

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.

Waiting with Anticipation

The Christmas season reminds us that waiting has always been a central element of God's plan.

He created the world in six days – then rested on the seventh.
He promised a son to Abraham and Sarah – and they waited years for the delivery.

He sent his chosen people to Egypt for bags of grain – and they didn't return home until they had bent their backs in slavery for 400 years.

He spoke to Isaiah of a Messiah – and the people longed for their Deliverer for 700 years more.

But the day did arrive! And the angels sang out the news to all the land! Each Advent season, we anticipate his coming once again – and He does! The Day arrives, and we are reminded that He is the one who can fill our waiting hearts with overflowing joy and boundless gladness.

As we wait upon the Lord together, I look forward to celebrating a joyous Christmas with you! May you be blessed by the peace of the season,

Pastor Jay

*Arise, shine, for your light has come,
and the glory of the Lord
rises upon you.*

*See, darkness covers the earth and
thick darkness is over the peoples,
but the Lord rises upon you*

And his glory appears over you.



Pastor and Transition Teams Working Together

The Pastor and Transition Teams are in the process of planning an installation service for Jay Butcher on January 11, 2009 with a covered dish luncheon to follow in the fellowship hall. Our special guest preacher will be Wellford Tiller, our past intentional interim pastor. We have also invited John Tadlock, our past interim pastor, but he has taken a position in Newport News as an interim and may not be able to attend. If able, Dr. Ira Hudgins will also participate in the service. This is a joyful time for our church and we look forward to sharing our good news with the community and members of Millfield. Please mark this date on your calendars. God has been with us during this whole process.

Focus on International Missions

December is the month we typically talk about mission work being done around the world, and this year is no different.

At our Family Night Supper on Wednesday, Dec. 10, you'll find out what **Emmette Epperson, Mattie Patterson, Iceland, and the Amazon have in common**. You won't want to miss it!

"How can the small amount of money I give help missionaries around the world?," you may ask.

Ranch Hands in South America

Because Southern Baptists gave to the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering, the Quichua people in Ecuador can hear God's still, small voice. Missionaries Darrell and Rogene Musick's Bible recordings on cassette cost \$1 each; a set costs \$15.

"We have translated God's Word onto cassettes for those individuals who can't read," Darrell says. "They can sit in their homes and listen to it all day long."

The Lottie Moon Christmas Offering funds the pickup truck and gasoline used to reach the Quichua; \$150 can provide gas for a month. The Musicks' house and salary, plus the Bibles and materials they use, are also supplied by the offering.

Coffee Break Ministry

If the coffee aisle at the supermarket beckons you every week, you needn't explain it to Forrest and Becky Bohlen. They're missionaries living among Venezuela's Andes Mountains where coffee is king. Gradually, the Bohlens are introducing coffee growers to the King of Kings by giving them copies of the New Testament. The books cost about \$1 each and are paid for by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

While a full-out Gospel push would be strongly resisted, the people do warm up to it through coffee breaks with them. That, and FUNDASEM, a nonprofit organization started by the Bohlens to help locals improve their farming techniques. The Ag Team designed a special agricultural-looking cover for the New Testaments handed out; more than 10,000 copies were so readily received that the team ordered another 10,000.

Drive-Through Missions

When people line up for the car ferry from Europe to North Africa, they often get more than a boat ride.

They can get a copy of the New Testament. When these Bible portions at \$3 each are multiplied enough for a mass distribution, the cost can run between \$15,725 and \$17,550. It's a price paid in full by the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering and from other participating agencies.

Behind the scenes, project volunteers from several countries form an assembly line, boxing up packets for distribution to motorists. Each packet contains a copy of the New Testament, which motorists can choose in one of four languages: French, Kabyle Berber, Arabic and Chawic [shaw-wee] Berber. A copy of the JESUS film and other materials complete the packet.

Millfield's Goal

Our church goal for International Missions through the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering is \$2,100. In an effort to "go green" we will not have special offering envelopes. If you prefer your offering to International Missions go to Global Missions through Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF), please indicate that on your check. Unless otherwise indicated, all International Mission offerings will go to Lottie Moon.

*Campbell University
takes pleasure in announcing that
Janet Denise Felts
is graduating
Summa cum laude
With a Bachelor of Arts
in Spanish and Criminal Justice
on Saturday, December thirteenth
Two thousand and eight
at ten o'clock in the morning
in the Pope Convocation Center*

If you would like to send a card of congratulations, Janet's address is P.O. box 2329, Buies Creek, North Carolina 27506



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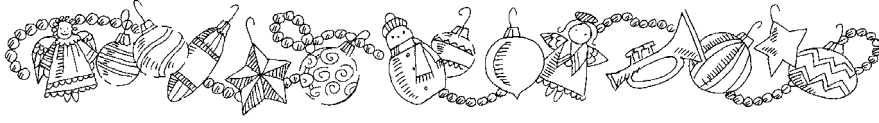
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Jay Butcher, Pastor

