

Millfield News

Events and Activities at Millfield Baptist Church

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Millfield Baptist Church is a welcoming, loving and accepting church, working to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our church family, our community, our state, our country and the world in the name of Jesus Christ.



LOVING GOD and LOVING OTHERS

in the HEART of the COUNTRY

HELLO, NEIGHBOR!

Wherever you live in Southampton County, you're our neighbor! In the heart of the country, our place is an easy drive from your place.

Through our service and ministry, we hope to make God's Kingdom a reality in this very community. We believe this will inspire our friends and neighbors to follow God as well and to connect with others here to make that happen. Our greatest desire is to help each person live in Christ's presence each day and to become more like him in every way. When that happens, we'll know that God is working through us, and "the Kingdom is at hand!"

Our monthly newsletter gives a candid view of who we are and what we regularly do. So, we've assembled this "County Fair Edition" for you, an unvarnished look at us and what goes on here. For an ongoing view, I invite you to visit our website: www.MillfieldBaptist.org.

So, if you're looking for authentic worship and the warmth of compassionate fellowship — if you want to engage in meaningful service that makes a difference in the lives of your neighbors, drive on over to our place this Sunday.

It'll be worth the drive!



Jay Butcher, Pastor

Plans Made For Bland County Mission Trip

For the fourth consecutive year, Millfield will be sending a team of people to Bland County, Virginia to work with the Bland County Ministry Center. This year's trip is Sunday, Aug. 23 through Wednesday, Aug. 26.

The Center is the hub of missions outreach in one of the poorest counties in Virginia. Work teams from several southern states come to Bland County each year to assist in housing renovations and repairs, outreach to senior adults, staffing a dental clinic, working in a food bank warehouse, and in a clothing distribution center. Millfield members have had the opportunity of doing all these things, except participating in the dental clinic.

The trip to Bland was not included in the regular church budget this year, so financial donations are needed to pay for gasoline for the bus, food for 11 people, and for supplies for our projects. If you would like to contribute, please make your check payable to Millfield Baptist Church and note it is for the Bland mission trip.



Softball Spirit

Thanks to everyone who played softball this year! We had a great season! We finished 3rd in the regular season and 3rd in the tournament. Our record was 7-8 and we were 2-2 in the tournament. The game everyone will remember was the Friday night game of the tournament. We played 10 innings with South Quay and won!!! This was a true testament of how our team played all year.... we never, never, never gave up. I also want to thank all the support from the fans and the church.

If you were there last Sunday at church you now understand that our team means more than just softball. Our team shows the true spirit Millfield!!! We are there to play, have fun, fellowship and show everyone the true spirit that Millfield Baptist has to offer. I am truly blessed to be able to coach this team. It means so much to me. Thanks again for all of your support and praise.

God bless,
Coach Jay



August Prayer Focus: Our Schools

August, that month when you're just about tired of the heat but not ready to think about back to school. Retailers already have their school supply racks full and parents are half dreading and half thankful that school will be back in session in about a month. Our children spend more than half of their day with teachers who devote many hours during and after school making lesson plans, studying, reading, preparing their rooms plus taking care of their own families. Many times the pay is low but because these teachers love this vocation, they keep on with their calling.

During the month of August, let us pray for the teachers and administrators in your school district. We should also pray that students will have a safe and enjoyable year.

Teaching and learning go hand in hand and prayer can only help the process. Use the following scriptures to help guide you during the month.

2 Timothy 3: 14-17
Proverbs 1: 1-9
Proverbs 4:1-6
2 Timothy 2:15
Proverbs 11:14; 24:5

Deuteronomy 6:4-9
Proverbs 22:6
Luke 9:46-48
Luke 18: 15-17
Mark 10:13-16



Choir practice resumes on September 2. Please join us!

Millfield Weekly Schedule



Sunday

Fellowship Time 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am
Family Night 5:45 pm
*Supper resumes in Sept.

