

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

On Getting Ready for Christmas

While visiting in Mississippi recently, I ran into my old high school basketball coach. Seeing him reminded me of how hard he worked his players to get us ready for the season. He would generally say two things to us on the first day practice: “Boys . . .we have a long way to go and a short time to get there.” Then he would add (when he saw us slowing down due to near exhaustion), “Boys, this is the most important part of the season—don’t short-change yourself because when you do, you short-change the team.”

It was clear what he meant and, although we might not have enjoyed all the hard work, he knew that the success of the season depended on the *quality of preparation* for the long haul.

I would suggest that this is also one of the best lessons we can learn about the purpose and function of *Advent*. Christmas is too significant for us to merely stumble into it with little or no preparation. It is my prayer that when Christmas morning breaks for us this year, we may have something more to show for all the frenzied running than tired feet, wrapped presents, and regrets for cards not sent.

I am not yet familiar with the way Millfield prepares for the blessed event but I want to make a suggestion. As a means of helping you prepare for the Advent Season, I have compiled a list of Scriptures, beginning with the first Sunday in Advent through the first Sunday after Christmas Day. I am listing four Scriptural passages; from the Old Testament books of Isaiah and a Psalm, and from the New Testament, a writing from one of the Epistles and one from the Gospels. I am also listing the liturgical colors of the season. I want to encourage you to be deliberate in reading these passages, either in your quiet time devotionals or with your family.

December 2- The First Sunday of Advent

(Blue or Purple)

Isaiah 2:1-5

Psalm 122

Romans 13:11-14

Matthew 24:36-44

December 9 - Second Sunday of Advent

(Blue or Purple)

Isaiah 11: 1-10

Psalm 72: 1-7, 18-19

Romans 15: 4-13

Matthew 3: 1-12

December 16 - Third Sunday of Advent

(Blue or Purple or Pink)

Isaiah 35: 1-10

Psalm 146: 5-10 (or Luke 1:47-55)

James 5: 7-10

Matthew 11: 2-11

December 23 -The Fourth Sunday of Advent

(Blue or Purple)

Isaiah 7: 10-16

Psalm 80: 1-7, 17-19

Romans 1: 1-7

Matthew 1: 18-25

December 24- Christmas Eve (White)

Isaiah 9: 2-7

Psalm 96

Titus 2: 11-14

Luke 2: 1-20

December 25- Christmas Day (White)

Isaiah 52: 7-10

Psalm 98

Hebrews 1: 1-12

John 1: 1-14

December 30- First Sunday after Christmas Day (White)

Isaiah 63: 7-9

Psalm 148

Hebrews 2: 10-18

Matthew 2: 13-23

*Getting Ready With You,
Tad*

Ladies' Weekender

The weekend began on November 2, with packing up the church van with six ladies from Millfield, five guests from Central Hill Baptist Church, our luggage, and a plethora of toiletry bags for the Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center. We left any stresses behind and enjoyed the two day event. Various workshops were offered which focused the importance of putting Christ first.

Kate Campbell, songwriter and storyteller, provided music throughout the sessions. It was wonderful to join with hundreds of other sisters in Christ atop the gorgeous mountains for worship!

We are especially proud of our own WMU director, Susan Stone, who was elected to serve on the Virginia WMU Board of Trustees. Congratulations!

The WMU was honored to have Miss Alma Hunt at our business session on Saturday!



From the Treasurer

If anyone charges anything to the church, please let me know by leaving a message on my home phone (899-4134) and leaving the receipt in the treasurer's box in hall at church as soon as you can (need the receipts for audit purposes). If this policy is followed, then the system will run more efficiently. Your cooperation is appreciated.

If a check is written to any church member for reimbursement, please check the treasurer's box in the hall for an envelope with your name on it. That is the location that checks will be placed for distribution.

Treasurer's work is usually done on Saturdays, but in the case of schedule change, I will announce in advance.

Thank you,
Betty Garner

Casual Evening Music Program

On Sunday November 25, approximately 30 people enjoyed a concert presented by *Heaven Bound*. Drew Dunn and Vicki Shiver sang a variety of contemporary and gospel songs. Our next evening service will be January 28 at 7 PM.



December Birthdays



- 1 Megan Bracey
- 3 Annie Bell Harrup
- 13 Trip Felts
- 19 Mert Felts
- 21 Ryan Billingsley
Reid Holdsworth
- 27 Nicole Branch
- 29 Frank Patterson

Nursery Workers Schedule

- 2 Earl & Delores Parker
- 9 Tracey & Kelly Anne Stallard
- 16 Theresa, Kayla & Montana Engel
- 23 Rose & Bill Schulthorpe
- 30 Patsy Warren & Paula Bailey

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 provided. Please join us!

