

Millfield News

Events and Activities at Millfield Baptist Church

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.

Words from John Tadlock

AS WE JOURNEY . . . IN THE INTERIM

Margaret Guenther tells a thoughtful story in her book, *My Soul in Silence Waits*. It is one of those stories that may not have happened and yet the truth of it is clear.

Once there was an absolute ruler with inquiring mind. Some say he was a real person. Others say he was legendary. Whoever this ruler might have been and wherever he ruled, this man pondered what the language of the angels might be. He decided to address the question scientifically.

Certain of his rule, he procured some newly born babies and ordered them to be raised in a laboratory-like nursery. The emperor wanted the babies to be uncorrupted by human contact and unconfined by human speech. He believed that the babies would begin to speak spontaneously and, when they did, he would hear angelic language.

Although the infants were kept warm and clean and were adequately fed, the only human contact from their caregivers was limited only to what was necessary. The caregivers were instructed to avoid all unneeded emotional and physical contact.

Well, as you probably have already guessed, the babies died. They were unloved in a world that was not very inviting and safe. Their carefully crafted nursery was neither a sanctuary for nurture nor a refuge for protection.

Whether this story is factual or not, it communicates an important truth: that no one can grow—physically, spiritually, or emotionally—without human love and touch. Babies are not born with latent language of the angels waiting to be heard. Guenther writes, *“They learn about being human from the hands that touch them and the voices they hear.”*

Do you every long for a “safe place” where others listened—really listened without the need to express an opinion or to offer a corrective? Do you wish for human contact that encourages growth that is inviting and safe, that is nurturing and protective? Of course, you do. We all do.

Millfield has made a remarkable “recovery” from an unhealthy congregation to one that is healthier than most. My prayer as I begin my interim journey with you is that this church will be recognized by others as a safe, non-threatening, caring place where *everyone* will be welcomed and will feel a genuine sense of active, caring concern.

“Soulfully,”
Tad

Welcome

Rev. John W. Tadlock

A native Mississippian, John Tadlock is the Church, Minister and Family Wellness Facilitator for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board. He moved to this position after 17 ½ years as Team Leader for the VBMB Collegiate Ministries. Rev. Tadlock was educated at Mississippi College, New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, The Southern Baptist Theological Seminary, Jacksonville State (AL) University, and Union Theological Seminary in Richmond. He is a licensed counselor (AL) and is a Fellow in the National Association of Church Business Administration. He holds national and international certifications in Conflict Resolution Network of Virginia, Mediation Skills, Intentional Interim Ministry and *MindFrames, Inc.*

Prior to his coming to Virginia he had 22 years experience as a local campus minister in Mississippi, Alabama, and South Carolina. His ministry experience includes pastorates and interim pastorates in Mississippi, Alabama, South Carolina and Virginia. A licensed counselor/therapist (AL) Tadlock has written numerous articles in several denominational and professional journals and is the author of *Listen Up! A Practical Guide to Effective Listening* (1995). His book, *When It's Rush Hour All Day Long: Finding Peace in a Hurry-Sick World*, was re-

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leased in October 2003, was featured in November 2003 by the National Women's Missionary Union as the Book of the Month.

Along with writing, preaching, teaching, and reading, he enjoys playing several musical instruments and spoiling his grandchildren (not necessarily in that order).

Crisis Ministry Team

By Kenneth Stallard

Since the formation of the Crisis Ministry Team in mid February, over 20 families of our surrounding community have been assisted in some way. Our team has worked diligently to meet the needs of everyone we have served. From providing child care, to preparing meals, to securing transportation to and from necessary appointments, our team has kept busy. In fact, our team has at times been stretched quite thin. On occasion, we have had to call on other church members to help provide services.

Currently the Crisis Team consists of 16 members, who are divided into 5 sub-teams. When the Crisis Team is notified of a need in the community, or within the church family, one of the sub-teams is activated. The sub-teams rotate on a revolving basis and it is the responsibility of that sub-team to assist that person/family in meeting their specific need.

