SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLER

# Don’t Forget About Thanksgiving

*“Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!*
*Give thanks to him; bless his name!*
*For the Lord is good;*
*his steadfast love endures forever,*
*and his faithfulness to all generations.”*
*(Psalm 100:4-5)*

When I was a child, we lived far from extended family. Thanksgiving was a quiet day at home which culminated with a traditional Thanksgiving meal at our seldom-used dining room table. With candles lit and food prepared, we’d go around the table and share something we were thankful for.

There’s something special, and uniquely Christian! — about Thanksgiving. You don’t just give thanks for something; you’re giving thanks to someone. Thanksgiving is a public acknowledgment that there is someone from whom all blessings flow — someone who is the author of every good thing.

And thanks to the Bible, we know exactly who that someone is: the triune God of the universe.

The practice of giving thanks isn’t unique to those who celebrate this American holiday. The Scriptures show us that the people of God have been doing this sort of thing for centuries. For example, Paul writes:

“Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.” (1 Thess. 5:18)

And not only were God’s people instructed to give thanks as individuals, but they were also called to give thanks together:

- “Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise!” (Psalm 95:2)

The practice of gathering to give thanks is good, wise, and biblical. The Thanksgiving holiday is an annual opportunity to practice biblical gratitude.

Yet every year, Thanksgiving feels increasingly overshadowed as Christmas celebrations continue their creep into November. Hallmark is already playing Christmas movies on loop, Christmas music is blaring in stores, retailers have been offering “Black Friday” deals all month, and homes are peppered with Christmas lights. None of this is necessarily bad. My kids even persuaded (coerced) this Thanksgiving traditionalist into getting decorations up early. And I have to admit that at night, I enjoy the soft glow of the Christmas tree. But as we wade through garland and holly and listen to Mariah Carey’s Christmas album on loop, I hope we don’t forget Thanksgiving, with its turkey, stuffing, and shared gratitude.

So, despite the Christmas creep, do give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His steadfast love truly endures forever.

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# Deacon Update

Peter Walker opened the meeting with a devotion titled "Moments Lost". From this devotion we are encouraged to pray for the lost, talk to the lost, give to the lost and prepare to receive the lost. We can make these efforts even during this transitional time within our church.

Members of the building committee continue to work on the repair of the church's sign, camera system, and handrail leading to the fellowship hall. A concern was brought to the Deacons regarding the attic ventilation and soffit vents. The Deacons asked that a meeting be held to discuss this concern and determine next steps.

Children and Youth committee continues to request assistance with Swift Creek Kids and volunteers during the worship hour. Please see Dianne Davis or Robin Atkins if you are willing to help.

The Deacons continue to ask volunteers to serve on the Pastor Search Committee. If you have an interest, please let one of the deacons know.

Please check the dates published on the church calendar for opportunities to serve.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Jones, Chair of Deacons

# Women on Mission

W.O.M. will host our annual Christmas Shopping Spree and Bake Sale on Saturday, November 7th from 9:00 am - 2:00 pm. We will have hotdogs with homemade chili for lunch and homemade pies, cakes, and other goodies for sale as well. Proceeds will go to assist families in need for the holidays and missionary families we support. Come out to support our vendors and W.O.M.

W.O.M. continues to support and pray for PreBorn. The mission of PreBorn is to save unborn babies lives and minister to mothers by sharing the gospel of Jesus Christ. PreBorn also offers assistance to the mother and baby for two years. Please pray for this ministry as they work to save babies and souls. Thank you for your prayers and donations to PreBorn Ministry. ministers to women considering an abortion.

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






Brotherhood Breakfast
Sunday, November 1st
8:45 am




November 11 Billie Jo Cochran
November 13 Marc Patterson
November 19 Sandra Reardon
November 21 JoAnn Dewar
November 24 Sarah Jones
November 24 Charles Livengood
November 29 Abigail Leonka
November 29 Ray Arnett

## Happy Anniversary

November 7
Joe & Algaree Jones

## Southern Supreme FRUITCAKE

Annual Trip to Southern Supreme
Thursday, November 5th

Please see Joyce or Lorraine if you plan to go.




# NOVEMBER at a Glance

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| 1 | Brotherhood Breakfast | 8:45 am |
| 3 | Deacons Meeting | 10:00 am |
| 4 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |
| 5 | Southern Supreme trip | |
| 7 | Shopping Spree | 9:00 am |
| 8 | Finance Meeting following service | |
| 11 | Fellowship Meal | 5:00 - 5:30 pm |
| 11 | Quarterly Conference | 6:00 pm |
| 19 | W.O.M. | 10:30 am |
| 21 | David Oh - recital | 1:00 pm |
| 22 | Spiritual Twist Productions | |
| 22 | Jae Kim - recital | 5:00 pm |
| 25 | CARE | 9:30 am |
| 26 | Thanksgiving - Office Closed | |
| 28 | Decorate for Christmas | |
| 29 | NO Sunday School | |

## 2ND WEDNESDAY

Fellowship Meal - November 11th
Meal will be served 5:00 - 5:30 pm.

Quarterly Church Conference will follow

Menu:
Baked Potato, Chili,
Salad & Dessert

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.

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