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John Tadlock, Interim Pastor

December 2007

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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2 Deacon Lunch meeting	3	4	5 6:00 pm Family Night Supper 7:30 pm Choir & Signing	6	7	8
9	10	11	12 7:00 Signing practice 7:30 pm Choir practice	13	14	15 5:00 pm Women of Faith Progressive Dinner
16 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Communion Sunday	17	18	19 7:30 pm Choir practice	20	21	22 5:00 pm Christmas Caroling
23 9:45 am Puppet Christmas Program	24 5:00-7:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Time	25 Christmas Day	26 No Choir practice	27	28	29
30 Youth Sunday	31					

HARVEST FESTIVAL 2007



Pastor Search Committee

There are a lot of times in life when we wish we had a crystal ball to let us see into the future and know what was to come. If such a device were ever invented, the first people in line to buy them will be pastor search committees!

There have been many comments made by members of our congregation expressing their confidence that God will lead us to the person he has chosen to be our pastor. The Search Committee is truly grateful to the congregation for the support and encouragement we receive. We do not feel rushed or pushed to quickly make a decision.

To recap the process thus far, we received quite a few resumes from several sources, checked references on about 12 people, narrowed that to four people and had telephone interviews with them, and chose two people to meet with in person. One candidate the search committee wanted to pursue further did not feel led to continue the process with us, and the committee did not feel led to pursue the other candidate.

We are once again gathering resumes from several sources to review. We're grateful to Eddie Heath, our area representative from the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, and to Tad, both who are personally helping secure resumes and potential candidates for us. If Millfield members know someone they would like for us to consider, please have the candidate send a resume to Bob Felts, chairman, at the church address.

As we continue in the "interim" process, we encourage our members to continue to support our church with your attendance, your participation in our programs and activities, and your prayers.

Choir Opportunity

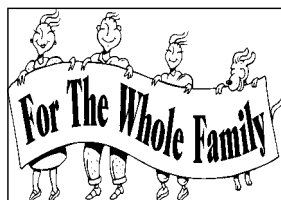
Come and join the adult choir for a special Christmas anthem to be sung on Sunday, December 23rd. Practices will be held immediately following church services in the choir room each Sunday through December 16th.

Young folks are encouraged to join in as well as anyone who loves to sing!



Check it out

Our library has a great selection of holiday books for everyone!



Holiday Service Projects

The Virginia Baptist Children's Home

The Virginia Baptist Children's Home has been renamed as Hope Tree Family Services. They minister to children and youth all across Virginia at the Wilderness Outdoor Opportunity Schools (WOODS) in Henry and Craig Counties, and through the residential programs in Salem, welcoming those who have not been welcomed in their own homes.

Millfield actively supports the Home financially. There are many children there who, without the help of churches like ours, would not receive Christmas gifts. We are collecting donations to be put toward purchasing Walmart and Foot Locker gift cards for the residents. Please make checks to "Millfield Baptist Church" and mark them for the Va. Baptist Children's Home.

Fluvanna Women's Correctional Center

Thanks to many who donated toiletry bags for the women in November! Our twenty bags were added to an enormous pile collected at Eagle Eyrie. The Women of Faith group again asks for your help with an additional project. For some inmates, the only way of communicating with family or friends is through cards and letters. We are asking for donations of greeting cards, stationery and stamps that we will send to Fluvanna through December 2. There is a collection box located on the back pew.

CIA Post Office

For many years, our children's mission group has been opening a holiday post office for Christmas cards to be exchanged within our church family. Throughout the month of December, you may bring your cards, along with only 25 cents each (a great rate), and your Holiday greetings will be stamped, sorted and distributed in the mail box located in the Education wing.

Please remember to check your mailbox weekly to obtain your "Seasons Greetings!"

When you are making out your Christmas card list this year, please think about including a card to the following:

A Recovering American soldier
c/o Walter Reed Army Medical Center
6900 Georgia Avenue, NW
Washington, D.C. 20307-5001



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Did You Know???

The Virginia Baptist Mission Board Disaster Response Fleet consists of:

75 Crisis Care Chaplains
2 Mass Feeding Kitchens, each capable of producing 15,000 meals per day
2 Small Feeding Kitchens
Recovery Unit Trailers with chainsaws, pumps, mud out, and/or rebuild capabilities, and 1 with capability for small engine repair
5 Shower Units, 3 with laundry capability
2 Mobile Water Purification Units
1 Temporary Disaster Relief Child Care unit
1 Mobile Laundry Unit
2 50-kw Generator Power Units
1 Coordination and Command Unit
1 Certified Pet Therapy Dog named Zeke
Approximately 2,700 Trained Disaster Relief Volunteers

To become involved in Va. Baptist mission ministries, such as Disaster Relief, contact the Glocal Missions & Evangelism Team at 800-255-2428 Ext. 7327.

December Youth Calendar

- 2 5:00 Puppet Practice**
6:00 Supper
6:30 Lighthouse
- 9 4:30 Trip to Colonial Heights Baptist Church for "Jesus Take the Wheel"**
***You must sign up and buy a ticket**
- 16 No Puppet Practice**
4:30 Meet here to practice for Youth Sunday
6:00 Supper
6:30 Trip to Tucker Swamp Christmas program
- 22 Christmas Caroling 5:00**
- 23 Puppet Christmas Program 9:45 am**
- 30 Youth Sunday**