

# SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH



18510 Branders Bridge Road  
Colonial Heights, VA 23834  
Church Phone 520-1211  
August 29, 2018

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

## PROMOTION DAY IN SUNDAY SCHOOL

It is back to school time, so it is also time for our annual Promotion Day in Sunday School on September 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you're not involved in our Sunday School, this would be a great time to get started! In addition to instruction in God's Word, Sunday School provides the opportunity to fellowship with others, pray for one another, and minister to one another.

We have the following classes that are subject to promotion: Birth - 24 Months Nursery (room 8), Age 2 - 3 (room 7), Age 4-1st (room 13), 2nd-5th Grade (room 14), and Youth (room 19a). College students are encouraged to attend the Young Adult class (room 16). Students are encouraged to attend the appropriate class for the grade they are going into beginning this Sunday.

## COMBINED COMMUNION SERVICE

This Sunday is our Combined Communion Service and Family Worship Sunday. There is no Children's Church on this 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 on Family Worship Sundays.

## AWANA

We invite all children grades K-6 to come to our AWANA Bible Club beginning Wednesday, September 12th, 6:30 - 7:45 p.m. AWANA is a discipleship program for children that involves Bible memorization and fun games. Children earn awards for their hard work. Please bring your child/children to the Family Life Center lobby so we can complete the proper registration if necessary. A pizza meal will follow in the Family Life Center, beginning at 6:30 p.m. Parents, please join your children for the opening night of AWANA. We'll review our AWANA schedule and what is expected from you and your child. We promise the evening will be fun and we'll top it off with ice cream...and who doesn't LOVE ice cream! We look forward to seeing you on the 12th beginning at 6:30 p.m. Bring your tennis shoes and join the fun! If you have any questions, talk to Joyce Tucker, our new AWANA Commander.

## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS

The Vision VA Week of Prayer & Offering for Missions will be September 16<sup>th</sup> - 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please support our missionaries and other SBCV ministries in prayer. Also, you are encouraged to give to our State Mission Offering, which supports church planting and other ministries. Our goal this year is \$1,200. Special offering envelopes will be in the pew envelope holders.



## FROM THE PASTOR

I want to thank chairman Dan Turner and the Nominating Committee for serving to fill our ministry positions for the coming church year that begins in September. I also want to thank everyone who agreed to serve. We still have some elected positions of service (see bulletin board). We especially need preschool Sunday School teachers. There are other opportunities for service in our non-elected service positions: Choir (let me know of your interest), Nursery (see Niki Pontius), AWANA (see Joyce Tucker), Landscaping (see Bill Reid), etc.

Our Sunday School average for August was below 100 for the first time in many years. I certainly hope and pray that participation in this vital small group Bible teaching ministry will improve significantly in September. We have good teachers that spend hours preparing lessons. Sunday School provides other aspects of spiritual growth and accountability. I want to encourage you to bring your family, not only to worship, but to Sunday School as well.

Sunday I will continue my series from the book of Acts with a message entitled, "The Power of Prayer vs. Satan." Prayer is so important in the life of a church, and in the lives of Christians. Sunday evening I will preach "Good News for Modern Man" from 1 Corinthians 1:17b-25. If you are not out of town for the Labor Day holiday, I sure hope to see you Sunday!

## GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Our next golf fellowship will be September 13 with an estimated tee time of 8:30 AM at Prince George golf course. We will play on their new greens! Inclement weather will postpone play to the following Thursday. Each member of the church and their immediate family is invited to participate as well as attendees. Each of these may invite one guest to participate. If you are interested in playing with the group, let pastor Felker or Bill Dick know by September 11.

Also, we will plan a church golf tournament on a Saturday afternoon in October (tentatively on the 13<sup>th</sup> at noon) instead of a Thursday if at least three additional golfers sign up on the bulletin board. If you have not played at least two rounds with our group, turn in scorecards of your *last two* rounds to establish your handicap for the tournament. Scores will be adjusted to double bogie limits (as in the tournament). A trophy and prizes will be awarded. Cost and other details will be provided in the October newsletter.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

Our students will be having a combined bowling event with the Special Ed class on Saturday, September 8th at 6:30 p.m. The youth will meet at the church parking lot at 6:00 p.m. and will leave for Oaklawn Bowl where we will meet the Special Ed class. Cost per student is \$5 and includes 2 games and shoes. We look forward to an evening of fun and fellowship with the Special Ed class.

