

VITAL SIGNS

ATTENDANCE	
S.S. Average Attendance	180
8:30 Worship Average	70
Total Morning Worship Avg.	211
Evening Worship Average	154
Wednesday Evening Average	79
STEWARDSHIP	
Budget Requirements	\$ 40,830.00
Budget Receipts	35,508.61
Debt Retirement	2,527.00
Lottie Moon Off. (-12/29)	26,154.61
World Hunger	25.00



NEW MEMBERS!

By Baptism – Misty Jarrell,
Jeanenne Parker & Gail Roth
By Letter of Transfer – Bonnie
Stewart

SWIFT CREEK BAPTIST CHURCH
P.O. BOX 235
COLONIAL HEIGHTS, VA 23834
www.SwiftCreekBaptistChurch.com

Return Service Requested

CANCELLATION

Due to lack of response, the Blood Drive scheduled for Saturday, January 7th has been cancelled.

EASTER MUSICAL

In April our Music Ministry will present the Easter Musical, "The Resurrection and the Life" created by Deborah Craig-Claar and Robert Sterling. Artistic props & special lighting will enhance the musical experience. The musical is a collection of some of the most powerful events surrounding the life of Christ. If you would like to sing with our choir, attend the first rehearsal on Jan. 15, 5:00 p.m. There will also be approximately 30 actors needed. If interested, attend the actors' meeting on Jan. 8, 5:00 p.m.

CHURCH STAFF

Steve Felker..... Pastor
Brian Lee..... Music Director
Susan Humphries..... Pianist
Anne Cizek..... Secretary
Cheryl Felker..... Assistant Secretary
Kathy Fite..... Custodian
Robert Scriver..... Custodian
Krista DeVauld..... Nursery Director
Christy Barnes..... Nursery Worker
Laura Beth Lee..... Nursery Worker
Theresa Little..... Nursery Worker

S.S. LATE ARRIVALS

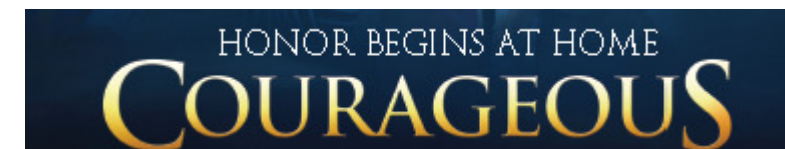
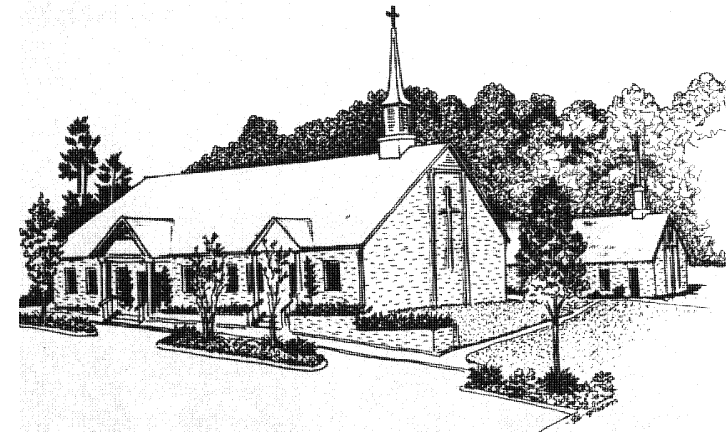
If you arrive to Sunday School after 10:00 a.m., please check with Mike Woody, Sunday School secretary, in the church office to make sure that you are accounted for on our Sunday School records. All attendance reports should be turned in by class secretaries by 10:00 a.m. Please make every effort to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

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18510 Branders Bridge Road
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Church Phone 520-1211
January 4, 2012

Sunday School, 9:45 a.m.
Morning Worship, 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.
Sunday Evening Service, 6:00 p.m.
Wednesday Service, 6:45 p.m.
AWANA Club for Children, 6:30 p.m.
Word of Life Club for Youth, 6:30 p.m.



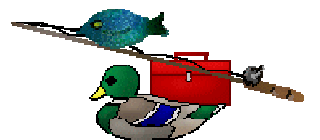
Sunday, January 8, 6:00 PM

Our church has purchased the license to show the new film *Courageous*, another great film by Sherwood pictures. It is the story of four police officers who not only deal with the challenges of their job, but also the challenge of being the kind of father they should be. The movie has a strong message about fatherhood, it touches the heart, and many will like the action-packed police drama! The movie also has a good presentation of the Gospel. We encourage you to attend and invite others as an outreach to the community. For more information about the movie, see www.courageousthemovie.com.



SPORTSMEN'S DINNER AND PROGRAM

Our Deacons are sponsoring a special dinner for men and boys on Saturday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m. in the Family Life Center. We invite all of our hunters and anglers to cook and bring wild game and fish. Men who do not have game or fish to bring are asked to bring a vegetable, bread, or dessert. Our men are encouraged to invite guests to this special fellowship dinner as an outreach.



