



SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH

18510 Branders Bridge Road
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Church Phone 520-1211
July 31, 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.

ANNUAL CHURCH PICNIC AT KEHUKEE

The annual church picnic will be held on Sunday, August 19, at Camp Kehukee, our beautiful 200+ acre Associational camp. The gate will open by 1:00 p.m. for those of you who would like to come early to fish (only non-motorized boats are permitted on the lake; group license provided by the Association). Other activities will include biking (bring your own), walking, horseshoes, tetherball, and there is a paved basketball court. The camp now has one paddleboat and three kayaks [lifejackets are provided]. There will be a youth and adult volleyball game. The pool will be open from 2:00 - 4:30 if at least 12 sign up. We will eat our meal in the air-conditioned Spain Conference Center at 5:00 p.m. Please bring fruit, vegetable side, and/or a dessert. Grilled chicken, hot dogs, bread and drinks will be provided by the Church and the Hospitality Committee. It is *suggested* that those with last names of A-M bring a vegetable, and N-Z bring fruit or dessert. We will have our evening worship service after the meal at 6:00 p.m. with a mini concert by our Music Ministry. Feel free to invite guests, especially those who need a church home. We hope you will be present for this opportunity for good food and Christian fellowship. If you plan to come it will be really helpful if you sign up in response to the email we will send out, or by signing up on the bulletin board by Wednesday, Aug. 15. This will give us a better idea of how much food to buy.

One new addition to Kehukee is the Prayer Garden built by an Eagle Scout as a project. Before or after the meal, you can take the opportunity to spend time there to see it and pray. Camp Kehukee is just a few miles off I-95 South at exit 41. At the end of the exit turn left. Go approx. 1/2 mile and turn left on 605 (Spain Rd.). Go just .2 mile and bear left on 621 (Shands Road). Go 1 mile and the Kehukee entrance will be on your right.

EVANGELIST STEVE FREEMAN

Join us Sunday morning, August 5, as we have Steve Freeman as our guest preacher. He is in his 25th year in Full Time Evangelism. By God's grace and power he has done far more than expected, having Cerebral Palsy from childhood, and then in 2009 to battle Testicular Cancer. To learn more about Steve, see stevefreemanministries.org. This Sunday will be our monthly Joint Communion Service and Family Worship Sunday (no 8:30 service and no Children's Church). 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.

MOVIE PRESENTATION

On Sunday, August 5 at 6:00 p.m., we will show the new movie, "I Can Only Imagine." 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 popcorn and beverages can be served.





FROM THE PASTOR

Sunday I preached from Acts 9:31, a summary statement of the early church. When God gave them relief from persecution, they took advantage of that relief to be built up both spiritually and numerically. That should be our goal. I believe we have a good ministry of teaching and preaching

God's Word to build up and strengthen believers in their Christian walk. The key is to take advantage of these growth opportunities. I encourage you to be involved in a Sunday School class and/or Home Group. A healthy church also does outreach to grow numerically. May we all accept responsibility to witness of our faith, to invite people to our small groups, worship services, and special events. Invite people to the movie Sunday night. Pray that God will help our church to grow both spiritually and numerically.

Our deacons will begin a new year of service in August, when they will elect officers. Ron Winters is rotating off and Bill Dalton is joining the deacon body once again. The vast majority of our families will retain the same deacon. Our deacons not only serve communion and meet monthly, but they also help me minister to our families. Call on your deacon as needed, and pray for our deacons.

On Mondays, Cheryl and I upload to our web site my Sunday morning audio sermon and the sermon notes in PDF. If you miss a message you can go to the web site to hear or read the message. The sermon notes will have material that I did not include in my message. Look for Sermons under the Resources tab.

Please note the article regarding our service opportunities. It is very important that we fully staff our Sunday School and AWANA ministries. I want to encourage every active member of the church to be involved in at least one ministry. Eph. 4:11-12 says that God has given pastors and teachers "for the equipping of the saints for a work of ministry..." Keep in mind that most of our service opportunities require membership, so if you are a believer and want to serve, I encourage you to join this Sunday or next.

