# SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLER

Dear Church Family,




As Memorial Day approaches, we take a moment to honor the men and women who gave their lives in service to our nation. Their sacrifice is a solemn reminder that freedom is not free. Scripture calls us to remember their courage with gratitude and humility: *"Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends"* (John 15:13).

This year, our remembrance carries even greater significance. We look around the world and see wars, political unrest, humanitarian crises, and nations in turmoil. Families are displaced, communities are grieving, leaders are divided, and violence and fear seem to echo across the globe. In moments like these, Memorial Day becomes more than just a national observance; it becomes a personal spiritual invitation.

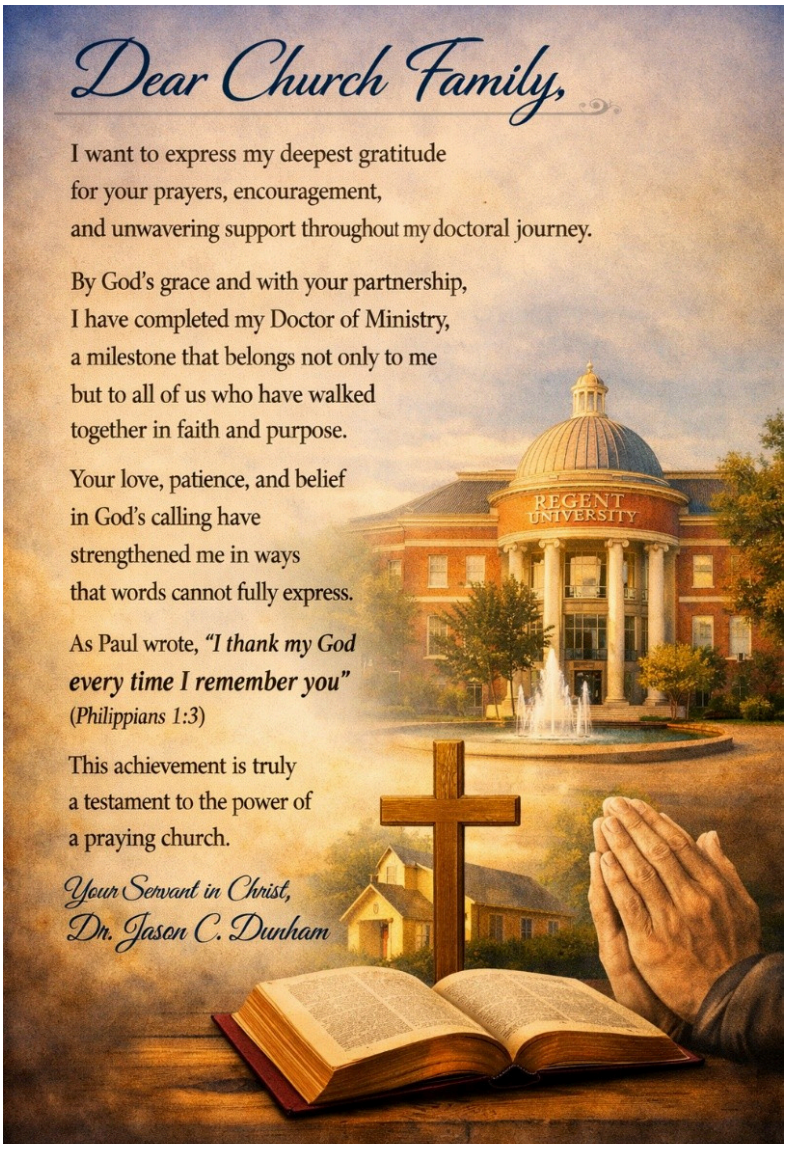
It invites us not only to remember but also to reflect. We honor sacrifice while seeking God's peace in a world that desperately needs it. King David reminds us: *"God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble"* (Psalm 46:1). Even when nations rage and the earth trembles, God remains sovereign. He is neither shaken nor absent. He is close to the brokenhearted and attentive to the cries of His people.

