

SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



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June 1, 2016

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 6:45 p.m.
Mission Education for Children, 6:45 p.m.
Youth Bible Fellowship, 6:45 p.m.

CONGRATULATIONS GRADUATES!

We wish to commend and rejoice with the following known graduates and their families: C.D. Brink, Lucia Tol, and Ananda Tol from Home School; Jonathan Humphries and Casey Odum from Prince George High School; Zach Vest from Thomas Dale High School; Allie Moore and Reed Raikes from Colonial Heights High School; Nick Balducci and Eunice Arce Cheatham from Liberty University; Alyson Rene Beacham (Shell's granddaughter) from VCU; Luke Humphries from UVA and Brett Rush (Rush's grandson) from VA Tech.



We will recognize all of our graduates that *attend* our 11:00 a.m. worship services on Sunday, June 12. All high school and college graduates who plan to attend are asked to notify Drew by 10:45 Sunday, June 12, giving the following information: where you will graduate from and what degree you will obtain (if not listed here), and what your plans are for the future. We ask that you bring your cap and gown to wear during your presentation to the congregation and for pictures. If you plan to participate in the graduate recognition, be sure to let Drew know in case you need other instructions. Also, please give Drew or the church secretary any additional graduate information that is not included in this newsletter for our June 12 bulletin, including those who are not church members but who are in the immediate family of a member (children, grandchildren, etc.).

FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is June 19. That Sunday we will recognize & show our honor and appreciation for all of the great fathers in our church! Once again, we will have a drawing in each morning service for a \$25 Cracker Barrel gift card! All fathers, whether members or guests, who register that morning prior to the worship services will be eligible for the gift drawing, but you must be present to receive the gift card. All of our dads are encouraged to be present that Sunday, and if your dad does not attend our church, consider inviting him to worship with you on Father's Day here at Swift Creek!



TWILIGHTERS

The next Twilighters will be held on Tuesday, June 28th at 6:00 p.m. The program will include patriotic special music by our own talent, including Jim Hatfield who will sing, "God Bless the USA", and Danny Norwood will sing "The Statue of Liberty." We will also invite everyone present to sing some familiar patriotic songs together.

The menu will be *Star Spangled* Grilled burgers on a bun, *Let Freedom Ring* Potato Wedges, *Heartland of America* Corn Salad, *Patriots Independence* Pie & *Liberty to Choose* Tea, Coffee & Lemonade.

If you plan to attend, please sign up on the Senior bulletin board beginning this Sunday, and no later than Wednesday, June 22nd. The cost of the meal is \$7/person, payable to Wilma Kamin.



FROM THE PASTOR

It is always great to see a profession of faith in Jesus, which happened Sunday in our 11 AM service. James Millard witnessed to his cousin, invited him, and he prayed to receive Christ when the invitation was given. Sharing the gospel is one of the most important things we do as a church. May we see more evidence of our people witnessing and inviting others to our worship services here at Swift Creek!

Something else that is positive is the growth in our youth ministry. Our Wednesday night youth attendance has doubled over the past year, and the number that are going to youth camp in June is at least twice as many as last year. Your undesignated tithes and offerings will cover over half of the cost of youth camp, so I encourage your faithful giving.

As we have talked with and surveyed our Building & Grounds Committee and our Leadership, our next priority for our Building Fund would be the renovation of our sanctuary. Details still need to be worked out, and based on estimates we have received, we need more than twice the amount we currently have to in our Building Fund to begin the work. This would be funded through designated gifts to the Building Fund and as we support the church budget with regular, undesignated tithes and offerings. If we fully fund the budget we would have enough in transfers to pay for the renovations in a year or so.

Drew and Eunice are returning from their honeymoon on May 31. Let's give them a big welcome Wednesday night and Sunday! On Sunday morning I plan to preach, "Jesus, the Bread of Life," and we will observe the Lord's Supper in the AM services. Sunday evening I plan to continue my series of messages about the Church with a message entitled, "Personal Relationships in the Church." I will begin a series of messages from the book of Isaiah starting Wednesday evening, June 1st. It is truly one of the greatest books of the Old Testament. I would like to see more of our members support our Sunday and Wednesday night services. And may we all remain faithful to the public worship of the Lord during the summer months.

TRIP OPPORTUNITIES

There's still time to sign up for the upcoming trips!

October 17-19 Lancaster County, PA (Sight and Sound Theater, Biblical Tabernacle, Plain and Fancy Farm, etc.)

