

# 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

The McDonald's Restaurant on Main Street in Salem, Virginia had been completely torn down and a new one was constructed in its place. When I walked into the new one to get a cup of the coffee that was voted number one in a national survey, I was amazed at the change. It was clear that McDonald's corporate managers had decided to go one-on-one with Starbucks, Seattle's Best, and other popular establishments that had become amazingly successful by appealing to the need to feel connected and addiction to caffeine!

It had been more than 20 years since McDonald's redesigned their restaurant. They had added a fireplace, wireless internet and a big-screen television with moderately comfortable easy chairs. I discovered that they are also reformatting the larger stores to accommodate three distinct populations: (1) the traditional fast food for folks in a hurry; (2) a family-oriented dining area; and, (3) a "common area" conducive to fostering conversation.

Do you wonder why McDonald's might want to make what appears to be a radical change in something that seems to be working well already? The answer, of course, is obvious to most. The company had realized that if they were going to continue to achieve their growth potential, they would need to make creative and challenging changes that would meet the perceived customer needs.

In addition to these physical changes, they are adding new high end coffees, making their fried foods healthier by lowering the saturated fat content in their cooking oils, putting healthier choices in their menu and considering taking reservations for peak times. They even contracted with Disney to discover how they could move people through their lines faster, both inside and out—all this in an effort to satisfy their customers.

What does this have to do with the church, especially the one that meets in the Millfield church house? Might it be that there are some things we could do to become more credible to those who have had no relationship to the Lord or His Church—those who are without hope in Christ? This is not to suggest that we need to accommodate God's message to make it more *consumer-friendly*. The gospel can never be compromised in that way. The substance of the gospel is eternal and unchanging. However, the forms, facilities, attitudes, ministries—*must* change to reflect the shifts in our cultural environment if we are to be effective in reaching the *unchurched*.

We can learn from McDonald's. We don't have to copy them but we need to realize that change, though uncomfortable, can bring life changes to those who most need the Lord.

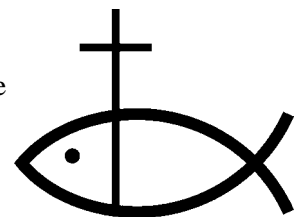
Anyone for a Big Mac?

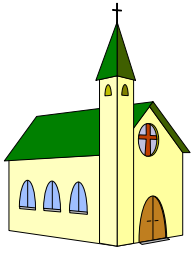
Tad

### Assistance From Tad

We are very fortunate to have John Tadlock (Tad) as our interim pastor. His warmth, spirit, humor, and thought-provoking messages have blessed us all.

He has indicated he is willing to stay on Sunday afternoons when someone would like to meet with him for counseling or if you'd like to have him make a visit to someone. So that he can plan his schedule, you may call Tad directly at his office at the VBMB, 1-800-255-2428, or his cell phone, 804-921-4661, or call the church office and he will be contacted.





## Weekly Schedule\*

### Sunday

Fellowship Time 9:30 am  
 Sunday School 10:00 am  
 Worship 11:00 am  
 Youth Group 6:30 pm

### Wednesday

Choir Practice 7:30 pm  
 Signing Practice 7:30 pm

◆ Tuesday & Thursday  
 Exercise class 7:00 pm

◆ First Wednesdays  
 Family Night Supper 6:00 pm  
 Programs 6:45 pm

◆ Church Office Hours  
 Tuesday 9:00-3:30  
 Wednesday 9:30-11:30  
 Thursday 9:00-3:30

\*Changes will be noted in the bulletin on Sundays

## New Arrivals

### Congratulations to

#### **Dan and Alison Peters**

on the birth of their daughter, Audrey Elizabeth, born on January 18, weighing 6 pounds, 3 ounces, 19 inches long. Big brother Jackson is happy to have a sister!

#### **Chris and Melissa Cornwell**

on the birth of their son, Matthew Tristan, born on January 28, weighing 6 pounds, 9 ounces, 19 inches long. Big brother Christopher was there to greet his new sibling!