So, as we honor those who laid down their lives for our country, we also lift our eyes to the One who laid down His life for the entire world. *"For He Himself is our peace"* (Ephesians 2:14). Christ is the anchor that holds when global chaos and unrest feel overwhelming. His resurrection assures us that darkness and evil do not win and that death does not have the final word. So this Memorial Day, let us:

- Remember with reverence and gratitude the fallen heroes who defended our freedom.
- Pray with compassion for families who continue to bear the weight of loss.
- Intercede for the world, asking God to bring peace where there is conflict, justice where there is oppression, and hope where there is despair.
- Live with purpose, shining the light of Christ in a time when many feel afraid or uncertain.
- Stand firm in faith, trusting that God's kingdom is unshakable even when the world is not.

Church, may we be a people who remember well, pray boldly, and live faithfully. May the courage of those we honor inspire us to walk in the calling God has placed on our lives. And may the peace of Christ guard our hearts and minds as we navigate these challenging days.

Your Servant in Christ,
Dr. Jason C. Dunham




# Deacon Update

The Deacons met on April 7, 2026, with Tony Lineback opening the meeting with a devotion reading from the book of John.

Family concerns were addressed, and a prayer was offered for these concerns.

New business and upcoming dates included:
April 12th - Larry Barnhill of Gideons to speak
April 19th - Funeral Preparation Education Luncheon
May 10th - Mother's Day (NO SUNDAY SCHOOL)
May 17th - Remembrance Day
May 24th - Memorial Day Service
May 8-9 - Pastor Jason's Graduation

The Deacons discussed appointments to the nominating committee and the request for pest control services to be sent to the trustees for signatures.

Respectfully Submitted,
Jennie Jones

# Women on Mission

W.O.M. is looking forward to our annual picnic to be held on Wednesday, June 10th, at 5:30 pm, at the church. Each year this event is sponsored by Brotherhood and W.O.M. Everyone is invited to attend. Food will be served in the fellowhip hall and you are welcome to eat inside or outside at the picnic tables. Please plan to bring your family for a time of food, fun, and fellowship. There will be a sign up sheet for side dishes and condiments.

W.O.M. continues to volunteer the fourth Thursday of each month at With Love From Jesus. If you would like to join us, please meet in the church parking lot on May 28th at 9:00 am.

PreBorn is a ministry that W.O.M. continues to pray for and personally donate to. We pray you would consider a donation and prayer to save a baby. If you have any questions about PreBorn, please see Robin Atkins or Agnes Lasher.

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




May 1 Lynda Hinnant
May 8 Janice Murray
May 11 Daniel Atkins
May 16 Isabella Cochran
May 16 Terry Brown
May 18 Danny Howell
May 26 James Powell
May 28 Bobby Mills
May 30 Pearl Strickland

## MONTHLY SCHEDULE

### NURSERY/ PRESCHOOL

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| May | Lorraine Norton |
| June | Sharon Lawrence |
| July | Sarah Jones |

### Swift Creek Kids

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

## M A Y AT A GLANCE

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| 2 | Church Use / Recital | 1:00 pm |
| 3 | Brotherhood Breakfast | 8:45 am |
| 5 | Deacons Meeting | 6:30 pm |
| 6 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |
| 10 | Happy Mother's Day<br>Muffins with Moms | 9:45 am |
| 10 | Finance Meeting | |
| 13 | May Fellowship Meal | 5:00 pm |
| 13 | Quarterly Conference | 6:00 pm |
| 17 | Remembrance Sunday | |
| 20 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |
| 21 | W.O.M. | 10:30 am |
| 24 | Memorial Day Service | |
| 25 | Memorial Day / Office Closed | |
| 27 | CARE | 9:30 am |
| 27 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |
| 28 | With Love From Jesus | 9:00 am |
| 31 | Communion | |

Happy Anniversary

May 21
Gerald & Teresa Atkins



Brotherhood Breakfast
May 3,
at 8:45 am




**Sunday, May 10, at 9:45 am**

## May Fellowship Meal

The Fellowship Meal for May will be on May 13, at 5:00 pm, prior to the quarterly conference.

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: Hot Dogs, Baked Beans, Slaw, & Dessert.

This is the last monthly meal until after summer break.

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