Keep our students in prayer as they head back to school. Pray that they would be a witness to the glory of Jesus and that they stay rooted in their faith. Pray also for more students to come to know Jesus through the witness and faithfulness of our own students.

## BRIDAL SHOWER INVITATION

In celebration of the upcoming marriage of Laura Beth Lee to Colin Brink, a Bridal Shower is planned! Please join Martha Lee in honoring her daughter on Saturday, September 15 from 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in our SCBC Fellowship Hall. Laura Beth will be encouraged and blessed by your attendance. The couple is registered at the JC Penney Home Store and at Target.

## GRANDPARENTS DAY

Sunday, September 9 is Grandparents Day. Invite your grandchildren or grandparents to worship with you that Sunday morning. We plan to give opportunity to introduce your guests if you would like.

## PBA KEHUKEE FAMILY DAY

The Petersburg Baptist Association's Kehukee Day is on Saturday, Sept. 8 from 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Come and enjoy the fishing, hiking, basketball, kayaks, paddle boats, gaga pit and tether ball. Swimming is from 1:45-4:00 p.m. A devotion will be at 12:15 p.m. with lunch in the Pavilion at 12:30 p.m. Please bring covered dishes and desserts to go with hot dogs, baked beans and drinks. All members of PBA churches are invited. Athletes and families of the P.G. Special Olympics have also been invited. It is a good opportunity to meet other believers.

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

### SEPTEMBER

- 2 - Sun. Promotion Day in S.S., 9:45 a.m.  
Joint Communion Service, 11:00 a.m. (no 8:30 service).
- 3 - Mon. Labor Day (office closed)
- 4 - Tue. Deacons' Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 8 - Sat. PBA Kehukee Family Day, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. (See article).  
SBCV Small Group Essentials Tour, SCBC-Midlothian, 9:00 a.m.-noon. SBCV.org.  
New committees take office.  
Back to School Bowling at Oaklawn Bowling in Hopewell with Special Ed. Class, 6:30 p.m.
- 9 - Sun. Grandparents' Day. Invite grandchildren and grandparents.  
Welcome fellowship in social hall (9:30 a.m. - 10:55 p.m.), if a SS class will provide refreshments.  
Kristie Reid to share about mission trip to Guatemala, 6:00 p.m.
- 10 - Mon. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, 6:00 p.m.  
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 12 - Wed. Begin AWANA, 6:30 p.m.-7:45 p.m. (FLC).
- 13 - Thu. Monthly Golf Fellowship, Prince George, 8:30 a.m.  
Open Bible Class movie trip.
- 15 - Sat. Bridal Shower for Laura Beth and Colin, 11:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. (Social Hall)
- 16 - Sun. Vision VA Week of Prayer & Offering for Missions (-23<sup>rd</sup>). SCBC goal-\$1200; SCBV goal-\$350,000.  
Youth Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. (Conf. Room)  
Church Business Meeting, 6:50 p.m.
- 17 - Mon. Sanctuary Renovation Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Titus 2 classroom)
- 22 - Sat. Student Leadership Training, 9:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.
- 23 - Sun. Hannah Humphries' 2<sup>nd</sup> church anniversary. Fellowship night (Carini's)
- 24 - Mon. Annual Meeting of the Property Directors, 4:30 or 6:30 p.m.  
Personnel Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 25 - Tue. Women's Bible Study, 10 a.m. in Social Hall. *To Live Is Christ: The Life and Ministry of Paul* led by Nancy Perrone.
- 26 - Wed. "See You at the Pole" (Middle & H.S. students)
- 29 - Sat. Disaster Relief Training, CHBC, 9:00 a.m. Register at [sbcv.org/disaster-relief-training](http://sbcv.org/disaster-relief-training).  
SBCV Abundance Women's Event, Richmond Coliseum, Multiple speakers. For more information, see [Lifeway.com/Abundance](http://Lifeway.com/Abundance)

## MOVING?

If you are about to move to a new address, please call the church office and let us know your new address. We want to keep our records up to date. Also let the office know of changes in email and phone numbers, including cell phones.

