heaven and calls us by our name. For He has risen, and He lives!

Happy Easter Church family,
Pastor Jason C. Dunham

An Easter Devotion:
The Joy That Invades Our Hearts
by Elizabeth Sherrill

He is not here; for he has risen... - Matthew 28:6
Only a week had passed since that triumphant Palm Sunday entrance into Jerusalem - but what a difference in the little procession that set out now! No cheering crowds, no waving branches. Just a few silent women set out in the gray dawn to perform the last sad rites at the tomb.

The day that changed human history was not a public occasion but a private one. The day when everlasting life broke into earthly time began not with celebration but with tears.

This is still how Easter breaks into our lives - when we least expect it when all seems lost. That's when the stone rolls away, the angel speaks, and "death is swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54)

If it seems too good to be true, this joy that invades our hearts seemed so on the first Easter morning, too. Mary Magdalene could not believe what her eyes told her; she took Jesus to be a gardener at work early among the graves. Preoccupied with her loss, she barely glanced at the figure standing before her on the path. She had a mournful task to fulfill and - "Mary."

There, in the first light of dawn, Mary stood still. That voice...that tone of loving involvement. This was the moment when Jesus called her by name, Easter broke like the sunrise into her heart. It is how we recognize Him still. The risen Jesus calls us so personally and comes into our lives individually that with Mary Magdalene, we cry out in glad recognition.

And then we do what the women did on that first Easter Sunday. Dropping their spices and ointments, the burdens of their sad errand, they rushed to tell the others. They set the pattern, these women who were first at the empty tomb, the two-fold pattern of the Christian faith newborn that Easter morning. They met the living Jesus. And they brought good news to those who grieved.

When it's Easter in our lives, it's always our role to tell someone else that He is risen.

DEACONS UPDATE

Discussion and clarification of general budget and non-budget line items. General budget line items are those needed for the day to day operation of the church, such as salaries, electricity, Sunday School supplies and insurance. Non-budget line items are those not required for operations of the church, such as youth camp, Wednesday night meals, and roof replacement fund. Contributions go into the general budget fund unless specifically designated otherwise.

Mr. Tim Stevens has made a documentary addressing the North Carolina Food Crisis. It will be shown on PBS later this year. He would like to present this to our congregation. It is agreed that this would be a valuable and informative opportunity as well as a church-wide

service project as non-perishable items could be brought for contribution. The presentation will be April 14 at 6 :00 pm.

The Children and Youth Committee requests to use room #202 in the Education Building for JAM and Wednesday night programs. All in agreement.

Upcoming events

March 24 - Palm Sunday - Cantata

March 28 - Maundy Thursday service- Supper prior

March 31- SonRise service at Montague Lake at 6:30 am

March 31-Easter Worship service at 10:30 am

WOMEN ON MISSION

Women on Mission and Brotherhood would like to thank all of you who volunteered for our Annual Church BBQ. It was a lot of hard work, but a great time of fellowship with church family and friends.

W.O.M. is making plans for Women's Sunday which is scheduled for April 21st. I will share more about our guest speaker next month. We are also working on the details of our annual church-wide picnic.

W.O.M. continues to support PreBorn Ministry and we thank God for all the babies lives that are saved and souls saved for the Gospel of Jesus Christ. Please pray for and consider donating to PreBorn. If you want to make a donation to PreBorn, please make a note on your check and offering envelope.

PreBorn.com is a non-profit organization to save the lives of unborn children from abortion. W.O.M. supports this organization with a portion of funds we raise. Please consider a donation to save the life of a child.

If you have any questions, please see Robin Atkins or a member of our Women On Mission.

Our next meeting will be on Thursday, March 21at 10:30 am. We invite all of the ladies to come be a part of this ministry.

In His Service,
Robin Atkins

Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday
March 23
9:30 am



Easter Cantata
Sunday, March 24,
10:30 am



~ MARCH ~



- 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 31 Shirley Sorrell

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- March 3
Will & Lynne Cullins
- March 5
Steve & Jeannette Cox

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- March 3
Lorraine Norton, Lynda Hinnant
- March 10
Sarah Jones, Jennie Jones
- March 17
Dianne Davis, JoAnne King
- March 24
Tiffany Arnett, Pat Mills
- March 31
Tiffany Arnett, LaRue Holmes

JAM SCHEDULE

- March 3 - Pat Mills
- March 10- LaRue Holmes
- March 17 - Sue Mulvihill
- March 24 - JoAnne King
- March 31 - Children in Service

Thank you! 🙌🙌

MARCH AT A GLANCE

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| 3 | Brotherhood Breakfast | 8:45 am |
| 5 | Deacons Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 6 | Meal 5:00 –5:30 / Bible Study 6:00 pm | |
| 11 | Finance Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 13 | Meal 5:00 –5:30 / Bible Study 6:00 pm | |
| 20 | Meal 5:00 –5:30 / Bible Study 6:00 pm | |
| 21 | WOM | 10:30 am |
| 23 | Easter Egg Hunt | 9:30 am |
| 24 | Easter Cantata | 10:30 am |
| 27 | CARE | 9:30 am |
| 27 | NO WEDNESDAY MEAL OR SERVICE | |
| 28 | Meal 5:00 - 5:30 pm
Maundy Thursday Service
with Communion | 6:00 pm |
| 29 | Good Friday Service | 6:00 pm |
| 31 | Easter SonRise Celebration | 6:30 am |

March Wednesday Night Menu

Please sign up in advance. It's very helpful for the team so they will know how much to prepare. You can sign up on the permanent list or you can choose the weekly list. Suggested Donation, \$2.50 per person, children under 5 are free.

March 6,
Spaghetti w/ meatballs
Salad
Bread & Dessert

March 13,
Chicken Noodle Soup
Deli Sub Sandwich
Dessert

March 20,
Breakfast for Supper

Maundy Thursday, March 28,
Loaded Baked Potato
Salad, Fruit & Dessert



Easter Lily Order Form

Cut off this section to use the order form for Easter Lilies to be placed in the sanctuary in Honor or in Memory of loved ones. Make checks payable to Swift Creek Baptist Church in the amount of **\$14.00 each**.

Write "Easter Lily" in the memo section of the check and attach it to the order form. You can place the completed form in the offering plate, mail it to the church office, or drop it off at the church office. Deadline for orders is **March 3, 2024**.

In Memory of _____

By _____

In Honor of _____

By _____

Number of Lilies being ordered: _____

Amount paid: _____

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Once again this Easter, we will be flowering the Cross. If you would like to place flowers on the cross, please bring them on Easter morning and place them on the Cross as you arrive.

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