

Millfield News

Events and Activities at Millfield Baptist Church

First Sunday Evening Casual Worship Service Held

Our first Sunday evening worship service was held January 28th with approximately fifty people attending. Drew Dunn, worship leader from Courtland Baptist Church, led the congregation in several uplifting songs throughout the service. A display of lighted pillared candles surrounding the cross, adorned the altar table. Wellford Tiller gave reflections on the words of a prayer written by Thomas Merton. We look forward to next month's Sunday night service on February 25th at 7 PM. Brandon Atkins will be our guest musician.



From the Pastor Search Committee

The Search Committee has started its work by electing the following officers: Bob Felts, Chair — Sandy Vick, Assistant Chairperson — Susan Stone, Secretary. We met on January 16th to review the findings from the Pastor survey and plan to present them to our membership right after the February 7th. Wednesday night dinner. The results will guide us in the directions of our search for a new Pastor. The possibilities are endless, but we will zero in on what you have asked for in a new Pastor for Millfield. Romans 8:28 tell us, "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are called according to his purpose." We have been blessed to have Rev. Wellford Tiller as our interim pastor, but his job is a intentional interim will not allow him to accept the job as pastor of Millfield. He will continue to serve us as pastor and will assistance the Search Committee as we start our work.

We ask that you keep the search committee in your prayers as began our work; asking that God will lead us to find the right minister for His work at Millfield. The coming year will be full of opportunities for all us to help with the search; with your prayers, moral support, encouragement as we seek to find the right person, and most all your patience and understanding that God has a plan and it could take a while. I would ask that if you have any ideas, suggestions, desires, or even names that you submit them to one of the Search committee members in writing. We will be working closely together as a group of one as we meet and carry out our search. I would like to thank the Transition Team for all the hard work they have performed leading up to our job. May God give us the ability to serve Him and may each of our decisions glorify Him.

Committee members: Steve Cabell, Jean Felts, Kenny Stallard, Linda Chitwood, Susan Stone, Sandy Vick, and Bob Felts.

Words from Wellford

Let me share a few of my observations about life at Millfield these days. Although in a recent sermon I commented that attendance numbers are not the best or only way to measure the health of a church, I thought you might be interested in what our numbers are currently. Since the beginning of September, the average attendance at our Sunday worship service has been **93**. Since the beginning of October, there has only been one Sunday where attendance was below 80, and in that same period of time there have been **four Sundays** where attendance **exceeded 100**. Millfield has experienced attendance figures such as this in the past, but these are particularly good figures for us during a time of transition.

One reason our attendance numbers are healthy is that we have several individuals and families who are visiting with us on a regular basis. I hope those who are "old hands" here are going out of your way to make these folks feel welcome. Making them feel welcome involves more than just speaking to them as they enter or leave worship. Take time to get to know them. Invite them to other activities at church that you participate in. If you see someone arriving that you suspect is here for the first time, ask them if you can assist them in finding there way around the church facilities. Show them where things are, don't just tell them. Share your enthusiasm about our church with others.

Wellford

Disaster Training/Orientation

Virginia Baptist Mission Board Disaster Relief/Recovery orientation training will be held on February 17 at Orcutt Baptist Church, 653 Baxter Lane, Newport News. The training session begins at 8:30 AM and should finish no later than 3 PM. The cost is \$15.00 per person, which may be reimbursed by the Blackwater Baptist Association. This fee will include Orientation to The Disaster Relief Program and an overview of either Mass Feeding, Emergency Child Care or Disaster Recovery. Lunch, a disaster relief hat and shirt are provided for each participant. For those who have had previous training and are present as a refresher course, there is no charge.

To make reservations please call our church office at 859-6896. This is a wonderful opportunity for Millfield folks to get involved with disaster relief.

Wednesday Family Night Programs

Our Wednesday night program on February 7th will be presented by our Pastor Search Committee. This group has reviewed the congregation's Pastor Search survey forms and will provide a collective report. The information received is the first of important tools necessary to start the resume process.

Wednesday, February 21, is Ash Wednesday on the church calendar. It is the first day of the season of Lent, the time period leading up to Easter. Wellford will lead study and reflection time based on the themes of Ash Wednesday and Lent.



