

# SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



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Church Phone 520-1211  
June 27, 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.  
Youth Bible Fellowship, 6:30 p.m.

## SPECIAL SUNDAY MORNING SERVICE

As we approach the July 4 holiday, we will celebrate our nation's founding and the blessing of God upon our nation. We should praise God and thank Him for our liberties. Today, more than ever, we need to return to God as a nation and reaffirm our dependence upon Him. So on Sunday, July 1, in the 11:00 a.m. service, our congregation will sing a patriotic song. Many of our people will wear red, white, and/or blue. There will also be patriotic decorations. We hope you will be present as we seek the Lord, and as we celebrate the freedoms we enjoy and the blessings of God upon our country.



This Sunday is also our Joint Communion Service (no 8:30 service) and Family Worship Sunday. There will be no Children's Church. 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 also open for children up to age 5.

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

This year's VBS for children ages 5 -6<sup>th</sup> Grade is July 9 - 13 each morning. This year we are doing Lifeway's "Game On!" Kids, lace up your sports shoes, and be ready for another exciting VBS! God wants you to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Kids will enjoy the opening worship rally with a daily video, music, recreation, snacks, crafts and Bible lessons.

On Thursday evening of VBS we will have a hot dog meal for all VBS participants and their immediate families. This will be followed by the children singing songs they learned during VBS in the church sanctuary.

VBS is the most important outreach to children we do each year. Children love VBS! To be a success, we need for everyone to invite children to our VBS. We plan to make available VBS fliers on the hall table for you to use to invite children from your neighborhood. A number of our grandparents invite their grandchildren.

You may register your children, grandchildren, and others for VBS at church the two Sundays before VBS, the morning of VBS, or go to the church website to download the registration form and fill it out in advance.

Special Ed VBS will be July 14 & 21, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.





## FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday was my 31<sup>st</sup> anniversary as senior pastor of our church. I appreciate the opportunity to have served all these years, and I am thankful that Cheryl has been faithful to minister by my side the whole time. I have prayed dedication prayers over many infants and young children, baptized many of them as they became older, rejoiced in their graduations from High School, and officiated or been present for a number of their weddings. I have ministered comfort for over 150 funerals. I have probably preached over 2700 times, not counting Wednesday night lessons. I am thankful for good health and strength to continue ministering God's Word in the power of the Holy Spirit (so I trust, and so I pray). I have never viewed my ministry as a job or career, but as a call from God. Pray that my remaining years at Swift Creek will be fruitful, and that we will maintain a multigenerational ministry.

If you have been thinking about becoming a member of our church, now is a good time. Most of our service opportunities require membership, and we would love to have more people involved in the ministry of our church. We are called to serve in the church, the Body of Christ (Eph. 4:12). Ministry in a small group creates a strong connection to other believers. Membership requires a profession or reaffirmation of faith in Christ as Savior, and believer's baptism. Of course, a letter of recommendation or transfer from a church of like faith is one way we accept members, as well as a personal statement regarding faith and believer's baptism.

Sunday I continue preaching from chapter 8 of Acts with a message entitled, "Self-Serving Religion." Yes, some are involved in the religion "business" for what they can get out of it. May this be a warning to us. Sunday evening I will continue preaching from 1 John a message entitled, "God's Witness Concerning His Son." God has clearly borne witness regarding the person and work of Jesus Christ. Last Sunday I talked about the importance of hearing and heeding God's Word. May you take advantage of such opportunities to do so.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Youth camp is July 2 - 8 at Camp Kehukee. It will be a mission themed camp. Please keep our students in prayer as they serve together and as they hear the gospel themselves. Our theme this year is "Cry Out" based on the life of Elijah. We are excited about several new students joining us for camp and we hope you will pray for salvations to take place this year. We look forward to sharing testimonies with you on Sunday evening, July 22.

## BLOCK PARTY

A Pre-VBS Block Party will be held Friday, July 6, 6:00-9:00 PM in the church parking lot. The youth camp participants will staff the block party as part of their missional outreach for the week, but members and attendees are encouraged to invite children in particular to the block party.



We really want members of our church to show up and get to know members of our community, as well as have opportunities to share the gospel. The more people we have present, the greater the draw and the more fun it will be for folks in our neighborhood. There will be a brief evangelism training before the event at 5 p.m. if you want to come early and get equipped for gospel conversations.

Hotdogs and chips will be provided to all who attend the event, including volunteers and church members. There will also be games and other activities. If you want to volunteer to help, please contact Drew and let him know.

## TESTIMONY/SOCIAL NIGHT

On Sunday evening, July 22 at 6:00 p.m., we will have a Youth Camp Testimony Night. After the testimonies, we will have an ice cream social in the Fellowship Hall. Members are encouraged to bring homemade ice cream, or a favorite store-bought ice cream. We hope to have plenty of ice cream, and a good time of fellowship. You can bring your favorite topping if you don't think we will have it. See you there!