December 2008

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	3	4 6:00 pm Women of Faith Group Christmas Outing	5	6
7 7:30 pm Choir Christmas Music Program	8 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	9	10 6:00 pm Family Night Supper 6:45 pm Tell the Story of Jesus 7:30 pm Choir Practice	11	12	13
14 11:00 am Baptism Service 2:00 pm Barrett's Church Country Christmas	15	16	17 7:30 pm Choir Practice	18	19	20 5:00 pm Community Christmas Caroling Meet at the home of Laine & Anne Magee
21 8:00 am Men's Breakfast Communion Sunday	22	23	24 5:00-7:00 pm Christmas Eve Communion Time No Choir Practice	25	26	27
28	29	30	31 No Choir Practice			



Millfield Weekly Schedule

Sunday

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

◆ Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00-2:00
Tuesday 9:00-2:00
Thursday 9:00-2:00

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

Secretary and Treasurer Schedule Changes

Week of December 22:

Secretary: Tuesday, Friday
Treasurer: Tuesday afternoon

October Harvest Fest



✦ YOUTH ✦

Schedule for December

- 6 * Puppet Christmas Program at Wakefield Foundation 11:00-1:00
Lunch with Santa
 - *Trip to Colonial Heights Baptist Church- must have pre-paid ticket to go. Leaving church at 4:30pm. Please bring money for supper.
 - 7 *No meeting.
Choir Musical Program at 7:30 pm
 - 14 Christmas Celebration Supper at 6:00pm in the fellowship hall. Bring a wrapped Dollar Tree generic item to exchange!
 - 20 Community Christmas Caroling-gathering at the home of Laine & Anne Magee at 5:00 pm
- **No scheduled meetings until 2009!!



Everyone had a great time at our Harvest Fest. The pie eating contest was the highlight of the evening!



Remember Those In The Military

December Birthdays



- 1 Megan Bracey
- 3 Annie Bell Harrup
- 8 Rusty Lowe
- 13 Trip Felts
- 19 Mert Felts
- 21 Reid Holdsworth
- 26 Denise Plummer
- 29 Frank Patterson

A Christmas Musical Celebration

With Adult and Children's choir

HIS Signing Team

Special Guests

Sunday, December 7

7:30 pm



Join us as we celebrate the birth of our King!

CHRISTMAS CARDS



Send Season's Greetings!

Throughout the month of December, our holiday post office for Christmas cards will be open! Address your cards and bring them, along with 25 cents per card, and they will be sorted in our mailbox located on the Education wing. For your convenience, we will have two drop off locations: Fellowship hall before Sunday School and the Education wing by the mailbox.

This year, the Youth group will be assisting with this project and proceeds will go to Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Mountaintop Blessings

I recently had the privilege and pleasure of accompanying Sharon Patterson, Susan Stone, Tracey Stallard and Rose Sculthorpe to Eagle Eyrie for the WMU Women's Get-Away. Even though it had only been four months since Women of Faith in DC, I desperately needed some special blessings...and I received them. The ride up was beautiful as the trees were putting on their best displays of reds and golds. We ladies talked all the way up allowing me to discover a little more about some new friends. Eagle Eyrie was spectacular. The colors breathtaking and you could look down on the town below the mountain. But that was just the beginning. Worship service was uplifting and Women By Design were entertaining and relevant--and the blessings began.

My chosen break-out sessions were equally good. The one titled "Faith Dipped Chocolate" was delicious as well as poignant. This was a sharing session where women told their stories and taught each of us that (relatively speaking) our problems may not be as bad as they seem and that we are not alone. "Claiming Your Family Inheritance" taught me to control my fears, trust in God's protection and introduced me to Mephibosheth (read about him in 2nd Samuel 4:4, 9 and 21:7). "Soul Salsa for Sisters" taught me to put a little movement and artistic expression into my worship (something we'll teach CIA's). Saturday night, Tracey's craving for popcorn had us sitting in the dark for a few minutes! Ladies, thank you for allowing me to join you on a great weekend.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Pam

Come Visit the Library

Please take notice on the library tables each month that certain books are featured. We encourage you and your family to visit the library which is open on Sunday mornings! There are books to check out for all ages.



The Christmas Angel: A Cape Light Novel by Thomas Kinkade & Katherine Spencer

Emily, Cape Light's mayor, unexpectedly becomes a foster mother when an abandoned infant is discovered tucked in a manger outside the church. After giving up her own daughter years before, she believes baby "Jane" is God's gift, but her husband, Dan, isn't so sure. Will the little girl have a home for the holidays and beyond?

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Fifteen Passenger Bus Pledge Drive

Dear Friends of Millfield,

Thanks to those of you who have sent in your pledge forms so far in response to last month's article about purchasing a fifteen passenger church bus. Again, the current new cost is between \$45,000 and \$50,000.

Please return the pledge form to a member of this committee or to the church office no later than December 15, 2008. Do not send any money in with your pledge at this time because we first want to see how much we can raise before we start the donation process. Please remember that we are asking for these pledged funds to exceed your regular tithe as we need your gifts to maintain our current budget.

A church bus will enable us to travel more safely and offer more convenient loading for all individuals.

Thank you for your help.
Van Committee: Randal Branch, Jay Epperson,
Bobby Stephenson, Sharon Patterson

Church Bus Pledge Form

YES! I/we want to help pay for a church bus!

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

I/we pledge a sum of \$ _____

(check one)

One time **Two installments**

Monthly (Divide total by 12)

Monthly (Divide total by 24)

Signed: _____

Date: _____