

# SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



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Church Phone 520-1211  
January 2, 2019

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.  
Morning Worship, 8:30 & 11:00 a.m.  
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.  
Wednesday Service, 6:50 p.m.  
Youth Bible Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

## LORD'S SUPPER

On Sunday morning, January 6<sup>th</sup>, we will have our monthly observance of the Lord's Supper in *both* AM services. Concerning the cup, Jesus said, "This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me." The Apostle Paul wrote, "But let a man examine himself, and so let him eat of the bread and drink of the cup" (I Cor. 11:28). Come Sunday in obedience to the Lord, and remember Him, and spend time in reflection and prayer.



## LOTTIE MOON GOAL SURPASSED!

This year, our Church set our Lottie Moon offering goal at \$18,000.00. The goal has been surpassed by our people giving \$18,216.00! We praise the Lord for the way He moved upon the hearts of our people to give so generously to support our international missionaries. One hundred percent will go to the field to support their work.

## NEW SERMON SERIES

When most people think of the book of Jonah, I imagine many of us immediately think of the fish. But this small book is so much more than a big fish story. In the book of Jonah, we encounter the problem of human rebellion, the necessity of reconciliation with a Holy God, the fruit of conversion, and the gracious and compassionate nature of God. Jonah is rich with truth that the church needs to hear. When we explore this book, we will find that Jonah is not so much about a fish, a city, and a prophet, but about a gracious and compassionate God who is at work to redeem and restore rebellious sinners to Himself. I am excited to explore this powerful book with you beginning Sunday, January 13<sup>th</sup> (5 week series). - Pastor Drew

## BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

Sunday, January 27 is our annual Baptist Men's Day. We will have a Men's Choir in the 11:00 a.m. service (meet in the choir room at 10:45 for rehearsal). That evening, we will continue our Men's Day emphasis with Jeff Lee and Jimmy Mullins sharing their testimonies.



## SOUP AND CHILI LUNCH

We will have a Soup and Chili Lunch on Sunday, January 27, after the 11:00 a.m. service. Please plan to join us for the fellowship meal and bring your favorite soup or chili recipe or bring a dessert, corn bread or crackers. If you bring soup or chili, please do so in a crock pot to the FLC (plenty of electrical plugs are available in the FLC). Also, it will be helpful if you bring two cards describing your soup or chili (hot, mild, etc.). We will give out a golden spoon award for the best chili or soup. We thank the Hospitality Committee in advance for the set-up and clean-up.





## **FROM THE PASTOR**

I want to thank everyone who sent Christmas Cards and gifts to me and my family. I want to thank the church for the annual Christmas bonus for me, Cheryl and the rest of the church staff. I am truly blessed to serve as Senior Pastor of SCBC.

Once again I am giving Drew the opportunity to preach a brief series of messages on a Sunday morning. I will be away on vacation one week during the series. You will be blessed by his preaching and Drew will gain additional experience in preaching. Except for vacation, I will continue to preach on Sunday evenings, and do more preparation than usual for those messages. I do want to encourage you to join us for our Sunday evening services, especially if you have a Sunday morning conflict.

I am thankful that Eunice has stepped forward to assume the music leadership responsibilities. She did a great job preparing and leading the Christmas Music program on Dec. 16. She is very capable musically and in other ways. I expect that the Personnel Committee will be meeting with her in the next few weeks. Pray for the Committee as they formulate any recommendations to the church regarding her ongoing ministry in music and worship.

I am thankful to the church for approving an inflation adjustment raise for the staff for 2019. I will be increasing my tithe accordingly, and I encourage you to do the same if you are receiving a raise for 2019.

Our total worship attendance has been holding up well but our Sunday School attendance has been down, especially the last two months. If you have not joined a Sunday School class, I encourage you to do so as we begin the new year. Some need to return to Sunday School. Invite others to Sunday School. We especially need more children in Sunday School. Every Christian should be a part of a small group for Christian fellowship and mutual support and accountability. Sunday School is one of our primary Bible teaching and discipleship ministries.

I have been preaching from 1 Corinthians on Sunday nights, and I will preach this Sunday morning from 1 Cor. 5:6-8 a message that relates to our observance of the Lord's Supper. It is entitled, "Purging Sin from Our Lives." Sunday evening I will preach, "Christian Liberty and Today's Morality" from 1 Cor. 6:12-20. I hope to see you Sunday!

## **STUDENT MINISTRY**

There will be no youth events in January as our leadership team will spend the month gearing up for the new year. In February, we look forward to our annual Super Bowl party and plan to take an additional trip to an ice skating rink. We are really excited about the new year and new opportunities for our students!

## **SNOW CLOSING INFORMATION**

We will not have Sun. or Wed. services whenever the parking lot of the church or the main roads have not been sufficiently cleared. If in doubt, go to our church web site, Facebook page, view channel 6, or try dialing the church (520-1211) and listen to the recording. If we do have church and conditions are questionable, you are encouraged to use your own judgment as to whether or not you should attend.

## **SANCTITY OF LIFE**

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday will be observed on Sunday, January 20. We will have a bulletin insert that Sunday, which will give information about this important issue, as well as information about an important ministry in our community, the Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities. As you give to our budget offering, you are supporting this ministry. We also ask you to pray for the ministry and consider volunteering.

## **LOTTIE MOON MAILBOX**

The Lottie Moon Mail Box still has some Christmas cards to be picked up. It is located in the social hall. Please check to see if anyone has left a card for you. The mailbox will be put away after Sunday, Jan. 13<sup>th</sup>.