My next message in Acts will be from Acts 9:32-43, "The Amazing Christ." On Sunday evenings I will begin preaching from 1 Corinthians. As our society becomes more like a Corinthian society, this book of the Bible is more relevant. I encourage you to join us from Sunday evening worship.

SYMPATHY POLICY

It is our policy that only upon the passing of a church *member* is it acknowledged in the newsletter. Bulletin acknowledgements are for church members and any immediate family of church members. Any sympathy requests are accepted to be placed on the prayer list.

STUDENT MINISTRY

I want to thank the church for its ongoing support for our student ministry. Without your generous giving and support, we would not be able to do what we do. Please continue to pray for our students and their families. As a ministry we face many unique challenges and obstacles, but we are confident in God's power and grace. In August we will be hosting a youth verses adults softball game on Saturday, August 11 at 5pm. We will be meeting at the ball fields behind Tussing Elementary School. After the game we will grill hotdogs and share a meal together.

The following week, Sunday, August 19 we have our annual church picnic and we plan on hosting a family fishing tournament. If you are interested in signing up, please contact Drew by email.

YOUTH VS. ADULT SOFTBALL GAME

On Saturday, August 11 at 5:00 PM our church will have our annual youth vs. adult softball game. Members of the Youth Committee may also play with the Youth. The game will be held on the field behind Tussing Elementary. All adults and youth are invited to play and others are invited to watch. Youth: Meet at church at 4:00 PM. After the game, we will have a time of fellowship with grilled hotdogs and drinks provided by the church. Don't miss out on this great opportunity to have some fun, fellowship, and play some ball!



SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Church Members: If you have been contacted by a member of the Nominating Committee regarding a service opportunity, but haven't given an answer, please do so before the meeting on Monday. *Last* Sunday we had a survey included with the bulletin regarding service opportunities that remain. More copies will be available from the usher and hall tables. Please fill out the Christian Service Survey, and turn it in by Sunday (fold and put in the offering plate, or give to a member of the Nominating Committee). The members of the Nominating Committee are: Dan Turner, Ch.; Paula Cook, Pam Dalton, Bill Dalton (S.S. Director), Wilma Kamin, and James Millard. "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" (1 Cor. 15:58).

MARK YOUR CALENDAR

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- 1 - Wed. No Choir Rehearsal
- 3 - Fri. SBCV Rooted Women's Leadership Retreat, International Learning Center. Speaker: Kelly King (-4th). Sbcv.org/rooted for more information.
- 5 - Sun. Joint Communion Service, 11 AM (no 8:30 service).
Show movie, "I Can Only Imagine," 6:00 - 7:45 p.m., Social Hall. Nursery provided. Refreshments provided.
- 6 - Mon. Nominating Committee Meeting, 4:00 p.m. (Conf. Room)
Acts 1:8 Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. (Social Hall).
- 9 - Thu. Faith Night at the Diamond, 6:35 p.m. Leave church at 5:00 p.m. (For those who signed up)
- 10 - Fri. Deacons' Meeting, 6:30 or 7:00 p.m. (instead of 6th). New deacons take office. Officer election.
- 11 - Sat. Youth/Youth Committee vs. Adult Softball Game at Tussing School, 5:00 p.m. Youth meet at church at 4:00 p.m.
- 12 - Sun. Welcome fellowship in Social Hall (9:30 a.m. - 12:15 p.m.-Titus 2 SS Class).
- 13 - Mon. Building & Grounds Committee Mtg., 6:00 p.m.
Personnel Committee Meeting, 6:30 p.m.
Stewardship Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 15 - Wed. Called business meeting, 7:55 p.m. to vote on Nominating Committee report.
- 16 - Thu. Monthly golf fellowship at Dogwood Trace, Petersburg, 8:30 a.m.
- 18 - Sat. Cheryl Felker's 16th Anniversary
- 19 - Sun. Annual Church Picnic @ Kehukee. See front page article.
- 20 - Mon. Leadership Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m. in Fellowship Hall.
- 26 - Sun. S.S. Teacher Recognition & Appreciation, 8:30 and 11:00 a.m. services.
Fellowship night (Arby's)
- 27 - Mon. Church Health Team Meeting, 6:30 p.m. in Social Hall. Reschedule to 9/17 if we have Sanctuary Renovation Committee instead.
- 28 - Tue. Twilights Meal & Program, 5:45 p.m., Social Hall. Program provided by the Good News Gospel Group.

