

# SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



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May 31, 2017

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.  
Activities 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: Samantha Firesheets (Winters' granddaughter), Chris Loran, Ryan Maitland, Halie Stewart (Bonnie Stewart's granddaughter), Teevon Stith, and Shawn Williams from Colonial Heights High School; Katie Reid from Columbia International University; Taylor Lee, BA from King University in TN; Kristina Winters from VCU and Zachary Firesheets from South University (both grandchildren of Ron & Shirley Winters) and Tara Garrison (member and granddaughter of Phyllis Crump), PhD from Walden University, Baltimore, MD.



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

## LADIES CHOIR AND TESTIMONY NIGHT

Our Annual Ladies' Choir and Testimony Night will be on Sunday, June 4 at 6:00 p.m. Ladies, we encourage you to sing in a Ladies' Choir that evening. Come to rehearsal at 5:30 p.m. Also, Ivy Brink and Ruth Rakes will share their personal testimonies. This testimony service is always a blessing and we encourage you to attend and invite others!

## FATHER'S DAY

Father's Day is June 18. That Sunday we will recognize and 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. Our pastor will preach a message entitled, "A Father's Vital Role." 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!





## FROM THE PASTOR

Once again I want to thank my church family and the deacons (active and inactive) for the flowers that were sent for the visitation and funeral for my father. We were separated by many miles but it was a blessing and comfort to see those flowers. I also appreciate the many sympathy cards and other expressions of sympathy that I received. I received much comfort from the Lord, my family and friends, and my church family.

Sunday evening we elected our Nominating Committee to fill our ministry needs for the coming church year (see News Lines for the names). In a few weeks they will begin making contacts, first with those who are currently serving to see if you will continue for another year. I appreciate so much your service this year, and I hope you will continue. We already know of some vacancies that need to be filled. If you are asked to serve, I ask you to prayerfully consider if the Lord would have you to serve. I believe that every Christian should serve in some ministry of the church. 1 Cor. 15:58 says, "Therefore, my beloved brethren, be steadfast, immovable, always abounding in the work of the Lord, knowing that your labor is not in vain in the Lord." Also, if you have been thinking about joining our church, now is a good time to join. Many of our service opportunities require membership. If you are a ministry leader, begin thinking about people you would recommend to join your ministry team. Please pray for your Nominating Committee as they begin their work.

Speaking of service, our deacons serve the Lord and our congregation. Prospective deacons have been contacted by now. Pray that we have a net gain in the number of deacons for the coming term. We really need more deacons to carry out our deacon family ministry plan well.

Sunday we had a good attendance in the 11 AM service, especially for a holiday weekend. I was encouraged by the presence of a good number of guests. I felt the Holy Spirit was at work in our services, and I look forward to this Sunday as we observe communion together. I will preach from Psalm 32 a message entitled, "The Blessing of Forgiveness." I will complete my series from the Gospel of John the following Sunday. I encourage you to come out Sunday evening for our annual Ladies' Testimony Service.

## YOUTH & FAMILY MINISTRY

This past month we have seen six new students join us for various game nights and for Wednesday evening gatherings. Most of them do not have a functional relationship with Jesus and the opportunities for us to share the gospel with them abound. We saw one young man turn to Jesus in faith this past month and we are confident that God will continue to open the eyes of our students to the glory of Jesus. Please pray for the student ministry team as we labor among our students, and pray that the Spirit will draw their hearts irresistibly to faith in Jesus.

I want to congratulate all of our students for their hard work in school this year. For some it was a very difficult year, fraught with challenges and hardships, but all have persevered to finish. I am also very proud of the desire these students have shown to grow in their faith.

We will be hosting an end of the year celebration party on June 17th from 4:30-9:30. We will meet at the church facilities and will spend part of the time at Swaders and part of the time at the Fenderson household for a pool party. Keep our students in your prayers this summer, that they will spend their time wisely and that they will stay connected to Jesus.

If you are interested in serving with our students, even on an occasional basis, please email or call me.

## MUSIC & WORSHIP

The church choir is in need of more singers, especially Sopranos and Tenors. We rehearse Wednesdays from 8:05 – 9:15 p.m. We welcome youth and adults. Church membership is not required, nor is it required for you to read music and sing parts, though that is certainly helpful. Let Pastor Felker know if you are interested, or if the day or time is bad for you. We *may* consider an alternate schedule.

## TWILIGHTERS

There will be a Twilighters Patriotic Program and Meal on Tuesday, June 27<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. in the Social Hall. The menu will be grilled burgers, baked beans, potato salad, dessert and drinks. The cost is \$7.00. Please sign up early and pay Peggy or Bill Dick. Attendees are encouraged to wear patriotic colors.