In order for the Crisis Team to continue to effectively minister to the needs of those in our community as well as our church family, we need your help. If you feel called to serve in this capacity, please contact Kenneth Stallard, Betsy Cutright, or Frank Patterson. If your spiritual gift is one of SERVING OTHERS, please prayerfully consider serving in this capacity with our team. As stated in Romans 12:7, "If your gift is serving others, serve them well." Ask yourself how you can use your gift to build up God's family. We are most like Jesus when we give, because giving is the very heart of who Jesus is.

There are so many ways that God can use this team to serve others. If you are interested in "serving the Lord with gladness", please consider joining us.

Heartfelt thanks go out to each and every member currently serving on the Crisis Team. Your dedication and service is appreciated by everyone. Until our permanent pastor is called, if you know of an immediate need in our community/church family, please notify Sharon Patterson, she will then notify the Crisis Team.

Church Wide Family Picnic

Sunday August 26

5:00-7:00 PM

Please bring your neighbors, a covered dish and lawn chairs. Plan on having a good time with friends!

Join us for an old fashioned blue grass sing- a- long, with a variety of local talent!

***Meats are provided*

August Birthdays

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

Nursery Workers Schedules

- 5 Chris & Melissa Cornwell
- 12 Rose & Bill Sculthorpe
- 19 Theresa, Kayla & Montana Engel
- 26 Randy & Brooklyn Carr

Sunday School Fellowship Breakfast

On the first Sunday of each month, everyone is invited to bring a covered dish.

All other Sundays, there will be coffee & juice available.

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John Tadlock, Interim Pastor

August 2007

Every Sunday
 9:30 AM— Fellowship Time
 10:00 AM— Sunday School
 11:00 AM— Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2 Youth attend YEC in Rich- mond	3 YEC	4 YEC Youth @ King's Dominion
5	6 7:30 Deacon's Meeting	7	8	9	10	11 Youth Beach Day at the Eastern Shore
12 9:15 Worship Group meets	13	14	15	16	17	18
19 11:00 am Child Dedication Service	20	21	22	23	24	25
26 5:00 Church wide Picnic	27 7:00 Women of Faith	28	29	30	31	

Summer Fun



**Women of Faith Conference
Wow, are we amazing!**



**Bland County Mission Trip
Taking a break to eat some GOOD FOOD!**



Snowbird was Awesome!



**The Youth had some fun at a fundraiser for
YEC held at Felt's Packing!**

Women of Faith

By Tracey Stallard

The *AMAZING FREEDOM Women of Faith* conference was held in Washington D.C. at the Verizon Center on July 12-14th. Fourteen of our Millfield ladies along with their closest friends/family members attended for a total of twenty five ladies participating from Millfield Baptist Church. We shared our trip with Mill Swamp Baptist Church who brought along thirty six of their ladies, for a Grand Total of sixty one!

What is *Women of Faith* you may ask? It is a faith-based women's organization that provides hope and encouragement to women of all ages and stages of life. As North America's largest women's conference, *Women of Faith* draws thousands to arena events each year. But it's more than that.....*Women of Faith* is an experience!!

And....what an experience we had... we laughed, we cried (some of us more than others), we shopped, we ate, we shopped some more, we cried some more, we sang, but most of all we were there for one another to really draw on God's love and the *Amazing Freedom* that He has blessed each one of us with. The speakers were awesome and their testimonies and stories of faith, love and freedom were moving as well as inspiring. One of the biggest treats was spending the day on Friday with noted Bible teacher/author, Beth Moore. Later that same evening, we were honored to have Max Lucado, with us as he gave a message on "Facing the Giants of Your Life!" We enjoyed the humor of Anita Renfroe, the joy of listening to Sandi Patti, and the affection and encouraging messages from noted speakers such as Patsy Clairmont, Thelma Wells, Sheila Walsh, and Dramatist, Nicole Johnson just to name a few.

As you can see this was an absolutely fantastic weekend gathering, one that I'm sure will not soon be forgotten by any of us. There is no other feeling like that of being surrounded by 16,000 sisters in Christ. We rekindled old friendships and many of us made new ones that will long be treasured, but the most important relationship of all.....the one with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ was strengthened by all of us coming together as one in His name!

