

SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



18510 Branders Bridge Road
Colonial Heights, VA 23834
Church Phone 520-1211
October 3, 2018

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.
AWANA for Grades K-6, 6:30 p.m.
Youth Bible Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

WORLD HUNGER DAY

World Hunger Day will be observed on Sunday, Oct. 14th. At the close of the services that Sunday, we plan to distribute “bread loaf” banks (one per family please) for you to collect coins. If you prefer, you may use a World Hunger offering envelope for this special offering. 100% of what you give will be used to feed the hungry through our North American and International missionaries, since the Cooperative Program takes care of all administrative costs. The “bread loaf” banks should be turned in no later than November 11th.

SUNDAY DRIVE IN CONCERT

Sunday Drive will present a concert of gospel music on Sunday, Oct. 21st at 6:00 PM. This trio is known for their family harmony, smooth voices, and humor.

Jeff, Misty and Dusty Treece make up this award winning trio. Their God-given talent has garnered them numerous awards including Album of the Year, Song of the Year, Vocal Group of the Year and many others. See SundayDriveMusic.com for more information.



TRUNK-OR-TREAT

This year Swift Creek Baptist Church will be hosting a fall outreach on Wednesday, October 31st. We plan on holding a Trunk-or-Treat event from 6:00 - 8:00 p.m. There will be prayer and training at 5:00 p.m. Volunteers are needed to help set up at 3:00 p.m. This is an excellent opportunity to reach out to our community! We are looking for at least 10 volunteers who are willing to use and decorate their car trunks or minivans as places where kids can come to get candy (decorations should be appropriate for a church setting). If you are willing to use your car, please sign up on our volunteer registration sheet on the bulletin board. We also need candy donations and will have a box set up in the hall so that you can donate. We will need church-wide participation in order to make this happen successfully. If you would like to serve in some other way, please see the various opportunities below:



- * Hospitality Team - These people will wave people into the lot making sure everyone knows where to park.
- * Connection Team - These people will hang around the Car Hosts and Hotdog Team in order to have conversations.
- * Hotdog Team - These people will grill and serve hotdogs and drinks to families, 6:00 – 7:00 p.m.
- * Games Team - These folks will run some simple games for families who want to hang around.

There will be no other Wednesday night activities except for Choir Rehearsal at 8:05 p.m.



FROM THE PASTOR

I met with the deacons Monday night for the monthly meeting, and based on a request from several members of our 8:30 service, we have been considering an adjustment to our monthly combined Communion services. We have not had the level of participation that we desired for these services, and one proposal was received to offer communion in that service on a different Sunday. After prayer and discussion, the deacons will present a motion that we no longer have a combined worship service on the first Sunday of every month. Instead, we will have combined services on major holiday weekends and on our church anniversary Sunday (6 times/year). Only two of the six will fall on Communion Sunday. I do encourage our 8:30 attendees to support these services, as well as our combined service this Sunday. There are good reasons for the entire church body to worship together in the same service, at least occasionally. We will have a called business meeting on Sunday, Oct. 14 after the evening service to vote on this recommendation.

I want to encourage you to pray for our upcoming Revival, Nov. 4-7. Scott Smith will be back to preach for us. He is a fine preacher of God's Word, and he will certainly hold your attention. Pray for him. Please put this on your calendar, plan to attend, and invite others.

I am enjoying preaching through the book of Acts. It is such a great book of the Bible. If you missed last Sunday's message, the audio and video is available from our church web site. This Sunday the message will be from Acts 15:1-18, "How We Are Saved." The church settled the doctrine that we are saved by God's grace, and not by our works. On Sunday evenings I just began a series through 1 Corinthians, and on Wednesday evenings I just began teaching, "Biblical Principles of Health." I hope to see you Sunday.

ATTENTION TWILIGHTERS

The next Twilighters dinner program will be Tuesday, Oct. 16, 6:00 p.m. We will have Partners and Friends back to play and sing Classic Country and Gospel Music. The menu will be chicken with chipped beef gravy, rice, green beans/carrots, rolls, dessert and your choice of tea or coffee. Please sign up soon and pay \$7 to Bill or Peggy Dick if you plan to join us!