## SECRET SISTER EVENT

Ladies, join us on Sat., June 3 at 2:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall for our SECRET SISTER REVEAL EVENT. We'll enjoy some snacks, and then have a fun time finding out who we've been praying for and who has been praying for us! Bring a small gift for your Secret Sister if you'd like.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### JUNE

- 3 - Sat. Secret Sister Reveal, Social Hall, 2:00 PM
- 4 - Sun. Lord's Supper, AM services.  
Promotion Day in Preschool Department.  
Church Health Team Meeting, 3:30 p.m. (Social Hall)  
Ladies Choir Rehearsal, 5:30 p.m.  
Ladies Choir/ Testimony Night, 6:00 p.m. Testimonies by Ivy Brink and Ruth Rakes.
- 5 - Mon. Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 6 - Tue. History Committee Meeting, 11:00 a.m.
- 11 - Sun. Graduate Recognition, 11:00 a.m. service.  
Welcome fellowship in Social Hall (9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.)
- 12 - Mon. Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 6:00 p.m.  
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Wed. Called Business Meeting to vote on S.S. Director, 8:00 p.m.
- 17 - Fri. End of School Youth Party at Swadders and Fenderson's, 4:30 p.m.
- 18 - Sun. Father's Day – Cracker Barrel Gift Card Drawing.  
Favorites night (father's choice).
- 19 - Mon. Church Health Team presentation to Church Leadership, 7:00 p.m. (tentative)
- 25 - Sun. Pastor Steve Felker's 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary.  
Fellowship night at Arby's.  
Youth Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. (Conf. Room).
- 26 - Mon. Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (instead of July 3).
- 27 - Tue. Twilights, 6:00 p.m. in Social Hall. Patriotic Program (see article).

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Vacation Bible School for children will be July 31 – August 4 each morning! Special Ed. VBS will be August 6, 13, & 20, 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

On Aug. 6, we are having a gospel concert by Nathan Potts and Covenant Ground ([covenantground.com/](http://covenantground.com/)), 6:00 p.m.

On Aug. 10, we plan to take a group for FAITH Night at the Richmond Flying Squirrels. The evening will include fireworks. Mark your calendar and watch for more details.

## LADIES' BIBLE STUDY

A Romans Bible Study facilitated by Nancy Perrone has been changed to *Sept. 5 through Nov. 22*, 10:00 a.m. to noon. The study provides an examination of the book of Romans. Each guide includes extensive commentary, observations and truths that can be applied to our lives today. Our text includes questions to help in the study of the Word of God, with guidance from John MacArthur. Please sign up early on the ladies' bulletin board so books can be ordered! The cost is \$7.00 per book.

## NEWSLINES

In the May business meeting the church elected the following members to serve on the 2017-2018 Nominating Committee: John Albert, Opal Brink, Tom Florence, Carol Gittman, Shirley Lewis, and James Millard. The S.S. Director is an Ex-Officio voting member. We appreciate their willingness to serve and we ask you to pray for this committee as they begin their work.

At least seven young adults from SCBC 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.

We have enough in our Van Fund to begin the search for a new 15-passenger van. Our next van will have more head-room. Drew Cheatham is working with the Van Committee to bring a recommendation to the church at a regular called business meeting, hopefully before the youth leave for their ministry camp in July.

## COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

Service and ministry committees should elect their chairperson for the coming year (Sept. - Aug.) during May or June. Chairpersons, please schedule a meeting with the church secretary. Election results should be reported to the church secretary, who will notify the Nominating Committee.

## NEW SERMON SERIES

On Sunday, June 25 in the morning services, our pastor will begin a new sermon series entitled, "Knowing God." Each Sunday he will preach about one of the major attributes of God and how that attribute applies to our lives. He will also typically share one or more of the names of God that relate to that particular attribute. Plan to join us for this series. To truly know God is to become more like God. If you miss a Sunday, you can listen to the sermon at [swiftcreek.church/resources/sermons](http://swiftcreek.church/resources/sermons). You can also download sermon notes from the same web page.

## VITAL SIGNS

### ATTENDANCE

S.S. Average Attendance	117
8:30 Worship Average	38
11:00 Worship Average	122
Total Morning Worship Avg.	160
Evening Worship Average	50
Weekday Discipleship Avg.	39

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Receipts	86.9% of Goal
PBA Offering Goal	500.00
PBA Missions Offering	917.00
Other	5,335.00
Building Fund Receipts	180.00
World Hunger	100.00
Other Missions	85.00
Van Fund	75.00

## FOOD PANTRY

Our food pantry is running low and in need of canned fruit, canned meat, canned pasta and jelly and peanut butter. Thank you for the previous donations.

## SONG SURVEY

We need at least 40 surveys turned in to have meaningful results on the congregational song survey (20 have been turned in). We also need more surveys from our younger members. When you have completed yours, please turn it in to the pastor, the office door file, or the Media Ministry box in the hallway. More copies are on the hall table.

## 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!

## SYMPATHIES

Our church family wants to express our Christian love and sympathy to the families of Johnny Van Dyke, Sally Hicks, Jasper Davis and Margaret Shell upon their deaths.

## 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
Eunice Cheatham .....	Nursery Worker
Theresa Little .....	Nursery Worker
Jessica Matheny .....	Nursery Worker
Crystal Meeks .....	Nursery Worker
Megan Raikes .....	Nursery Worker

## LIBRARY

The Documentary entitled, *The Insanity of God: A True Story of Faith and Persecution* is available from the Church Library on DVD. If you have not seen this movie, we encourage you to check it out! Also, the movie, *I'm Not Ashamed*, will soon be available to check out. It is the story of Rachel Joy Scott, a 17-year-old Christian who died in the Columbine H.S. shooting.

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