Church office hours

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday from 9am-2 pm

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MILLFIELD BAPTIST CHURCH
2009 – 2010
CHURCH AND SUNDAY SCHOOL OFFICERS, TEACHERS, WORKERS, COMMITTEES
Jay Butcher, Pastor

OFFICERS:

Sunday School Superintendent – Franklin Dowless
Assistant Sunday School Superintendent – Roland Chapman
Church Treasurer – Richard Simms
Assistant Church Treasurer –
Church Clerk – Sharon Patterson
Assistant Church Clerk – Betsy Cutright
WMU Director – Susan Stone
Baptist Men's Director – Donnie Bracey
Church Secretary – Sharon Patterson (Paid Employee)

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS:

Senior Adults: (Ages 55+) Franklin Dowless, Randal Branch, Jack Hardt

Median Adults: (Ages 35-54) Joy Branch

Young Adults: (Ages 18-34) (pending, not active at this time)

Pathfinders: (Grades 9–12) Jay Epperson, Bubba Ratliff

Bible Searchers: (Grades 5-8) Martha Holdsworth, Leslie Brittle

Bible Learners: (Grades 1-4) Vickie Goodrich, Mary Winchell

Toddlers: (Ages 3-5) Becky Felts

Nursery: (Ages birth through 2 years) Sharon Cook

(ADDITIONAL TEACHERS ARE WELCOMED AND ENCOURAGED)

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S MINISTRY:

VBS Director – Carol Jean Felts

YOUTH Directors – Sharon and Frank Patterson

CHILDREN'S Church;

1st Sunday - Becky Felts

2nd Sunday- Shannon Regula & Youth, with Tracey Stallard and Denise Plummer, Adult Advisors

3rd Sunday- Anne Magee

4th Sunday- MISSION Friends 3-5 years old - Okpun Langley and Lois Butcher

4TH Sunday -CHILDREN In ACTION (CIA'S) 1st - 3rd grades - Carol Jean Felts & Pam Smith, Melissa & Chris Cornwell, Traci Ratliff, Betty Garner, Mary Winchell

CHILDREN'S Christmas Play – Linda Chitwood

PUPPET Ministry – Carol Todd

MUSIC MINISTRY:

Church Organist – Ron Cornwell (Paid Employee)

Church Pianists – Susan Stone, Frankie Carr

Music Director – Sandy Vick

Assistant Music Directors – Molly Dowless, Jean Felts

Children's Choir Director – Linda Chitwood

Sound Booth Operators – James Todd, Brooks Cabell, Donnie Buhls, Bob Mitchell, Frank Patterson

OUTREACH CHURCH MINISTRY:

Church Historians - Mert Felts, Nancy Stephenson

Usher Captains - Donnie Bracey, Ricky Atkins, Richard Simms, Bobby Stephenson and Randy Carr

Church Publicity - Sharon Patterson

Religious Herald Representative - Rose Sculthorpe

HopeTree Family Services Representative, (formerly Virginia Baptist Children's Home) Marty and Sandy Vick

Blackwater Baptist Association (BBA) Representative - Bob Felts

BBA Messengers - We can have up to 4; need at least 2; will elect prior to the spring and fall meeting

Audio/Visual Ministry - Roland Chapman

COMMITTEES:

Baptismal Committee - Delores and Earl Parker, Neil and Jennifer Cutright

Building and Grounds Committee - Bobby Stephenson (Trustee), Amy and Roland Chapman (1 Year), Sonny Warren (2 Years), Doug Whitehead (3 Years)

Cemetery Committee - Mert Felts, Earl Parker, Jay Epperson

Church Bus Committee - Randal Branch (Chairman), Bobby Stephenson, Sharon Patterson, Jay Epperson, Laine Magee

Communion Service Committee - Teresa Bracey (1 Year), Michelle Bradley (2 Years), Marlin & Denise Plummer (3 Years)

Finance Committee - Randal Branch (Trustee), Treasurer, Chairman of Deacons, three at large members - Ricky Atkins (1 Year), Chris Epperson (2 Years), Cathy Simms (3 Years)

Hospitality Committee - Kenneth and Tracey Stallard (1 year), Ed and Lori Weston (1 Year), Bubba and Traci Ratliff (2 Years), Roger & Laurie Burris (3 Years)