LANDSCAPING WORK DAY

We have scheduled a landscaping work day for Saturday, Oct. 20, beginning at 8:30 a.m. We will trim hedges, cut or dig out unwanted growth, etc. Bring gloves and any tools you may need. Let's have a good turnout of volunteers to improve the appearance of our landscaping and grounds.

STUDENT MINISTRY

On October 13th at 9:00 a.m., the students will leave for Carter Mountain Orchards for a morning of fun and fellowship. Students are asked to bring at least \$10 for lunch and/or snacks. We are looking forward to a great trip!

FOOD 4 GROWTH

If you would like to support our Youth Group by providing snacks for their Wednesday Night Youth Bible Study, please sign up on the Youth bulletin board. Please label and leave the snacks in the kitchen by 6:45 p.m. on Wednesday.

COMMUNION SERVICE

This Sunday morning, October 7th, we will have our monthly Joint Communion Service and Family Worship Sunday (no 8:30 service). There is no Children's Church that day. 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. The nursery is open for children up to age 5 when we do not have Children's Church.



NURSERY DIRECTOR AND WORKER NEEDED

The Personnel Committee is receiving applications for Interim Nursery Director as well as the permanent position. The pay for the Interim Director is \$13/hour. We also have an opening for a paid nursery worker with availability for Sunday morning, 9:30-12:15+, as well as other times as needed, such as special services (revivals, concerts, etc.). The pay is \$11.78/hour for 18+, and \$8.95/hour for 16-17 year olds. If interested, please get an application from the hallway table, or from the church office, and turn it in to Chairman Todd Shearin, or to Pastors Felker or Cheatham ASAP.

If you haven't done so, you will need to fill out a background check application to serve.

BUS MINISTRY

Now that we have our new van, we expect that our bus will have little use. However, before we give further consideration to selling it, we would like to make an attempt to organize a bus ministry on Sunday mornings. We need more children in Sunday School, and there are others who could benefit from this ministry. If you are willing to be a driver or bus captain at least once/month, please sign up on the bulletin board. If you are willing to head up this ministry and help recruit volunteers, let Pastor Felker or Tim Edwards know.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

OCTOBER

- 7 - Sun. Joint Communion Service, 11 AM (no 8:30 service).
- 8 - Mon. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 13 - Sat. Youth Event: Apple picking and corn maze, 9:00 a.m.
- 14 - Sun. World Hunger Day. Pass out bread loaf offering boxes.
Called business meeting after PM service.
- 15 - Mon. Deadline for submitting budget requests to Stewardship Committee.
Acts 1:8 Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Assoc. Exec. Council at Immanuel BC, 7:00 p.m.
- 16 - Tue. Twilighters, 6:00 p.m. Program by Partners & Friends Country and Gospel Music. Social Hall.
- 19 - Fri. Special Needs Retreat at Eagle Eyrie. Leave church 9:00 a.m. (-21st).
- 20 - Sat. Landscaping Work Day, 8:30 a.m.
- 21 - Sun. Welcome fellowship in Social Hall (9:30 a.m. – 10:55 p.m.).
Youth Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. (Conf. Room).
Christmas Choir rehearsal, 4:45 p.m.
Concert by “Sunday Drive” Gospel Trio, 6:00 PM
- 22 - Mon. 2019 Budget Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Stewardship C.)
- 25 - Thu. PBA Annual Associational Meeting, 7:00 PM (Sappony BC)
- 26 - Fri. PBA Annual Association Meeting, 8:45 AM (Swift Creek BC).
- 27 - Sat. Brink/Lee wedding (and reception), 2:00 p.m.
- 28 - Sun. Eagle Eyrie Report, 11 a.m. service. Fellowship night (Mi Rodeo).
- 29 - Mon. Deacons’ Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 30 - Tue. Newsletter items due by 10:00 a.m.
- 31 - Wed. Truck or Treat Outreach, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Set-up @ 3:00 p.m. Prayer & training @ 5:00 p.m. Choir rehearsal, 8:05 p.m. No other activities.

NOVEMBER

- 3 - Sat. Youth Ministry Leadership Training, 9:00 – 4:00 p.m.
- 4 - Sun. Revival (8:30 & 11:00) with Evangelist Scott Smith (-Wed.). Daylight Savings Ends.