God Bless each of you and it's not too early to see me about next year's conference....Infinite Grace!! We'd love for you to join us! You won't regret it! Just ask any of the ladies who made the trip this year.

A special thanks to Shawn Felts and Sharon Patterson for all of their help in the planning and organization of this trip! I couldn't have done it without them!

"So if the SON makes you free you will be truly FREE."~ John 8:36

Additional comments from our ladies:

"Definitely an inspirational weekend, a true blessing to be a part of. And guess what? God loves women in Capri pants!" - Frankie Carr

"I can't wait until next year! If not for this trip I would never had met and gotten to know other fellow sisters in Christ." - Rose Sculthorpe

"Beth Moore and Max Lucado were amazing!" -Sharon Patterson

Pastor Search Report

By Susan Stone

Between now and the second week in August the Pastor Search Committee will be doing telephone interviews with four candidates. The committee members will be at the church using our speaker phone so that everyone will have a chance to be part of the interview process. A list of questions has been developed that will be asked of each candidate; a practice session was held recently to acquaint members with how this will work.

We ask that you be in prayer more than ever for the committee as they conduct these interviews. The candidates have all been contacted by a member of the committee and have had some preliminary discussions, and they all seem like very good candidates with excellent references. Please pray that during the interviewing process the committee will listen well and with discernment. It is hoped that from these four, the committee will choose one candidate to be interviewed in person.

Child Dedication Service

On Sunday August 19, during our morning worship time, we will have a child dedication service. Any parents interested in participating in this commitment, please contact John Tadlock or Sharon in the church office.

***Congratulations to
Mark & Jeri Chitwood
On the birth of their baby
Haleigh Nicole
Born July 23, 2007
6 pounds, 14 ounces***

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Youth News

Hello again Millfield family! Much has been happening in the world of Millfield youth. We have all been putting our hands and minds to use, as we have recently made our return back from Bland County. We left inspired by the Morgan's and their testimony, and by the many others who we served in the county by distributing Gatorades, working in the clothes pantry and working around the host house for those who came to serve. As for the Morgan's, we helped them with several projects. While we were there, they let us ride their 4-wheelers, somewhat excessively, and take a cool dip in their backyard pool when it got hot, which it did very quickly. In our less recent adventures, but still just as exciting, we took a ten hour trip down to Andrews NC, to an outfitters camp called "Snowbird." Assuredly, a good time was had by all, not only a good time, but a great bonding time as many of our students connected and friendships became either tightened or closer. The college aged counselors worked very hard to develop relationships with all the campers and brought many students to know Jesus Christ. We all took a day to go white water rafting in which we powered ourselves down somewhat raging rapids, (one was a class 3 or 4) through 40 degree water, and that was enough motivation to stay in! We are looking forward to events coming up as we are going to YEC in the beginning of August, and have some Bible studies and fun events planned.

Blessings to all,
Ryan

August Youth Calendar

- 1 5-8 pm Pool Party @ The Patterson's
- 2 YEC Leaving church at 12 noon
- 3 YEC conference
- 4 King's Dominion Day for YEC group
Leaving from church at 8 am
- 3 7 pm Lighthouse
- 7 7 pm Lighthouse
- 9 7 pm Lighthouse (Messy night!!- Wear old clothes)
- 11 Beach Day at Eastern Shore - Leaving church at 9 am
- 12 No Lighthouse
- 19 No Lighthouse
- 26 5 pm Church wide Picnic

Bland County Mission Trip

By Shannon Regula

Our trip to Bland was more than we expected. We went to Bland hoping to make an impact on the Morgan's lives, and we did. They also made a huge impact on ours. They had been through a lot with Mr. Morgan's accident. He lost his leg, but this tragedy actually brought him and his family closer together. We spent the beginning of the week organizing their garage, rebuilding their deck, and painting in and around their house. The rest of our week was spent at the center organizing the clothes closet, bagging thirteen boxes of donuts, and best of all learning more about each other. Oh yeah, the food was awesome!