

SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLE



Dear Church Family,

Since the New Year, we have been studying the men & women of the Old Testament. I hope that you have enjoyed the sermons as much as I have enjoyed preparing and delivering them to you all.

When we look at the life of Jonah, Boaz, Ruth, Sara, and now Abraham, we discover the universal concept of fear. Fear is a common thread of humanity, and our reaction to it exposes the condition of our faith. Yes, we can clearly see the shortcomings of all these individuals, and we can also see how their failures relate to our lives as well. We can also see that they overcame their life's obstacles through faith in God. We can too.

When we focus on God's will in our lives, we can overcome our fears. A long-distance runner must accumulate stamina and strength. We must learn to train ourselves to know and live God's truth persistently. This allows us to swap fear for peace, just as a runner pushes through impossible amounts of pain to go the total distance.

Everyone has fears. I can tell you that your problem isn't that you're afraid, it's what you do with fear. Jesus selflessly walked through an immense amount of pain to get to the cross. When we're training, that's the attitude we are to adopt. Hebrews 12:3 says, "Consider him who endured such opposition for sinners, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart." When we look back on the years that we lived in fear we can see how God traced his hand on our steps. But, just like a runner that doesn't feel fit after the first month of training, we are getting more robust with each faithful stride. Remember that the Spirit that God gave us, does not make us timid, but gives us power, love, and self-discipline. Stay focused, stay strong, keep the faith, and you will find a victory within the faith of Jesus Christ our Lord.

I love you all,
Pastor Jason Dunham

FOLLOWING JESUS CHANGES THE GAME



Get Ready for VBS
June 26 - 30

DEACONS UPDATE

Church Projects Updates - Disposal of unused or outdated audio/visual equipment: with the permission of the Deacon Board, Agnes Lasher is consulting with Bobby Soles and will report to Beautification Committee for resolution.

Old Business - Incident report: Pastor Jason presented proposed Incident Report to be completed should any incident occur. Copies will be provided to all involved parties. Should the event require a physician or hospital visit, it then becomes an Accident Report. Again, copies will be provided to all involved parties. In addition, a certified copy will be sent to the insurance company. The report will remain in the church file for 3 years from date of the incident. Modified form to read: *To be completed within 12 hours of incident/accident* instead of *completed by staff* within 12 hours of incident/accident. Also added: *Parent/Guardian notified*. The form was approved to include these changes. The blank forms will be kept in the copy room with other forms.

Cemetery: Jennie Jones, as member of Grounds and Cemetery Committee, clarified the "recommendations" presented by that committee at the March meeting were intended as an update of their progress and not items to be acted on by the Deacons at this time.

Playground: Jennie Jones suggests discussion be tabled at this time because she has information regarding a possible anonymous donation for purchase of a play set. Additional funds may be needed from the church for

installation/maintenance. The Deacon Board agrees this should be returned to the Grounds/Cemetery and Finance committees for resolution.

New Business

Hearing impaired devices: Ray Arnett reports there are devices ranging in price from \$300-\$1800. He suggests we begin with a less expensive item for now. Peter Walker suggests the congregation be canvassed and discuss further once that information is obtained.

Pastor Dunham has received a request from the American Bible Society for a matching grant. The Society provides bibles for the military, nursing homes and other areas where bibles are needed but may be difficult to obtain. The Society will match the church's donation x 3 (\$75=\$225, \$95=\$285, \$145=\$435). The Board is in favor of the donation and will forward to Finance Committee to determine the amount of the donation.

Nominating Committee 2023-2024: Charles Livingood will serve as chair of this committee. After committee is appointed, they will meet to discuss nominee for Sunday School Director to be presented for vote at the May quarterly conference.

Update prepared by Dianne Davis, Secretary

WOMEN ON MISSION

The ladies of W.O.M. meet once a month, usually the 3rd Thursday of the month at 10:30 am in the vestibule. We pray for God's guidance in service to our community and those in need, our church, and for missionaries serving in America and around the world. A devotion is shared, then we discuss upcoming events that we have planned or other church events that W.O.M. can assist other committees with.

The ladies share concerns and ideas of how we can serve and minister to children and families in need. If you have an idea for community outreach that you would like to share with W.O.M., please join us at our next meeting on May 18th.

Our next event sponsored by Brotherhood and W.O.M. is our annual Church-wide Picnic. Please make plans to attend the picnic on Wednesday, June 7th at 5:30 pm at Montague Lake. Everyone is invited for food, fun and fellowship.

Thank you ladies for your time and service.

In His Service,
Robin Atkins



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MAY AT A GLANCE

NURSERY SCHEDULE

- May 7
Lynn Pierce, Pat Mills
- May 14
Eloise Garland, Sharon Lawrence
- May 21
Dianne Davis, Sarah Jones
- May 28
Sarah Jones, Jennie Jones

JAM SCHEDULE

- May 7 - Sue Mulvihill
- May 14 - JoAnne King
- May 21 - Claudia Metzger
- May 28 - Pat Mills

- 2 Deacons Meeting 6:30 pm
- 3 Wednesday Night Supper 5:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer 6:00 pm
- 7 Brotherhood Breakfast 8:45 am
- 8 Finance Meeting 7:00 pm
- 10 Fellowship Meal 5:00 pm
Quarterly Conference 6:00 pm
- 13 Piano Recital 3:00 pm
(building usage)
- 14 Mother's Day 9:15 am
Muffins for Moms
- 17 Wednesday Night Supper 5:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer 6:00 pm
- 18 WOM 10:30 am
- 21 SCBC Remembrance Day
- 24 CARE 9:30 am
- 24 Wednesday Night Supper 5:00 pm
Bible Study & Prayer 6:00 pm
- 29 Memorial Day
Office Closed
- 31 Wednesday Night Supper
Bible Study & Prayer

- May 1 Will Cullins
- May 1 Lynda Hinnant
- May 2 Daniel Metzger
- May 8 Janice Murray
- May 11 Daniel Atkins
- May 13 Janet Yunker
- May 16 Terry Brown
- May 18 Danny Howell
- May 23 Carson Yunker
- May 26 James Powell
- May 28 Bobby Mills
- May 30 Pearl Strickland

Thank you! 🙌🙌

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

- May 19
Casey & Janet Yunker
- May 21
Gerald & Teresa Atkins

Menu for May Fellowship Meals

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 is, \$2.50 per person, children under 5 are free. Exception to the regular suggested donation applies when we have a Fundraiser Meal, fundraiser meals are always posted as such and the donation is your gift to the cause or event.

- May 3, 2023**
Meatball Subs
Garden Salad
Fruit, Chips, & Dessert

- May 10, 2023**
Conference Meal by Donation
Fried Chicken
Hash Brown Casserole
Green Beans
Roll & Assorted Desserts

- May 17, 2023**
Hot Dogs
Chili/Slaw/Onions
Chips, Fruit, & Dessert

- May 24, 2023**
Deli Sub Sandwich
Chips, Fruit, & Dessert

- May 31, 2023**
Lasagna
Garden Salad
French Bread
Dessert

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Brotherhood Breakfast
Sunday, May 7,
at 8:45 am.
Don't miss this one, it
will be the last chance to
have Brotherhood
Breakfast until
September.

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