## WOMEN'S BIBLE STUDY

### To Live Is Christ

Join Beth Moore on a journey into the life and heart of Paul, the Apostle to the Gentiles, who served faithfully and loved heartily. More than any other person, Paul provides us an example of sold-out servanthood. He understood what it means to die daily, crucified with Jesus Christ. As a result, Paul shows us how to live fully as a bond servant to Christ. As you study the Book of Acts and the Letters of Paul, you will come to know the characters personally. Most of all you will feel the challenge to follow Paul's example just as he followed the example of Christ (1 Cor. 11:1). A student book will be available for purchase from Nancy Perrone, the study facilitator, for \$15.99. The group will meet at 10:00 a.m. each Tuesday for 10 weeks (except Thanksgiving week) beginning **Sept. 25**. Sign up on the Ladies Ministry bulletin board if you are interested in attending.

## NEWSLINES

The following Sunday School Teachers were recognized with certificates of appreciation on Aug. 26: Mary Patton upon her retirement from teaching the Bright Hope class after 27 years of service; Donna Edwards, Ashley Elder, Harry Palmore, and Judy Reid for completing 5 years of service as teachers.

## MISSION TRIP REPORT

On Sunday evening, Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, in the 6:00 p.m. service, Kristie Reid will share about her mission trip to Guatemala. We encourage you to attend.

## SBCV SMALL GROUP TRAINING OPPORTUNITY

Small Group Essentials Tour is an equipping event for Sunday School and Small Group leaders. It will be held at SCBC-Midlothian on Saturday, September 8, from 9:00 a.m.-noon. Take advantage of this opportunity to train general leaders, adult teachers and facilitators, along with youth, children and pre-school teachers and leaders. Dr. Dan Cook of Spotswood Baptist Church in Fredericksburg will be the keynote speaker along with 2 hour concentrated tracks for each ministry. Light meals will also be served prior to each event, And it is all FREE! Please go to [SBCV.org](http://SBCV.org) to register if you plan to attend.

## VITAL SIGNS

### ATTENDANCE

S.S. Average Attendance	93
8:30 Worship Average	39
11:00 Worship Average	106
Total Morning Worship Avg.	144
Evening Worship Average	42
Weekday Discipleship Avg.	28

### STEWARDSHIP

Budget Receipts	88.2% of Goal
Building Fund	50.00
Other Missions	110.00

## NEW DEACONS

Our Deacon bulletin board has been updated, and you may look on the bulletin board between rooms 3 and 4 to find out who your deacon is. Except for families assigned to Ron Winters, few changes have been made. Each deacon list is in alphabetical order.

## SYMPATHY

Our church family wants to express our Christian love and sympathy to Dagmar Lewis and family upon the death of her husband, David.

## NEW COMMITTEES

All new committees begin taking office on September 1<sup>st</sup> for the 2018-2019 church year. Feel free to talk to the chair of the committee (see bulletin board) if you have any questions about your service on the committee.

## S.S. LATE ARRIVALS

If you arrive to Sunday School after 10:00 a.m., please stop by the church office first to make sure that you are accounted for on our Sunday School records. All attendance reports should be turned in by class secretaries by 10:00 a.m. Please make every effort to be in class by 9:45 a.m.

## 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

## STAFF OFFICE HOURS

The church office is generally open Monday – Friday, 8:15 a.m. – 12:45 p.m., and 2:00 p.m. – 5:45 (or later). Pastor Steve is off on Thursdays, and Pastor Drew is off on Fridays. They are generally in the office on weekday work days except for visitation, errands, meetings, etc. Anne Cizek works in the mornings M-F, and Cheryl Felker works weekday afternoons, except for Thursday. We recommend that you call the church office to verify that the staff member you want to see is present (520-1211).

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