April 17-21 (Spring Break) or June 26-30, 2017 Creation Museum & Ark Encounter, KY

More information and sign-ups can be found on the Women's Ministry bulletin board. *These trips are open to everyone!*

STUDENT MINISTRY

We are so very close to summer and I couldn't be more excited! I am thrilled to share life with the students this summer in various ways, from summer camp, to game nights, to having them over to our new townhouse. My hope and prayer is that we can connect more students to discipleship relationships. This next season of life is bound to be an adventure as I navigate the joys and trials of being married. I ask for your prayers as I make Eunice my first ministry priority, and that I would balance ministry here at Swift Creek with my life at home. I am confident she will be a wonderful partner in ministry and that she will continue to help me invest deeply in the lives of our students. Thank you so much for your outpouring of love and support for us as we take this next step. We love you all very much!

We are looking for a few people to sponsor students for camp. We have five this year whose parents are unable to pay the full amount for camp due to hardship. If you are interested in being a sponsor, please call me .

MUSIC & WORSHIP MINISTRY

When we come to church on Sundays, we come to what has been called a "worship service." The word "worship" is based in part on the Old English word "worth-ship," meaning to give honor to (something). It's also partly based on the Greek *'proskuneo'*, meaning "to kiss the hand toward." We worship something that we ascribe value to; sometimes that means our jobs, our families, our belongings, etc. As Christians, we should realize that those priorities are wrong according to the Bible. We gather once a week to worship the One True God, the One whom we should ascribe the highest value. Acts 4:12 says "And there is salvation in no one else; for there is no other name under heaven that has been given among men by which we must be saved." Let's value the Lord more than anything else in our lives every day, and come together each Sunday to ascribe honor and worth to the One who gave all for us.

CHURCH DIRECTORY NEWS

Photography has finished for our church directory, but families and people that missed the professional photo sessions can have pictures taken at the church building immediately after the 11:00 AM service on June 12th, or submit a picture, for a nominal cost of \$10. This cost is determined by our directory publisher, and includes a copy of the directory.

Also, if you have good pictures of church events taken in the past year, please submit them to Derek through the church office, in person or by email . Over the next several weeks we will put our activity pages together for the Directory.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JUNE

- 1 - Wed. Library Work Day, 1:00 p.m.
- 4 - Sat. Secret Sister Reveal Social, 2:00 p.m. in the Social Hall.
- 5 - Sun. Promotion Day in Preschool Department.
Lord's Supper, AM services.
Choir picture for Directory, 12:10 p.m.
Youth Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m.
- 6 - Mon. Monday morning movies, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 - Sun. Graduate Recognition, 11:00 a.m. service. Drew Cheatham preaching A.M. services.
Portland Mission Trip Vision Presentation & mission offering, 6:00 p.m. Covered dish meal, 5:00 PM in Social Hall.
Nursery Staff Meeting, 7:00 PM
- 13 - Mon. Monday morning movies, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 6:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 14 - Tue. Nominating Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Wed. Called Business Meeting to vote on S.S. Director, 8:00 PM
- 19 - Sun. Father's Day. Gift drawing for Fathers.
Fellowship night (Blvd. McDonalds)
- 20 - Mon. Monday morning movies, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Student Life Youth Camp to Myrtle Beach (-Fri.).
- 22 - Wed. No PM youth group due to camp.
- 26 - Sun. Pastor Steve Felker's 29th Anniversary.
Youth Camp Testimony Service, 6:00 p.m.
- 27 - Mon. Monday morning movies, 10:00 a.m.-12:00 noon
Personnel Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 28 - Tue. Twilights, 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. Patriotic theme.
Newsletter items due by 10:00 a.m.

CHILDREN'S MISSION OPPORTUNITIES

Now that AWANA is over, we are offering mission education for children on Wed. nights from 6:45-8:00 PM. Opal Brink will lead girls, grades 1-6. Rick & Colin Brink will lead boys, grades 1-6. In addition to Bible teaching & mission stories, each group will have activity time. Meet in the FLC at 6:45 for a group gathering before breaking for separate classes. Also, it turns out we need a leader for *Mission Friends* for ages 3-K. If interested in serving, let a member of the Nominating Committee know.

NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED

The Nursery Committee needs more volunteers to serve quarterly (or more often) in the nursery. There are vacancies in both pre-school rooms. Please prayerfully consider this ministry and if you are led to serve, please contact Niki Pontious, our Nursery Director. If you haven't done so, you will need to fill out a background check application to serve. Volunteers also have to be a member of the church for at least six months.

