

SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



Dear Church Family,

Can you believe that July is here? Many people find themselves surprisingly busier in the Summer than expected. The chief reason we're surprised is that the Summer brings new projects that we often don't count as projects. Then, we must navigate those projects in with the projects we set in motion in the Spring.

Why don't we count the new projects that Summer brings? Simple, many of us don't count "life" activities as projects or prioritize "life" activities in the same way we do "work" projects. There is a divide between our work and the "life stuff" that we all do.

In our Summer busy-ness, I have discovered that our souls truly need reviving. Psalm 19:7 reminds us of that, "The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple." Our simple hearts still need God's wisdom found in God's word. So, how should we balance our busy-ness and still find time to enjoy God through His creation and His word?

First, find your alone time with God in prayer. It is amazing how the stress of Summer busy-ness can subside when we focus on our Savior first.

Second, get a devotional. I recommend "*New Morning Mercies*" by Paul David Tripp. Devotionals are a great way to grow closer to God as they strengthen, nourish, and recalibrate your soul.

Lastly, give yourself some grace. It is impossible to try to do everything within a short time span. So, learn to prioritize the important things and learn to let go of some of the Summer busyness. Trust me, this is a lesson that God is teaching me this season.

I pray that you will enjoy the greatness of Summer and that you will find your rest in the Lord. Try not to allow the busyness of the season to overcome you.

I love you all,
Pastor Jason C. Dunham



DEACONS UPDATE

Deacons met on June 5, 2023

Church Project Updates:

Playground - old equipment is being removed. The production of the new equipment is in fifth week of an eight week process.

Hearing Impaired Devices - Ray Arnett will order the devices.

Old Business: None

New Business:

Request from Adult Sunday School class to start Sunday School at 9:30 am instead of 9:45 am to allow more time for the lessons. The change will require coverage for children. Jennie Jones, SS Coordinator, will contact the pre-school and school age teachers and board will discuss further at next meeting.

Letter from Lindy Dunham requesting permission to use a classroom for tutoring. Discussion: the church's insurance will cover the church, Lindy should obtain personal liability insurance for her protection, can use the Homeschool contract and there should be a charge for using the building. \$20/month was decided on.

Pastor Time:

Pumpkin Patch planning in progress. There will be a special event each Saturday. "Puppets in the Patch", "Bible Story in the Patch", "Santa in the Patch", and Trunk or Treat.

Going forward, the church will be informed 30 days in advance of visits by missionaries.

Staff meeting June 8. Planning and communication will be discussed.

Christmas series - Celebrating Christmas: Discovering the Beauty of Jesus.

WOMEN ON MISSION

WOM will not meet in July. The next WOM meeting is on August 17th at 10:30 am in the vestibule. We hope all of you ladies enjoy the summer and start back in the Fall with a renewed inspiration.

Women's Sunday is August 27th and we will have a guest speaker.

CHILDREN & YOUTH



The Youth spent the week of June 12-17 at Fort Caswell. Thank you to everyone who helped make that possible through fundraisers and gifts. It was a wonderful time and great experience as the youth were encouraged to continue their Christian Faith and live for The Lord.





~ JULY ~

NURSERY SCHEDULE

July 3 Kristin Holmes
 July 9 Kamrin Holmes
 July 12 Patricia Mills
 July 12 Peter Walker
 July 18 Parker Jones
 July 20 Emma Kim
 July 22 Karla Lineback
 July 23 Jae Kim
 July 23 Kobe Patterson
 July 25 Gregg Leonka
 July 26 Don Lawrence
 July 27 Steve Cox
 July 28 Pat Mills
 July 30 Jamie Patterson
 July 30 Sadie Dunham

July 2
 Dianne Davis, Sarah Jones
 July 9
 Sarah Jones, Eloise Garland
 July 16
 Claudia Metzger, Jennie Jones
 July 23
 Lorraine Norton, Sharon Lawrence
 July 30
 LaRue Holmes, JoAnne King

JULY AT A GLANCE THERE ARE NO WEDNESDAY EVENTS IN JULY

4 Office Closed
 5 Office Closed
 10 Finance Meeting 7:00 pm
 11 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm
 12 Pastor Jason Surgery
 12 - 24 Pastor Jason out of the office
 26 CARE 9:30 am

JAM SCHEDULE

July 2 - JoAnne King
 July 9 - Pat Mills
 July 16 - Sue Mulvihill
 June 23 - Dianne Davis
 July 30 - Claudia Metzger

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

July 26
 David & LaRue Holmes

July 31
 Danny & Charlene Howell

Thank you! 

Due to upcoming surgery for Pastor Jason, school for Kristin, vacations, and other summer events, there will be some scheduling that needs to be communicated to everyone.

JULY

There will be NO Wednesday evening church activities for the month of July.

July 4 - Office Closed
 July 5 - Office Closed
 July 9 - Kristin out
 July 10 - Personnel Meeting, 1:00 pm
 July 10 - Finance Meeting, 7:00 pm
 July 11 - Deacons Meeting, 6:30 pm
 July 12 - Pastor Jason Surgery
 July 12-24 Pastor Jason out
 July 16 - Guest Pastor
 July 23 - Guest Pastor
 July 30 - Communion

August

August 1 - Deacons Meeting, 6:30 pm
 August 6 - Kristin out
 August 7 - Finance Meeting, 7:00 pm
 August 9 - Quarterly Conference
 August 12 - Back to School Splash
 August 16-21 Pastor Jason out
 August 20 - Guest Pastor
 August 27 - Women's Sunday, Guest Speaker

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