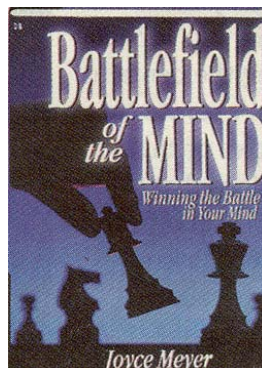
Some people wanted to know more about the album and the artist whose song was used as part of the Sunday Evening Casual Worship. "The Prayer of Thomas Merton" is on Kate Campbell's latest album entitled *For the Living of These Days*. The CD can be found in the folk section of stores such as Barnes & Noble or Borders Books and Music. It

can also be purchased through Amazon.com or directly from Kate Campbell's web site (www.katecampbell.com). Campbell often performs at Christian or church related events. Her concert schedule is on the web site.

From the Church Library

Battlefield of the Mind
by Joyce Meyer

"I believe if every person alive would read this book this world would be a much better place to live and there would be a lot more Christians. It helped me to understand the way I felt and why." -Shirley from Nevada.



February Birthdays

- 3 *Melissa Cornwell*
- 7 *Marlin Plummer*
- 13 *Chandler Williams*
- 14 *Gunny Mason*
- 15 *Ron Cornwell*
- 22 *Samantha Hubbs*
- 26 *Ricky Atkins*
- 28 *Charles Warner*

NURSERY WORKERS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 4 Mary Beth, Chandler & Falon Williams
- 11 Paul & Julie Branch
- 18 Amy & Roland Chapman
- 25 Shawn & Tripp Felts

SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 4 Tracey & Kenneth Stallard
- 11 WMU
- 18 Randy & Frankie Carr
- 25 Need volunteer

February 2007

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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4 Youth Superbowl Party @ The Sculthorpe's begins @ 5:30	5 Deacon's Meeting 7:30	6 Pastor Search Committee 7:00	7 Daytime WMU meets @ Va. Diner 11:00 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Program 7:30 Choir	8	9 Youth "Before the Light" Concert @ Surry Meth- odist Church 7 PM	10
11 WMU Focus Sunday	12	13 Transition Team 7:00	14 7:30 Choir	15	16	17 Disaster Relief Training @ Orcutt Bap- tist Church 8:30-3:00
18 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM	19	20	21 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Program 7:30 Choir	22	23 Youth "Battle of the "Bands" @ Wilroy Baptist Church 7 PM	24
25 7:00 PM Church wide Evening Worship Service	26 Women of Faith 7:00	27	28			

WMU News

Focus Sunday February 11

Rose Nurney, past WMU director for the Blackwater Association, will be our guest speaker on WMU Focus Sunday. She is a member of Central Hill Baptist Church and has traveled on international, interstate and intrastate missions.

Our Women of Faith and Daytime WMU will sponsor the morning fellowship breakfast. We have a limited number of cookbooks, with exceptional recipes from the ladies of Millfield included, that will be made available for any size donation. The proceeds will go toward the purchase of items for our Bland Missions Trip in July. If you would like to have a cookbook prior to February 11, please contact our church secretary.

Women of Faith Summer Conference

Ladies, are you searching for an escape from worry, stress, fear and just the hustle of daily living? Join us and Mill Swamp women July 12-14 for a trip to Washington, D.C. and discover the "Amazing Freedom" God has for us. You may register on Sundays during February and March following services or call either of these ladies for more information: Tracey 859-6732, Shawn 562-1464, Sharon 899-2298. Friday's pre-conference event will be a day with noted Bible teacher, Beth Moore. Tickets are \$220, inclusive of all costs of ticket, hotel, transportation and meals except one.

YOUTH EVENTS

- 4th Super Bowl Party @ The Sculthorpe's @ 5:30 PM
- 7th Youth on Mission @ 6:30
- 11th Lighthouse @ 6:30
- 18th Puppet Practice @ 5 pm, All Youth Supper @ 6 pm, Lighthouse @ 6:30
- 21st Youth on Mission @ 6:30
- 23rd "Battle of the Bands" Wilroy Baptist Church 7-9 pm *meet here @ 5:45- bring \$ for supper
- 25th Lighthouse opening @ 6:30, Worship service @ 7:00

Youth & Parents attended a get-together at the Holdsworth's on January 20th. It was a cold and somewhat rainy evening, but everyone enjoyed pizza, socializing, and even roasting s'mores over an open fire. In February & March, our Youth will sponsor a couple of fundraisers for summer camp such as selling BBQ and Christian logo vehicle decals. March also brings about several events going on: Senior High Weekend at Eagle Eyrie (grades 9-12), March 9-11 and Smithfield's YMCA (grades 6 & up for those not going to Sr. High), also is March 9 & 10. Acquire the Fire (grades 6-12) is set for March 16 & 17. Youth will be receiving more detailed information on these opportunities coming up.

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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

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Evening Worship!
Fourth Sundays***

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