Library Committee - Jean Mitchell (Chairman), Bob Mitchell, Paula Bailey

Nominating Committee - Franklin Dowless (Current Sunday School Superintendent), Donnie Buhls (1 Year), Dreama Buhls (1 Year), Bob Mitchell (2 Years), Patsy Warren (3 Years), Sharon Whitehead (3 Years)

Nursery Committee - Heidi Pittman (1 Year), Annie Bell Harrup (1 Year), Sharon Whitehead (1 Year), Melissa Cornwell (2 Years), Julie Branch (3 Years)

Personnel Committee - Earl Parker (Trustee), a designated Deacon, a designated member of Finance Committee, three at large members - Betsy Cutright (1 Year), Janice Atkins (2 Years), Mary Beth Williams (3 Years)

Worship Decorating Committee - Frankie and Randy Carr (1 Year), Pam and Larry Smith (2 Years), Okpun and Pat Langley (3 Years)

*** If you would like a copy in larger print, please contact the church office.**

August Birthdays



- 1 Jay Epperson
- 2 Cayla Felts
- 5 Jack Hubbs
- 6 Stephen Branch
- 8 Hayes Holdsworth
Walt Holdsworth
- 10 Beth Cabell
- 15 Linda Harrup
Jessica Stephens
- 16 Jean Felts
Casey Ratliff
Hayley Ratliff
- 22 Donnie Bracey
- 23 Heidi Pittman
- 24 Wesley Barnes
- 25 Randy Carr
- 26 Mark Chitwood
Nicole Cook
- 28 Chad Felts

Youth Calendar for August

When:

Sunday Nights on August 2, 9 & 16
"Messy Games" Friday night on August 7

Where:

The Lighthouse

Time:

6:30-8:00 PM

Important Date to Remember:

Sunday, August 30
Youth led Service 11:00 am



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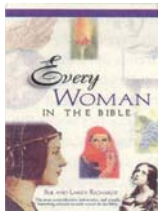
In the past few weeks, I have had the chance to build relationships with the Millfield Youth and plan to continue to be a part of their lives as they grow closer in Christ. We have dived into 1 Peter in bible study, gone bowling, swimming, attended worship services, VBS, spent a week at Snowbird Camp and just had fun hanging out wherever we were. My time at Millfield is coming to a close on August 9 and I have had an awesome time working with the Youth group!

In Christ,
Andrew

SWO '09



Check it Out in the Library



Every Woman in the Bible

by Sue and Larry Richards

Bible women come alive with fresh insights into their social settings and relationships, teaching us lessons from their lives. A great reference for ministers and study groups.



Are you ready for Sunday School?

Ready for Sunday School?

August is here already! Before the month is out, a number of our students will return to classes. Moms are already making lists and doing "school shopping."

Our Millfield teachers and volunteers are ready for Sunday School, too. We had an excellent response to our recruitment process this past summer. So many said "yes" to serving in the new year. (There are still a few teachers needed; please contact Franklin Dowless if interested.)

They've stepped up. Now — are you ready for them? Bring your children for a consistent, *weekly* Bible experience, and see them grow in Bible knowledge. Make your own commitment to personal development by becoming a *regular* part of an adult fellowship group that encourages the spiritual growth of each one.

We have fine teachers in every class. Several have years of Bible-teaching experience! Each week, they come prepared to share stimulating material — and insights that weave the Bible into everyday life.

Everything is ready! The next step — is yours!

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Randal Branch donating our tuna to Jean Stephenson

Thank you

“You guys did a great job collecting for our Food Pantry. The tuna weighed in at 47 pounds (a big fish-137 cans). The peanut butter, mac and cheese and cereal are wonderful. The money will help many many families. Thank you soooo much!!!! You can and do make a difference right here in you own neighborhood. You are awesome!”

Jean Stephenson
Southampton Social Services



Finance Committee

The Finance Committee would like to remind the church that even though it is just August, it is time to begin thinking about our 2010 budget. Members will begin budget deliberations around September 1 and are asking that any budget requests be given to any member no later than Sunday, August 30.

Randal Branch, Chairman
Richard Simms, Cathy Simms, Chris Epperson, and
Ricky Atkins