## **NURSERY WORKERS NEEDED**

We need more volunteers to serve quarterly (or more often) in the church nursery. There are vacancies in both pre-school rooms. Please prayerfully consider this ministry and if you are led to serve, please contact Eunice Cheatham, our Nursery Director. If you haven't done so, you will need to fill out a background check application to serve.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JANUARY

- 5 - Sat. Put away Christmas decorations, 9:00 a.m. (Flower Committee & other volunteers)  
Youth Leadership Training, 9:00 a.m.
- 6 - Sun. Communion Services, 8:30 & 11:00 AM.  
Prayer Leadership Team meeting, 4:30 p.m.
- 7 - Mon. Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Social Hall.
- 13 - Sun. Welcome fellowship in Social Hall (9:30 a.m. – 10:55 p.m.; Bright Hope Class)  
Drew preaching 5-week. Series on Jonah.  
Show PM movie, "Billy Graham: An Extraordinary Journey" (in Social Hall). Refreshments provided.
- 14 - Mon. Building & Grounds Comm. Mtg, 6:00 p.m.  
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 - Sun. Sanctity of Human Life Sunday.  
Youth Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. (Conf. Room).  
Favorite Hymns' night. Fellowship night.
- 21 - Mon. Acts 1:8 Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m.  
PBA Executive Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. at Camp Kehukee.
- 27 - Sun. Baptist Men's Day. Men's Choir, 11 AM.  
Soup & Chili Lunch (after 11 AM service).  
Give golden spoon award to best.  
Men's Testimony service, 6:00 p.m. (Jeff Lee & Jimmy Mullins)
- 28 - Mon. Leadership Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall
- 29 - Tue. Leading Noble Men Conference, Grove Avenue Baptist, Richmond, 8:30 AM – 1:00 PM (\$39). Let Pastor Felker know if interested in attending.

## SYMPATHY

Our church family wants to express our Christian love and sympathy to Donnie Vaughan in the death of his wife, Virginia, to Sheila Soloe in the death of her mother, Shirley Blankenship, and to Mary Patton in the death of her husband, Robert (Bob).

## CHURCH FACEBOOK PAGE

If you are on Facebook, be sure to join our church Facebook page. We typically post weekly updates of upcoming events, picture of recent events, etc. This page is intended for church-related posts. Use your own page for personal posts. To join, simply search for "Swift Creek Baptist Church" and click "Join". You can also join, "Swift Creek Baptist Prayer Room" to share prayer requests and pray for others.



## MOVIE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, January 13, we will show the movie, "Billy Graham: An Extraordinary Journey," in the Social Hall at 6:00 p.m. Explore key moments in Billy Graham's journey as a dairy farmer's son who rose to prominence, becoming one of the most influential religious leaders in modern history. All are invited to attend. Refreshments will be provided.



## WELCOME FELLOWSHIP

On Sunday, January 13, we will have a monthly "Welcome Fellowship" in the Social Hall especially for our guests, as well as members who wish to fellowship with our guests after the 8:30 service and before or after Sunday School. Refreshments will be provided by the Bright Hope Class. Encourage any guests you see to join you in the Social Hall for fellowship and refreshment.

We need other classes to volunteer to provide refreshments for the next few months. Let Bill Dalton or one of the pastors know if your class will take an assignment, usually the second Sunday of the month.

## FAMILY WORSHIP DAY

There is no Children's Church on the first Sunday of the month. However, children's materials will be available, and parents have the option of moving to the Social Hall if needed to view the service on the video feed. An activity table will be set up there for children. On this day the nursery is open for children up to age 5.

## HELP NEEDED

The Flower Committee needs help putting away Christmas decorations on Saturday, January 5, 9:00 a.m. They especially need men to move the heavier boxes back to storage.

## OFFERING ENVELOPES

We still have some boxed sets of 2019 offering envelopes to be picked up from the table in the hallway. If you did not receive envelopes, but would like to use them, contact Robin Turner to receive a set.

## VITAL SIGNS

### ATTENDANCE

S.S. Average Attendance	93
8:30 Worship Average	38
11:00 Worship Average	110
Total Morning Worship Avg.	148
Evening Worship Average	71
Weekday Discipleship Avg.	44

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Receipts	108% of Goal!
Lottie Moon Total (Dec.)	17,871.00
Other Missions	250.00
Building Fund	100.00
Initial Offering	1.00

## LADIES BIBLE STUDY

Another Ladies Bible Study is being planned for January. Nancy Perrone will lead the study on Romans. See the upcoming bulletins for more details.

## BIRTH

### ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Daniel and Victoria Fite on their daughter, Lillian Alaina (Lilly), 4 lbs., 15 oz., born Dec. 24<sup>th</sup>. We also rejoice with the grandparents, Doug and Kathy Fite.

### CHURCH LIBRARY

Have you visited our church library lately? We have over 4,000 books, and a good selection of DVDs and music CDs to check out. New selections are added regularly! If a member of the library staff is not present to assist you, be sure that you pull the index card and legibly write your first and last name on the card and leave it on the desk. Please return DVDs within one week, and other items within 2 weeks.

## CHURCH STAFF

Steve Felker .....Sr. Pastor  
Drew Cheatham ..... Youth Pastor  
Susan Humphries ..... Pianist  
Anne Cizek ..... Secretary  
Cheryl Felker ... Assistant Secretary  
Kathy Fite ..... Custodian  
Eunice Cheatham . Nursery Director  
Kelly Willett ..... Nursery Worker

### WEB SITE

Our church web site, [swiftcreekbaptistchurch.com](http://swiftcreekbaptistchurch.com), is updated weekly. The bulletin is posted upon completion on Fridays and the pastor's audio sermon from Sunday morning and his sermon notes are usually posted on Mondays. Sermon videos are posted periodically under the Resources tab. If you haven't visited the site lately, see what's new and updated!

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