# SWIFT CREEK CHRONICLER

Dear Swift Creek Baptist Church Family,

As I prepare to step down from my role as your pastor, my heart is full of gratitude, love, and confidence in our God's faithfulness. These past six years together have been a cherished gift that we will carry with us for the rest of our lives. You welcomed not only me but also Lindy, Savannah, and Sadie with open arms. You have prayed for us, encouraged us, and loved us in ways that have profoundly shaped our family. For that, we thank you deeply.

I am reminded of Paul's words in Philippians 1:3-4 *"I thank my God upon every remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine making request for you all with joy." That sentiment perfectly reflects how we feel about you. Every memory brings joy, and every prayer brings gratitude.*

As we follow the Lord's leading into new ministry opportunities, I want you to know that this decision comes from a place of obedience, not distance. Our love for this church remains strong, and we will continue to pray for you. We believe wholeheartedly that God has already prepared the next chapter for Swift Creek; a chapter filled with hope, unity, and fresh opportunities to reach people with the gospel. The Scriptures remind us in Jeremiah 29:11 *"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord… plans to give you hope and a future."* This promise is not just for individuals; it is for His people. God has a future for this church, and it is good.

Swift Creek has also been deeply personal for me; my seminary, my training ground, and the place where God grew me into more than just a pastor. Here, I learned to shepherd with patience, to preach with conviction, to lead with humility, and to love with Christ's heart. You have shaped, sharpened, and strengthened me, and I will forever be grateful for how God used this church to form me into the man and minister I am today.

I also want to share something personal. Soon, my picture will join those of the other pastors on the wall; men who faithfully served before me, each one a reminder of God's steady hand throughout the generations. It is humbling to know that my season of ministry here will become part of that story. My prayer is that when you see my photo, you will remember not just me but the goodness of God, the power of His Word, and the love we shared as a church family.

As I step aside, I do so with peace, knowing that the Lord Himself shepherds His church. Psalm 23:1 says, *"The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want."* He has guided us every step of the way, and He will continue to guide you with wisdom, provision, and grace.

Thank you for every prayer, every encouragement, every moment of worship, and every step of ministry we have shared. Thank you for loving my family; embracing Lindy and encouraging Savannah and Sadie in their walk with God. You have provided a spiritual home where they have grown in Christ. We will always cherish this season of life and ministry. Our prayer for you echoes 1 Thessalonians 3:12 *"May the Lord make you increase and abound in love to one another and to all."* May your love grow. May your unity deepen. May your witness shine brighter than ever.

We love you, we are grateful for you, and we trust the Lord to carry you forward with strength and purpose.

Your Servant in Christ, always!
Pastor Jason, Lindy, Savannah, and Sadie

# Deacon Update

Jennie Jones opened the August 4th deacons meeting with a devotion related to the transition from one church year to another. The gist of the devotion references Isaiah 43:18-19 where we are to put the past behind us and look at the new things that spring up before us. Every year has its highs and lows, but we are to take time to identify the moments of protection, provision, and the presence of God.

Old business included further discussion of possible arbitration with GFL Industries. On behalf of the trustees, Roy Lasher has composed a letter and secured photos to be sent to GFL Industries noting their failure to provide services promised and that arbitration may result if measures are not taken to correct the problems identified. A letter of support was provided by Robert's Lawn Service. The letter was mailed to GFL Industries in the week of August 4, 2026

New business included two mission opportunities. One was an invitation to attend the Baptist on Mission Rally scheduled for August 17 in Broadway, NC. The second opportunity was to identify ways we can minister to some of our homebound members. A question was raised about replacing the Fellowship Hall flooring. It was stated that a quote was provided earlier in the year so the deacons will investigate this further. Pastor Jason submitted his letter of resignation stating his last Sunday sermon will be August 30th and his last day in office will be September 3, 2026.

Respectfully submitted,
Jennie Jones, Chair of Deacons

# Women on Mission

W.O.M. is looking forward to all of the events we have planned this Fall, beginning with an invitation to all the ladies of the church to join us for brunch. We plan to meet Wednesday, September 23rd at IHOP on Kildaire Farm Road at 10:30 am. We will meet at the church at 10:15 to carpool. Please sign up at the information center so we can call ahead for a table that will accommodate us. We had 15 ladies join our last brunch and it was a wonderful time of fellowship. Please make sure you attend this one.

