

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.

AS WE JOURNEY. . .IN THE INTERIM

In his moving autobiography, *Long Walk to Freedom*, Nelson Mandela chronicles his 27 year imprisonment in South Africa. It is a story of deprivation and hard labor under blistering sun on Robben Island, just off the coast of Cape Town. Lacey and I visited Robben Island in February 2005 and saw this foreboding and dismal place, yet inspiring place, including the 7' x 8' cell in which Mandela lived for most of those 27 years.

Halfway through his imprisonment, he was visited for the first time by his daughter who, according to South African tradition, brought along her own baby so that Mandela could name the child. He chose the name *Zaziwe* for his granddaughter—a word that means “*hope*.”

With half of his long prison journey still in front of him, and *Apartheid* still the oppressive law of the land, Mandela never lost his sense of hope that one day this child would live in freedom—that *Apartheid* would be for her only a distant memory. And it has been so.

Of course, problems related to this way of life are still very real with the recent incidents of *xenophobia* in several parts of South Africa; but for the most part, Mandela’s granddaughter has grown up with the hard-fought gift of freedom that is Mandela’s (and many others) greatest legacy.

Hope. We all have to have it. I believe that we can handle anything that comes our way—even the worst—if we keep a dream alive in our hearts. It is a choice we make: to fasten our eyes, not exclusively on the present, even in its most dreadful form, but on the plan God is working for the future.

Hope is trusting God to bring stability to disorder both in our church and in ourselves. It is good to remember the words of Jeremiah 29:11: “*I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.*”

That kind of confidence revives the soul and provides us with strength for living. We are able to stay positive and productive as we encourage others along the way.

Hoping for the best,

Tad

From the Pastor Search Committee

This is the first report from the Pastor Search Committee since May. After the set-back our congregation received when Clarke Hawkins withdrew as a candidate, the committee took a little time to regroup and reflect and had a meeting with Tad to talk about the experience. We were soon back on track and reviewing resumes.

The committee has reviewed about twelve resumes and narrowed the discussions to four candidates. We’ve had telephone interviews with two of those candidates and as a result eliminated one candidate from consideration. We have another telephone conference call scheduled for Monday, Aug. 4.

We felt it was important to have a concentrated prayer effort for the search process because we feel that, once again, we are nearing a point of decision about a candidate. We hope the prayer emphasis material that was provided has helped you focus your thoughts and prayers during July and you’ll continue to do so. At no time during the process have we put a timetable on our work, but we do feel the need to bring this process to a close and make a decision about a candidate.

Please pray that God will reveal His will to both the candidate and the committee as we go through the next few weeks. Also pray that the committee will have physical and emotional strength to continue their work.

Youth News

“Every time you cross my mind, I break out in exclamations of thanks to God. Each exclamation is a trigger to prayer. I find myself praying for you with a glad heart. I am so pleased that you have continued on in this with us, believing and proclaiming God’s Message, from the day you heard it right up to the present. There has never been the slightest doubt in my mind that the God who started this great work in you would keep at it and bring it to a flourishing finish on the very day Christ Jesus appears.” Philippians 1:3-6

This summer has given opportunity for our Youth to participate in two different mission trips.

During the week of July 20-25, seven students traveled to Virginia Beach as part of WMU’s Updraft Pilot experience. In cooperation with the Norfolk Area Baptist Association and its partners, three ministries were accomplished.

- ◆ Local home repairs– Painting and yard work at area homes.
- ◆ Night Camp– Organizing and leading a Backyard Bible Club for children in the Ingleside neighborhood.
- ◆ Beach Ministry– preparing and distributing goodie bags for lifeguards and rental attendants on the oceanfront.

During the week of August 24-29, along with adults from our church, students will go to work in the Bland County area. Various projects will be assigned to work on in local homes and on site at the Bland Center.

YEC, now known as Youth Encounter, always proves to be well worth attending. It offers powerful messages, music and much excitement, all culminating with an awesome time at King’s Dominion on Friday afternoon. This event is sponsored by the Virginia Mission Board in Richmond.

From the Finance Committee

All budget requests need to be in to the Finance Committee by August 31. Anyone with a line item needs to put in for their budget, to include any increases or decreases and reasons as such. Please contact Shawn Felts with questions or issues. Please continue your support of the church in the summer months, we are currently in a period of low offering.

You can never out bless God, and your blessings of offering will grow and grow.