Following the meal, Todd Cocker, President of the Virginia Water Fowl Association will speak. Then James Journigan will share about his experiences in sports, including fishing. James coached 33 years in many sports, including football, basketball, track, and field cross country. He coached at New Kent, Petersburg High, & Matoaca High, and had over 200 wins in his career. He was Coach of the Year in 1979 by sports writers. He coached many players who went on to play college ball and pros. He has over 100 fresh water citation fish, including a 12 lb., 2oz. large mouth bass. He has killed many trophy deer, including a perfect 12 pt. buck at over 200 lbs. Including his experiences in sports, he will also share a testimony of how the Lord saved him and changed his life.

For all who register upon arrival, we will also have drawings for door prizes, including several rod & reels, fishing tackle, etc. Don't miss this exciting event for men & boys!

LOTTIE MOON GOAL SURPASSED

This year, our Missions Committee set our Lottie Moon offering goal at a challenging \$23,500.00. The goal has been surpassed by our people giving \$27,064.61, the most we have ever received for this special offering! (Last year, our total was \$23,496.50). We praise the Lord for the way He moved upon the hearts of our people to give so generously to support our international missionaries.



FROM THE PASTOR

Cheryl and I want to thank the church for the cards, gifts, and many other expressions of love to us and to our family that we have received this past Christmas season. We also want to thank every contributor of the church that made it possible for us and the other staff to receive a Christmas bonus again this year. We have been overwhelmed by the love of God's people. We certainly love you in the Lord.

I want to commend the church for your giving spirit. In spite of the economy, we have received over \$27,000 for our Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. I was amazed at what God did through us! My nephew & other IMB missionaries appreciate your support.

Sunday we will share about a new outreach opportunity that we have with www.truelife.org. We will encourage you to keep with you some of the small cards that give basic information about our church on one side, and our logo and information about our TV ministry on the other side. As you meet people that have questions about spiritual issues, you can hand them a card and encourage them to find answers @ truelife.org. Also, we encourage you to invite them to our church. The effectiveness of this outreach will depend upon how many cards we distribute to people in our community. We have 5,000 available!

Speaking of outreach, we have two special events that guests are more likely to come to. Invite people to the movie Sunday night (see front page). I want to encourage all of the men of the church to invite men and boys to our annual Wild Game and Fish Night dinner and program. We have a great church in many respects, but unless we continually do outreach, our church will decline in attendance.

On Sunday mornings we will continue our study of the book of Numbers. This Sunday I will preach a message entitled, "The Blessings We Loose When We Sin" from Numbers 20. I will resume my Sunday evening sermons from 1 Peter next Sunday. The holidays are over and I look forward to seeing a good attendance this Sunday! Show the Lord that you love Him by worshipping Him this Sunday.

THANK YOU

I hope that each of you had a Merry Christmas. I want to thank you for the Christmas cards and gifts given to me, as well as for the Christmas bonus. In these tougher days, I am very thankful for my job. I am truly blessed to know and work with each of you, and am grateful for God's love shown to me through you. May each of you experience the best gift, that "unspeakable gift", abundantly in 2012.

In Christian Love,
Anne, Secretary

YOUTH MINISTRY UPDATE

The annual **Youth Evangelism Conference** will begin on Friday, January 13 after school. We will return Saturday, January 14 around 7:30 p.m. The event is hosted by London Bridge Baptist Church, Virginia Beach. The speaker is Brent Crowe. Worship will be by The Museum, Clear Vision Drama, and there will be a Concert by Fireflight. The first 8 who turn in a deposit can go for \$29.00. After that, the cost will be \$35.00. Youth will also have food expense. The church will cover the motel expense. Ricky Elder will be the lead chaperon. We need all payments turned in no later than Wednesday night, Jan. 11! Don't miss out on this great conference!

Youth Boys are invited to the **Wild Game & Fish Night** on Saturday, January 28, at 6:00 p.m. (See front page for more information).

See the calendar for the **ACTS** schedule, and we encourage you to participate. Attendance in the evening worship is required. Remember, the more youth we have, the more everyone will enjoy ACTS.

We encourage our youth to attend Sunday School at 9:45 AM, and Word of Life on Wednesday nights, 6:30 PM. Deacon Ricky Elder is leading the Wednesday night youth group.

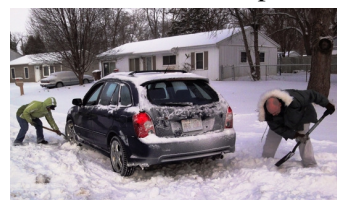
The Personnel Committee and Youth Committee representatives will meet on January 9 as they continue the process of seeking out a new youth pastor. Please pray that God will lead us to the right one.

REMINDER

Members and attendees, please check the Lottie Moon Mail box in the hallway for any cards left for you. After Sunday morning, the LM mailbox will be moved back to the fellowship hall. Unclaimed cards are subject to disposal after Jan. 29. Also, if you haven't picked up your boxed sets of 2012 offering envelopes, you should find your set on the same table. If you do not find your set, or if you want to begin using envelopes for your giving, please let Lori Keyser know (590-1147). If you wish to receive a statement of your giving (especially for tax purposes), it is important that you use the envelopes.