PBA ANNUAL MEETING

The annual meeting of the Petersburg Baptist Association’s day session will be held on Friday, Oct. 26, from 8:45 a.m. to 2:45 p.m. here at Swift Creek. There will be reports from our Associational ministries, a missions testimony, special music, the annual sermon, a business session, and an address by the Moderator. If you would like to attend and vote, but haven’t been elected, let Pastor Felker or your deacon know. Thanks to Peggy Dick and her volunteers for hosting lunch for the attendees.

REVIVAL

There will be a Revival (8:30, 11:00 & 6:00 on Sunday) with Evangelist Scott Smith on November 4th - 7th. Timmy Williamson will be singing and leading worship for Sunday services. Also, Daylight Savings Time ends that day, so you have an extra hour to get to Sunday School and Worship that day! The Monday – Wednesday services will be at 7:00 PM nightly. We hope that you will plan to attend these Revival services.



NEWSLINES

In the September business meeting, the church approved the following recommendation from the Personnel Committee, “Since we are moving to quarterly business meetings in 2019, the Personnel Committee recommends that the church grant the committee the authority to amend the Personnel Manual, with the understanding that amendments are to be reported to the next business meeting. Any changes by the committee may be amended or reversed by the church body.

Niki Pontious has turned in the following statement of resignation, “After many prayers, God is laying heavily on our hearts that Adam, Kierston and I need to be worshiping together every Sunday morning. With that being said, I am resigning as the Nursery Director. My last Sunday morning will be September 30.... I want to thank Swift Creek Baptist congregation for all the love and support they have shown me and my family during some of the hardest times in my life. I am so thankful for all of the lifelong friendships I have made over my lifetime there.” We appreciate her 3+ years of service as our Nursery Director, and wish her well!

Congratulation to Bill and Peggy Dick upon their 50th Wedding Anniversary on Oct. 1.

SYMPATHY

Our church family wants to express our Christian love and sympathy to Niki Pontious and family upon the death of her great-grandmother, Winifred Wheelhouse, who was a charter member of our church and lived to be 101! We also express our sympathy to the family of Olin Ferguson upon his death.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT SERIES

Pastor Felker has recently begun a teaching series on Wednesday nights entitled, “Biblical Principles of Health.” The next lesson is, “The Causes of Sickness: Stress and Bad Emotions.” You are encouraged to attend and invite others! If you cannot join us for the 6:50 prayer time, join us for the teaching which will begin around 7:15 p.m.

VITAL SIGNS

ATTENDANCE

S.S. Average Attendance	105
8:30 Worship Average	39
11:00 Worship Average	117
Total Morning Worship Avg.	156
Evening Worship Average	32
Weekday Discipleship Avg.	52

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Gifts (5 Sundays)	99.5% of Goal
State Missions	1,208.00 (Goal met!)
Other Missions	135.00
Initial Offering	1.00
Other	50.00

FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is running low and in need of CANNED: pasta, fruit, meat, soup, & peanut butter. Please check expiration dates on food items. Thank you for all of the previous donations.

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Return Service Requested

SPECIAL NEEDS MINISTRY

The Eagle Eyrie Special Needs Retreat is Oct. 19th-21st. Those who are attending should meet at the church by 9:00 a.m. We will hear an Eagle Eyrie Report from our attendees on Sunday, Oct. 28th, in the 11:00 a.m. worship service.

BUDGET REQUESTS

We will begin work on the 2019 budget in October. All heads of committees and organizations are encouraged to turn in your budget request ASAP and no later than October 15th. You may put your budget requests in the Stewardship Committee box in the hallway, or give them to Dan Turner, Harry Palmore, or Pastor Felker.

CHURCH STAFF

Steve FelkerSr. Pastor
Drew Cheatham Youth Pastor
Susan Humphries Pianist
Anne Cizek Secretary
Cheryl Felker ... Assistant Secretary
Kathy FiteCustodian
Kelly Willett Nursery Worker

WEDDING INVITATION

All are invited to attend the wedding and reception of Colin Brink and Laura Beth Lee on Saturday, Oct. 27 at 2:00 p.m. at SCBC. Please fill out a card on the bulletin board or contact Martha Lee to RSVP by this Saturday, October 6.

GOLF

We had too few to sign up for a golf tournament, so we will have our regular play on Thur., Oct. 11, 8:30 a.m. Sign up on the bulletin board if you are interested in playing, or let Pastor Felker or Bill Dick know.