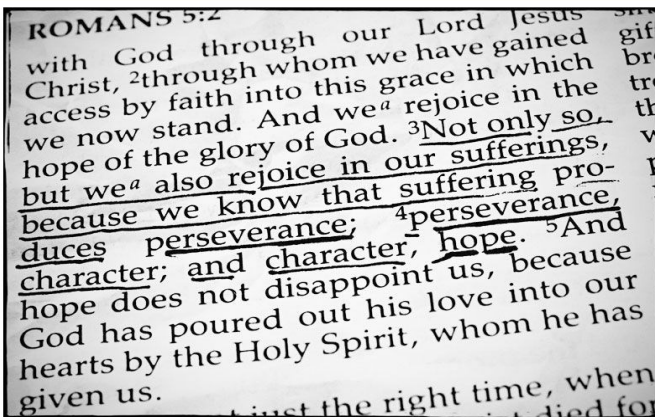


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Dear Church Family,

I hope this letter finds you in good health and spirits. Today, I wanted to share some thoughts on how faith in God can help us navigate through the tragedies and challenges we face in life.

Life is unpredictable, and we all encounter moments of deep sorrow and hardship. The loss of George Pratt, the Lineback house fire, and the many illnesses that many have faced over this past summer have weighed heavily on my mind. During these times, it can feel as though the weight of the world is upon our shoulders (and I have felt the weight). However, it is in these very moments that our faith in God can provide us with the strength and resilience we need to persevere.

Firstly, faith in God offers us a sense of hope. When we believe that a **Heavenly Father** is watching over us, we can find comfort in knowing that we are not alone in our struggles. This hope can be a guiding light, helping us see beyond our current pain and envision a future filled with healing and peace.

Secondly, prayer can be a powerful tool in coping with tragedy. By turning to God in prayer, we can express our deepest fears and sorrows, and in doing

so, we often find a sense of relief and clarity. Prayer can also help us feel connected to a larger community of believers, reminding us that we are part of something greater than ourselves.

Moreover, faith can inspire us to act with compassion and kindness, even in the face of adversity. This past summer we all faced and experienced adversity. When we trust in God's plan, we are more likely to reach out to others who are also suffering, offering them support, understanding, and most of all love. This sense of community and mutual aid can be incredibly healing, both for us and for those we help.

Lastly, faith in God can teach us the importance of acceptance and surrender. While it is natural to resist and question the hardships we face, faith encourages us to trust that there is a purpose behind our suffering. By surrendering our worries to God, we can find a sense of peace and acceptance, knowing that everything happens for a reason, even if that reason is not immediately clear to us.

Reflect on what the Lord said to Joshua: **"This is my command—be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go."** (Joshua 1:9)

In conclusion, while tragedies are an inevitable part of life, our faith in God can provide us with the strength, hope, and resilience we need to overcome them. By turning to prayer, acting with compassion, and trusting in God's plan, together can find a path even in the darkest and toughest of times.

May you find comfort and strength in your faith and may God's love guide us through all of life's challenges.

Your Servant in Christ,
Pastor Jason C. Dunham

DEACON UPDATE FROM JULY 2024 MEETING

Nominating committee reports they do not have a candidate for Treasurer. Most other slots have been filled.

Home school contract has been signed for the 2024 - 2025 school year. A suggestion has been made to consider increase in their fee next year to compensate for cost of living increase.

An estimate to replace flooring in the Fellowship Hall was presented. As a member of the building committee Peter Walker, will take the estimate to the building committee for their consideration.

Patrick Smith will be guest speaker at Homecoming in October.

Submitted by Dianne Davis, Chair

CHILDREN & YOUTH

Back to School Splash

August 10th 10:00 am-2:00 pm

Calling all children and youth:
Come enjoy the water and sunshine with
friends. Don't miss this splashin' good time!
Bring a Friend!



Children and Youth Cookout
August 30th, 6:00 pm at Crowder Park
Come celebrate our high school seniors!

The whole church is invited to enjoy a
cookout celebrating our High School Seniors!

A sign-up sheet for side dishes and desserts is placed under the bulletin board
for those who would like to contribute food.

Cards with words of wisdom for our seniors are welcome and encouraged.

~ AUGUST ~



August 2 Billie Jo Leonka
August 5 Colin Arnett
August 6 Gerald Atkins
August 18 Jacob Kim
August 18 Roy Lasher
August 21 Nancy Fowler
August 23 Debbie Turner
August 26 Libby Arnett
August 27 Tony Lineback

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY

August 9
Marc & Jamie Patterson

August 28
Gregg & Billie Jo Leonka

NURSERY SCHEDULE

August 4
Tiffany Arnett, JoAnne King

August 11
Sharon Lawrence, Eloise Garland

August 18
Lorraine Norton, Lynda Hinnant

August 25
Dianne Davis, Jennie Jones

JAM SCHEDULE

August 4- Pat Mills
August 11 - LaRue Holmes
August 18 - Sue Mulvihill
August 25 - JoAnne King

Your help is needed!
Please consider joining the
Nursery Committee.
See Sarah Jones if you have
any questions.

AUGUST AT A GLANCE

6 Deacons Meeting	6:30 pm
7 Bible Study	6:00 pm
10 Back to School Splash	11 -2:00 pm
12 Finance Meeting	6:30 pm
14 Conference Meal -by donation	5:00 pm
Sign up at information center	
Quarterly Conference	6:00 pm
15 WOM	10:30 am
21 CARE	9:30 am
21 Bible Study	6:00 pm
28 Bible Study	6:00 pm
30 Cookout to honor High School Seniors	6:00 pm

Save The Date
Christmas Banquet
December 6 @ 5:30 pm

WOMEN ON MISSION

W.O.M. had a very productive meeting in June. We were glad Lindy Dunham was available to join us. One of our main discussions was praying as a body of believers intentionally. The ladies of W.O.M. have each agreed to pray intentionally each day at 1:00 pm for our children and youth at Swift Creek Baptist Church. We will be praying for each of the children and youth already attending and for those to come to Swift Creek and their families. We will pray also for growth of the program and for a full time Children and Youth Director. W.O.M. would encourage you to join us in prayer.

W.O.M. is planning a yard sale on Saturday, October 5, with a portion of the money going to the Dodge Family and the remaining will be donated to other needs that may arise.

Our Christmas Shopping Spree is planned for Saturday, November 2, with a portion of the money going to the Budd Family and their ministry.

W.O.M. will meet on Thursday, August 15, at 10:30 am in the vestibule. We have a busy schedule this fall. We hope all ladies of Swift Creek Church will join us for prayer, devotion, planning and fellowship.

W.O.M. continues to support and pray for PreBorn. Thank you for your donations and praise God for the babies lives that are saved.

If you have any questions, please contact Robin Atkins or a member of W.O.M.

We thank you for your continued prayer and support.

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Do you enjoy jigsaw puzzles? If so, please make sure to stop by the shelf in the fellowship hall and pick up a puzzle that you would enjoy. You can also drop off any puzzles you'd like to share. You do not have to leave a puzzle to take a puzzle.



HUNGER WITH DIGNITY

We continue to support the mission of feeding the hungry. Please drop off any non perishable food items in the containers provided at the information center. All donations will be delivered following the last Sunday of each month.