SNOW CLOSING INFORMATION

We will not have Sun. or Wed. services whenever the parking lot of the church or the main roads have not been sufficiently cleared. If in doubt, go to our church web site, or view channel 6, or try dialing the church (520-1211) and listen to the recording. If more time is needed to clear the lot & roads, we may choose to meet for Sunday School at 1:45 p.m. and one church service at 3:00 p.m. If we do have church & conditions are questionable, you are encouraged to use your own judgment as to whether or not you should attend.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR

JANUARY

- 7 - Sat. Flower Committee and others to take down Christmas decorations, 9:00 a.m.
- 8 - Sun. Truelife outreach presentation during 8:30 & 11:00 a.m. services. Evangelism Committee to hand out invitation cards afterwards. Missions Committee Meeting, 5:00 PM ACTS, 5:00 p.m. Actors' meeting for Easter Musical, 5:00 p.m. Baptismal service, 6:00 P.M. service. Show movie *Courageous*.
- 9 - Mon. Stewardship & Personnel Comm. Mtgs., 7:00 p.m.
- 11 - Wed. Staff Meeting, 10:00 a.m.
- 13 - Fri. SBCV Youth Evangelism Conference 2012: Uncharted. See youth article for more information. Scout Pack 160 Lock-in, FLC, 4:00 p.m.-10:00 a.m. (-14th)
- 15 - Sun. Church Business Meeting, 6:50 p.m.
- 16 - Mon. PBA Exec. Council Meeting, 7:00 p.m., Kehukee Youth Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.
- 20 - Fri. Prayer Breakfast, 7:00 a.m. (Roland Fontaine, cooking)
- 22 - Sun. Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Favorites night. Children's Committee Meeting, 5:00 p.m. ACTS, 5:00 p.m.
- 23 - Mon. Building & Grounds Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Social Hall) Mid-Range Planning Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m. (Men's classroom).
- 28 - Sat. Wild Game & Fish Dinner for Men & Boys, 6:00 p.m., sponsored by the Deacons, FLC. James Journigan will share a testimony.
- 29 - Sun. Baptist Men's Day. Men's Choir AM services. Men's Testimonies by Ricky Elder & Ron Winters, PM service.
- 30 - Mon. Evangelism Committee Meeting, 7:00 p.m.

WEEKLY PRAYER MEETING

Our weekly prayer breakfast is held each Friday morning at 7:00 a.m. We begin with a meal, and a time of sharing prayer requests & fellowship. Then, around 7:35 a.m., we pray in groups of 2-4 on our knees in the sanctuary, or in the Social Hall. Come and be one of our pastors' prayer partners. We usually have 12-15 men present each week. Also, feel free to call in prayer requests at 7:00 a.m. on Fridays.



SANCTITY OF LIFE

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday will be observed on Sunday, January 22. We will have a bulletin insert that Sunday, which will give information about this important issue, as well as information about an important ministry in our community, the Pregnancy Support Center of the Tri-Cities. As you give to our budget offering, you are supporting this ministry. We also ask you to pray for the ministry, and consider volunteering.

BAPTIST MEN'S DAY

Sunday, January 29 will be our annual Baptist Men's Day. We will have a Men's Choir in both morning services (meet in the choir room at 8:15 and/or 10:40 for rehearsal). That evening, we will continue our Men's Day emphasis when deacons Ricky Elder and Ron Winters will share their testimonies. Let's have a larger group of men in attendance that Sunday!



EMAIL ADDRESS

If you have not given your email address for our church records, please do so by email to Anne Cizek (abcsbc@juno.com), or by phone (520-1211). We encourage youth and youth parents to make sure the church office has your email for youth emails. The pastor also periodically sends out special announcements by email.

TV MINISTRY

If you subscribe to Comcast Cable TV in the Tri-Cities market, we want to remind you about our TV ministry on Friday nights at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 3 and Thursdays at 3:00 p.m. on Channel 17 (Comcast) or Channel 27 (Verizon). We encourage you to help spread the word about our TV ministry.

WEB SITE

Our church web site, swiftcreekbaptistchurch.com, is being updated weekly. The bulletin is posted upon completion on Fridays, and the pastor's sermon notes from Sunday usually are posted on Mondays. We plan to update the 2009 online pictorial directory. To see it, the user name is: family. The password is: pictures. If you haven't visited the site lately, see what's new and what's been updated!

BORROWING GUIDELINES

Please note: Before you may borrow something from the church, you must be a member of the church and obtain permission. To borrow something from the kitchen, ask Kathy Williams, chair of the Hospitality Committee. To borrow tables, chairs, etc., ask Bob Hierholzer, chair of the Building & Grounds Committee. They or a member of the church administrative staff will also need to check the church calendar to make sure these items will not be needed during the time you plan to borrow them.

SYMPATHY

Our church family wants to express our Christian love and sympathy to the family of Gene George upon his death.