MUSIC AND WORSHIP MINISTRY

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.

NEWSLINES

Thanks to all the leaders and workers who served in this year's VBS. We enrolled over 40 children, and our total enrollment including Special Ed. students and all workers was 110. We collected a VBS offering of \$347.63, which will go to a discipleship ministry Operation Christmas Child.

We had several new people attend our block party last month. Thanks to our youth and their leaders for serving!

In the July business meeting the church approved an amendment to our Constitution to have business meetings every quarter instead of bi-monthly starting in 2019.

We upload Pastor Felker's sermons to sermonaudio.com. We have surpassed 10,000 downloads to date. The largest number of downloads in the U.S. in the month of June came from those living in VA, CA, WI, and TX. Outside the U.S. the most downloads were to the United Kingdom, Canada, Spain, and Australia.

ATTENTION TWILIGHTERS

The next Twilights Program and Meal is Tue., Aug. 28th at 5:45 p.m. The menu is lasagna, tossed salad, garlic bread, and dessert. We will have the Good News gospel group as our program. They sing country gospel and familiar oldies. Our own Howard "Butch" Flexon plays keyboard for the quartet of singers and instrumentalists. Even though our Twilights is primarily for 55+, others are welcome to join us! Please sign up on the Senior bulletin board by Sunday, Aug. 26th if you plan to attend, and pay \$7 to Bill or Peggy Dick.

SS TEACHER RECOGNITION

On Sunday, August 26 in the morning services, we will recognize and show appreciation to our Sunday School Teachers and Officers. We will thank those teachers who have completed their service and will also introduce new teachers. We will give out certificates to select teachers based on years of service. We will also recognize classes that have had the most growth this S.S. year. Finally, we will have a special prayer for teachers serving in the upcoming Sunday School year.

AWANA

We are seeking to finalize the leadership necessary to resume the AWANA program on Sept. 12. It is a discipleship program for children that involves Bible memorization and fun games. Children earn awards for their hard work. If you are willing to serve in AWANA, let Joyce Tucker or a member of the Nominating Committee know. Joyce is our new AWANA Commander.

VITAL SIGNS

ATTENDANCE

S.S. Average Attendance	106
8:30 Worship Average	38
11:00 Worship Average	117
Total Morning Worship Avg.	155
Evening Worship Average	36
Weekday Discipleship Avg.	37

STEWARDSHIP

Budget Receipts	100% of need
Other Missions	85.00
Building Fund	20.00
Initial Offering	3.00

PBA HELP NEEDED

Wilson Conwell is Chairman of the PBA Nominating Committee. If you are willing to serve our Baptist Association in some way, call him to discuss opportunities for service (731-7536).

BASEBALL GAME

If you signed up for Faith Night at the Diamond with the Richmond Flying Squirrels, be sure to meet us at the church by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9. Bring your payment of \$5.50/person. Checks are to be made out to Swift Creek B.C. If you did not sign up but want to go, call pastor Felker to find out if tickets are still available (919-0483). If you do not cancel by Sunday, Aug. 5, you are still obligated to pay for your tickets. If the event is rained out, your ticket will serve as a rain check for any other game this season. Tuesday, August 21, is the next *group* opportunity in case of rain.

BIRTH ANNOUNCEMENT

Congratulations to Andrew and Eunice Cheatham on the birth of their son, Ezra Judson Cheatham, born on July 27, 7 lbs. 15 oz., 19 ½ in. long.

CHURCH STAFF

Steve FelkerSr. 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

GOLF FELLOWSHIP

Our next golf fellowship will be August 16 with an estimated tee time of 8:30 AM at Dogwood Trace golf course in Petersburg. 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 August 14.

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