The next event is our annual Yard Sale on Saturday, October 3, 8:00 am - 2:00 pm. We will rent spaces in the parking lot. We will sell hot dogs in the fellowship hall for lunch. The proceeds from the yard sale will be used to assist families at Thanksgiving and Christmas and other needs of the church.

November 7, is the annual Christmas Shopping Spree. Vendor tables are available and applications are at the information center in the hallway behind the sanctuary. W.O.M. will sell hot dogs and we will have a Bake Sale. Please consider donating to our Bake Sale. We hope you will come join us for lunch, shop for Christmas and purchase a sweet treat.

W.O.M. continues to pray for and make personal donations to to PreBorn. PreBorn ministers to women considering an abortion. The women are offered an ultrasound to view their baby and hear the heartbeat. The gospel is shared with all of the women. Please consider making a donation to save a baby.

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

# Fall Senior Adult Rally

September 29 at 9:30 am
Hosted by Highland Baptist Church
8524 Crowder Road

$20.00 per person

Lunch Menu: Hamburger Steak w/ gravy, mashed potatoes, green beans, carrots corn muffins, and dessert

Registration Deadline - September 14
See Lorraine Norton




September 8 Will Brown
September 9 Jeannette Cox
September 10 Blake Brown
September 15 Bernie Reardon
September 15 Judy Durden
September 18 Debbie Patterson
September 22 Beth Whitley
September 29 Tiffany Arnett

## Happy Anniversary

September 13
Bernie & Sandra Reardon

September 16
Rick & Sarah Jones

# 2ND WEDNESDAY

## FELLOWSHIP MEAL
## SEPTEMBER 9, 2026

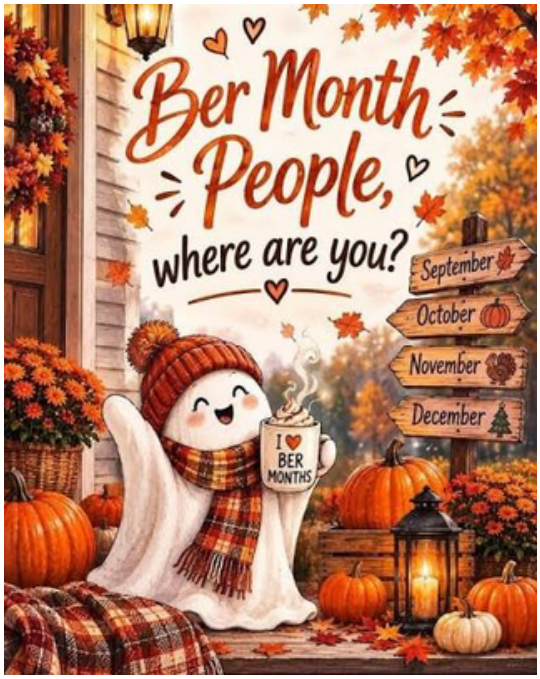
2nd Wednesday Fellowship Meals will resume on September 9th.

Meal will be served 5:00 - 5:30 pm.

Please sign up at the information center. It is important to sign up as this helps the team know how much to purchase and how much to prepare.

# SEPTEMBER at a Glance

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| 1 | Deacons Meeting | 10:00 am |
| 2 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |
| 3 | Pastor Jason's last day in office | |
| 6 | Brotherhood Breakfast | 8:45 am |
| 6 | NO Sunday School | |
| 7 | Office Closed | |
| 9 | Fellowship Meal | 5:00 - 5:30 pm |
| 9 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |
| 13 | Finance Meeting following service | |
| 16 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |
| 17 | W.O.M. | 10:30 am |
| 23 | CARE | 9:30 am |
| 23 | Ladies Brunch at IHOP | 10:30 am |
| 23 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |
| 24 | With Love From Jesus | 9:00 am |
| 30 | Bible Study | 6:00 pm |



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