## MOVIE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m., we will show the new movie, "I Can Only Imagine." [This is a change in date]. The movie is based on the life experiences of Bart Millard. Growing up in Greenville, Texas, he suffered physical and emotional abuse at the hands of his father, Arthur. When Arthur became terminally ill, he found redemption in Christ and rediscovered his love for his son. Years later, Bart's troubled childhood and mended relationship with his dad inspires him to write the hit song, "I Can Only Imagine" as singer of the Christian band, MercyMe. We encourage you to be present and invite others. We plan to show the movie in the Social Hall so refreshments can be served.

## TWILIGHTERS TRIP

We have two spots available for the upcoming Twilighters' trip on July 26 to the new Museum of the Bible in Washington, DC. We plan to leave the church at 7:30 a.m. (eat breakfast before you arrive) and return by 6:00 p.m. Bring \$15 for admission and money for lunch at the museum. We will go in our new church van. If you have participated in Twilighters, let pastor Felker know if you want to reserve your spots on the van. Others can go the same time in your own vehicle, but you will be responsible for parking and all other expenses.

## HELP WITH VBS

If you are willing to serve in VBS, let Cheryl Felker know (919-4795). We need athletic equipment, jerseys, referee shirts, whistles, etc. for props (label them), store-bought cookies and snacks for refreshments for the children, as well as snacks and food for the workers' lounge.

We also need help setting up for VBS after the 11 a.m. service on July 8<sup>th</sup>. This includes putting up decorations, moving chairs and setting up rooms, etc. A pizza meal will be provided for volunteers who *sign up*.

## NEWSLINES

Donna Spencer and her husband James are retiring to Myrtle Beach, SC. She was been a member of our church for 20 years, taught Sunday School, sang in the choir, etc. and we will miss them.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JULY

- 1 - Sun. Joint Communion Service, 11:00 a.m. (no 8:30 service).
- 2 - Mon. Youth Camp at Kehukee after AM service (-8<sup>th</sup>). Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 4 - Wed. Independence Day. Church office closed. No evening activities.
- 6 - Fri. Block Party, 6:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. in the parking lot.
- 8 - Sun. Welcome fellowship in Social Hall (9:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.)  
Building reserved for VBS setup, 12:15 p.m. until ?  
Pizza meal provided for registered volunteers.
- 9 - Mon. VBS this week, 9:30 a.m. - 12:35 p.m. (entire church building reserved through 13<sup>th</sup>)  
Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - Wed. No Wednesday activities except praise team (6:30) and choir rehearsals (7:15) due to VBS & Thursday program.
- 12 - Thu. Family Night Hot Dog Meal and VBS Program, 6:15 p.m.
- 14 - Sat. Special Ed VBS, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Social Hall)
- 15 - Sun. Youth Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. (Conf. Room).  
Church Business Meeting, 6:50 p.m. (Deacon Election; bylaw change).
- 16 - Mon. PBA Executive Committee Mtg. @ New Life Bpt. Church on County Dr., 7:00 p.m.
- 19 - Thu. Monthly Golf Fellowship, 8:30 a.m. Location to be announced.
- 21 - Sat. Special Ed VBS, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. (Social Hall)
- 22 - Sun. Deacon Recognition, AM services. Deacon Choir, 11 AM service.  
Youth Camp Testimony Night, 6:00 p.m. service.  
Ice Cream Social afterwards
- 26 - Thu. Museum of the Bible Twilighters Trip, \$15.00 per ticket.
- 30 - Mon. Newsletter items due by 10:00 a.m.

## DEACON RECOGNITION AND DEACON CHOIR

On Sunday, July 22, we will invite all Deacons (active and inactive) to sing in a special Deacon Choir. We will rehearse at 10:45 that Sunday morning and sing during the service. We will also recognize Chairman Ron Winters for completing his term of service, and we will introduce newly elected deacons. Deacon election will take place in the July 15 business meeting. Bill Dalton will be presented to serve a 3-year term, and Howard Lewis and Bobby Ziegenfuss will be on the ballot to serve a 4<sup>th</sup> year as provided in the bylaws.

## VITAL SIGNS

### ATTENDANCE

S.S. Average Attendance	115
8:30 Worship Average	41
11:00 Worship Average	119
Total Morning Worship Avg.	160
Evening Worship Average	40
Weekday Discipleship Avg.	36

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Gifts	80.8% of Goal
Other Missions	535.00
Building Fund	200.00
Other	50.00

## SYMPATHY

Our church family wants to express our Christian love and sympathy to Garry Wright in the death of his sister, Lori Riddle.

## ATTENDANCE REQUIREMENT

According to our bylaws, if a member does not attend Sunday School or a church service in over a year, they are subject to being placed on our inactive membership roll. As long as they remain on the inactive roll, they are no longer able to vote in business meetings, and if everyone in the family is inactive, the family is no longer assigned a deacon (deacon assignment changes take place in August). This does not apply to homebound members. The pastoral staff and/or deacons will continue to minister to inactive members as long as they are *informed* of a need (hospitalization, bereavement, etc.). Heb. 10:25 encourages believers to gather regularly with other believers for mutual encouragement, etc.

## CHURCH STAFF

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

## FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is running low and in need of canned pasta, canned fruit, canned peas & green beans, peanut butter and jelly. Please check expiration dates on food items. Thank you for your help and for all previous donations.

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