NEWSLINES

At least ten young adults have signed up to participate in a mission trip to Portland, Oregon in July! Much of the financial support for this trip will come from the Mission Trip Escrow Fund which is funded through the church budget. Begin praying for Drew and his team as they prepare and raise the rest of the funds they need.

Jewel Bennett was the recipient of this year's Faithful Servant Award plaque on May 8. She served 23 years as a Sunday School Teacher. She has served many years in our AWANA Ministry. Over the years she has also served in the Evangelism, Visitation, Health and Nursery Ministries of our church. Thanks, Jewel, for your service!

Congratulations to our Youth/Associate Pastor, Andrew Cheatham and his bride, Eunice Arce upon their marriage on May 21!

In our May business meeting the church approved the following to serve on the Nominating Committee for 2016-2017: Amy Brink, Jim Davis, Carol Gittman, Ruth Rakes, Karl Rush and Ron Winters, who has been elected chair of the committee. The Sunday School Director for the new church year will be added to the committee after election in June. Pray for this committee as they begin their work. In other action, the Audit Committee gave a positive report regarding the work of our Treasurer.

MONDAY MORNING MOVIES

All ladies (and men) are welcome to join us for Monday morning movies this June in the Social Hall from 10:00 a.m.-noon. Popcorn will be provided. Any questions, see Lynda Adams. **June 6th** - *A Family for Joe*: To keep from being split up, the orphaned Bankston children take on homeless Joe (Robert Mitchum) as their grandfather. **June 13th** - *Horse Crazy*: A boy, his sister, and friend set out to capture a wild mustang on their own and run into thieves. **June 20th** - *Little Heroes*: A young girl's spirit and faithful dog's courage perform an impossible rescue. **June 27th** - *Walking Thunder*: A man (John Denver) takes his family to the wilderness where they experience a blizzard and cutthroat thieves.

MISSION TEAM PRESENTATION

On Sunday, June 12, in the 6:00 p.m. worship service, Drew and the Portland mission team will present a program concerning their July mission trip. The spiritual need is great, and they will share their vision for the trip. A special offering will be received during the service in support of the expenses for the trip. While our Mission Trip Escrow account is covering about half of the cost of the trip, they will need more financial support.

Prior to the evening service you are invited to a covered dish meal in the Social Hall at 5:00 p.m.

VITAL SIGNS

ATTENDANCE

S.S. Average Attendance	133
8:30 Worship Average	55
11:00 Worship Average	130
Total Morning Worship Avg.	185
Evening Worship Average	40
Weekday Discipleship Avg.	76

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Receipts	91% of Budget
Building Fund Receipts	260.00
PBA Missions Offering	472.00
Other Missions	145.00

DECISION FOR CHRIST

Prof. of Faith -William Davis

SYMPATHY

Our church family wants to express our Christian love and sympathy to the families of Grace Bryant, Rev. Pat Porter and Vera Eastman upon their deaths.

TESTIMONY CDS

The Media Ministry is offering a CD (\$2) and DVD (\$3) of the recent Ladies night testimonies by Ashley Elder and Nancy Vance. CDs & DVDs may also be borrowed. Fill out an order form at the Media Ministry box or call the church office (520-1211) to order.

TV MINISTRY

If you subscribe to Comcast Cable TV in the Tri-Cities market, we want to remind you about our TV ministry on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. & Sundays at 1:00 p.m. on Channel 3, and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on Channel 17 (Comcast) or Channel 27 (Verizon). We encourage you to help spread the word about our TV ministry.

CHURCH STAFF

Steve FelkerSr. Pastor
Drew Cheatham Youth Pastor
Derek Pearsall..... Worship Pastor
Susan Humphries Pianist
Anne Cizek Secretary
Cheryl FelkerAssistant Secretary
Kathy Fite Custodian
Niki Pontious Nursery Director
Christy Barnes Nursery Worker
Eunice Cheatham.. Nursery Worker
Katelyn Keyser Nursery Worker
Theresa Little Nursery Worker
Jessica Matheny Nursery Worker
Crystal Meeks Nursery Worker

BABY BOTTLE BLESSINGS

The Baby Bottle Campaign in support of the Pregnancy Support Center has begun. Please fill up the baby bottles with spare change, cash or check and *return them on Father's Day*. Your generous gifts of love will change and save lives!

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