Youth Schedule for August

July 31– August 1	YEC
August 7	6:30 pm Leaving Millfield for Playtoe Bowl Cost is \$1.23 per person per game & \$4.00 one time shoe rental fee– bring more money if you want to eat there! We have 2 lanes reserved.
August 10	7:00 –9:00 pm Messy Games Night!
August 15	6:30pm Leaving Millfield for *Movie Night (<i>The Truman Show</i>)
August 18	7:00-9:00 pm Practice for Youth Sunday
August 22	6:30 pm Leaving Millfield for *Movie Night (<i>Signs</i>)
August 29	6:30 pm Leaving Millfield for *Movie Night (<i>Remember the Titans</i>)
August 31	11:00 am Youth Sunday/ Bring your lunch & bathing suit for swimming at the Patterson’s after church (<u>cancelled</u> if rain).

* Movie night is for ages 13 and up only

*Check weekly bulletin for any changes or additions to this schedule!

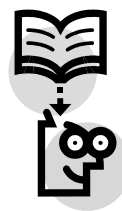
New Deacons Elected

At our quarterly church conference held on July 17, the following members were elected to serve as deacons for the next three years beginning September 1: Jay Epperson, Sonny Warren and Gunny Mason.

We thank Linda Chitwood, Ricky Atkins and Kenneth Stallard for their dedicated service as they rotate off the end of this month.

The deacons are comprised of nine members and are guided by the principles set forth in 1 Thessalonians 5:12-15. This group is organized into ministry teams, which carry out much of the ministry of our congregation. Members and regular attendees are encouraged to become a part of either the Prayer Ministry Team, the Crisis/Visitation Team or the Outreach Team.

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John Tadlock, Interim Pastor

August 2008

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

Children In Action & Mission Friends meet on 4th Sunday at 11AM.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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3	4 7:00 pm Women of Faith Mission Group		6	7	8	9
10 Deacon Lunch Meeting after Church	11	12	13	14	15 *PDCCC Movie night for ages 13-30 7-10 pm	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 * PDCCC Movie night for ages 13-30 7-10 pm	23
24	25	26	27	28	29 *PDCCC Movie night for ages 13-30 7-10 pm	30
31 Youth Sunday			**Casual Evening Services have been suspended until further notice.		*The Truman Show August 15 *Signs August 22 *Remember the Titans August 29	



Millfield Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Fellowship Time 9:30 am
Sunday School 10:00 am
Worship 11:00 am

◆ Church Office Hours

Tuesday 9:00-2:00
Wednesday 9:00-2:00
Thursday 9:00-2:00

**Changes will be noted in the bulletin on Sundays or by e-mail.*

Franklin Cooperative Ministry Needs For the Food Pantry

Canned Meats, Prepackaged Meals, Pasta Salads, Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Crackers, Snack Foods, Diabetic foods, Toilet Paper, School Supplies

August Birthdays



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

Nursery Schedule

- 3 Chris & Melissa Cornwell
- 10 Heidi & Chris Pittman
- 17 Need Volunteers
- 24 Randy & Brooklyne Carr
- 31 Martha & Hayes Holdsworth



Our method of newsletter distribution is being discussed and we would like to have our readers respond. Would you prefer your monthly newsletter:

- ◆ E-mailed to your home
- ◆ Accessed on our web site
- ◆ Mailed by U. S. Post Office
- ◆ Picked up at church

Please call or contact the church office. Thank you.

Looking Ahead to Opportunities

**Fabulous Films of Faith
Friday Nights in August
Youth and Young Adults,
Ages 13-30
7pm-10 pm**

PDCCC Workforce Development Center

Hosted by Franklin Baptist Church

For free popcorn and drink, bring canned goods on 8/15, school supplies on 8/22 and hygiene products on 8/29 to support Franklin Cooperative Ministries.



- **Leadership Summit Conference**
August 7-8 in Va. Beach
- **Overcoming Growth Barriers: 100 and 200 Attenders**
September 8 in Murfreesboro, North Carolina
- **Sunday School Summit**
September 19-20 in Lynchburg, Va.
- **Sunday School Age Graded Training**
September 28 in Courtland, Va.

Virginia Baptist Men's Gathering

September 26-27, 2008

Ridge Baptist Church, Richmond

Theme: "The Man God Uses"

With Henry and Tom Blackaby

For information on registering, please e-mail Billy Hutchinson at billy.hutchinson@vbmb.org or call 800-255-2428, ext. 7265.

Dr. Henry Blackaby is founder and president emeritus of Blackaby Ministries International. He is the author of the *Experiencing God* bible study that many of our members attended several years ago.

Women of Faith Conference Corner



“And God is able to make all grace abound to you, that always having all sufficiency in everything, you may have abundance for every good deed” 11 Corinthians 9:8

The Women of Faith “INFINITE GRACE” Conference was held in Washington DC July 10-12. There were fourteen ladies attending from Millfield and we also had sixteen guests along with us. WHAT A WEEKEND! We all enjoyed the gifted speakers and the “girlfriend fellowship”. “INFINITE GRACE”, the conference theme, is truly one of God’s greatest gifts to each of us. We enjoyed wonderful stories of life and how to apply God’s grace to our own life situations from speakers like Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe, Marilyn Meberg, and Sheila Walsh. We were motivated by the dramatist Allison Allen, laughed until we almost cried by comedian/impressionist Louise DuArt, and were completely blown away by music artists, Sandi Patty, Nicole C. Mullen and Natalie Grant! There were approximately 16,000 women attending this conference and each speaker had the unique gift to make each woman there feel as if they were speaking directly to her. No matter what issues you may have brought with you to the conference, there was encouragement and hope and a message of God’s never-ending love and grace that is offered to each of us.

Together as sisters in Christ, we prayed together, we laughed together, we cried together, we were just plain silly sometimes together, and it felt great! What a wonderful opportunity to share in God’s never-ending love for us all. Each person brought back just what SHE needs to give her the encouragement to continue in her own personal journey. May God continue to bless each woman who was able to travel with us and to all ladies... GOD LOVES YOU! HE WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU! OPEN YOUR HEART AND ACCEPT HIS INFINITE GRACE!

~Tracey Stallard

Experiencing China Close Up

The magazine ad read, “Adventure Tour through the mountain ranges of Western China near Tibet-Features great motorcycle routes, impressive scenery, little traffic and unexpected cultural highlights”. Turning 60, I felt up to a challenge. “China will be an adventure to remember”, I told myself. I signed up for the thirteen day vacation with Edelweiss Motorcycle Tours called The Shangri-La Tour. Nobody can tell you where Shangri-la is actually located, but I think it’s somewhere on this tour. To Buddhists, the term translates to a state of mind, not a place on some map. The literal translation is “A land of beauty and harmony close to heaven”. After a thirteen hour flight from DC and another three hours from Beijing, I arrived in Kunming. On Saturday, I spent a day visiting the Stone Forest with a friend of Chad’s pastor at UVA who teaches at the Kunming National University. Finally on Sunday met up with the other members of my tour, four other riders and our two guides. We were all set and ready to get an early start on Monday morning. We awoke to find the main highway in front of the Hotel closed due to the Olympic Torch was passing by that morning. We got to our bikes late that afternoon and headed out to China’s vast countryside to go places very few tourists ever see. The tremendous views and sheer rock faces are breathtaking to behold from high up on the mountains. You can see the farms and many small villages scattered between the snow capped mountains. I experienced lots of Chinese culture and dishes of “food” found only in the country side of a large country. The people were very friendly and found our large bikes to be a very interesting mode of transportation. China is a nation filled with history and enormous pressure to change in order to meet the needs of such a fast growing population. I would love to share my pictures and stories from my trip with anyone that would like to listen. I spent the last three days of my trip in Beijing, seeing the Great Wall and all of the buildings waiting for the 2008 Summer Games to start. I would ask that you pray for and support all the missionary work that is going on in China. I took some Chinese Bibles with me hoping in some small way they may lead one person to know God. I never saw a ballpark, playground, or any signs of Christianity on my trip. So many people with so many worldly possessions. We are truly blessed to live in America. God Bless the USA.

~Bob Felts

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We're Bound for Bland!

On Sunday, Aug. 24, fifteen people from Millfield will head west to the mountains of Bland County, Virginia for a week of ministry there. Kenneth, Tracey, Cody and Kelly Stallard, Jeremy Gibbs, Shannon Regula, Josh Epperson, Meg Sharpe, Sharon Patterson, Sonny and Patsy Warren, Marty Vick, Donnie Bracey and Ricky Atkins will be involved in several mission projects.

The Clothes Closet at the Bland Ministry Center has a need for children's underwear, so each Sunday in August will be designated as "Undie Sunday". Bring infant, toddler, and young children's underwear to the fellowship hall to the collection box. We will also be collecting money; last year we took over \$700 from the VBS offering. We do not pay a fee to attend Bland but are asked to make a donation to cover the costs of utilities and supplies for the house where we stay. Our goal is \$500.



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