## Welcome to New Members

- ◆ **By Letter**  
Brian Engel
- ◆ **By Profession of Faith, followed by Baptism**  
Destiny Buhls, Joshua Clarke, Reid Holdsworth and Jessica Stephens

Please welcome and encourage them!

*Please take the time to*  
 Look around and notice if there are members who have not been attending church. Then write, call, email or visit and let them know they have been missed.

## February Birthdays



- 3 Melissa Cornwell
- 7 John Tadlock  
Marlin Plummer
- 10 Christopher Cornwell
- 13 Chandler Williams
- 14 Gunny Mason
- 15 Ron Cornwell
- 16 Shannon Regula
- 22 Samantha Hubbs
- 26 Ricky Atkins
- 28 Charles Warner  
Meg Sharp

## Nursery Workers Schedule

- 3 Mary Beth, Chandler & Falon Williams
- 10 Paul & Julie Branch
- 17 Shawn & Trip Felts
- 24 Amy & Roland Chapman



Articles for the March newsletter are due no later than February 21st!  
 Thanks!



When you begin your spring cleaning, remember to save items for our Youth's yard sale in April!

## Join a Ministry Team

- ◆ Crisis/Visitation
- ◆ Outreach
- ◆ Prayer

Week of  
**JUNE 23-27**

Kick off  
**JUNE 22**



Visit our church library!

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John Tadlock, Interim Pastor

# February 2008

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<b>3</b> Deacon Luncheon Meeting	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 7:00 Exercise class	<b>6</b> 6:00 Family Night Supper  7:30 Choir & Signing	<b>7</b> 7:00 Exercise class	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>
<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b> 7:00 Exercise class	<b>13</b> 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	<b>14</b> 7:00 Pastor Search Committee meeting 7:00 Exercise class	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b> Family Ministry Day <i>*Time &amp; Locations TBA</i>
<b>17</b> 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	<b>18</b> 7:00 Finance Committee	<b>19</b> 7:00 Exercise class	<b>20</b> 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	<b>21</b> 7:00 Exercise class	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>
<b>24</b> 6:00 Puppet Practice  7:00 Casual Evening Service	<b>25</b> 7:00 Women of Faith Mission Group meeting	<b>26</b> 7:00 Exercise class	<b>27</b> 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	<b>28</b> 7:00 Exercise class	<b>29</b> 7:00 Pastor Search Committee meeting	



# Youth Page



As you can see, there are some amazing opportunities coming up for our Youth beyond the church walls. As an overview- in February **Winter jam** is a concert held in Norfolk with several well-known bands and is open to all Youth grades 6-12. Moving into March, there are two events in one weekend to choose from. Frank and I are willing to chaperone the **Sr. High Weekender** to Eagle Eyrie if we have enough interest to go. The theme is *SHINE* through worship and fellowship. This is open to grades 9-12. We are in need of committed volunteers to drive and chaperone for the local **Youth Missions Coming Alive** in Smithfield. The theme is *INASMUCH* (Matthew 25:40). This is a Friday night and all day Saturday event, open to area church Youth groups to participate in. It includes music, worship, food and local mission project on Saturday. **Acquire the Fire**, held in Norfolk, is a popular event that we have attended for many years. This is an intensive weekend open to grades 7-12 with incredible worship, great bands and life changing messages. The theme is *LET YOUR VOICE BE HEARD*. We will be returning home on Friday night and driving back on Saturday morning. Sign up sheets with details and costs will be available in the Lighthouse. Registrations are now underway, so check your calendars, and sign up by February 10.

On regular meeting nights, we are taking a REVOLUTION journey through Bluefish TV videos and curriculum. Our first lessons dealt with home life, how to deal with hurt, imperfect home situations and what it means to honor parents and others.

Thank you for your prayers and support,  
*Sharon & Frank Patterson*

- 3 Super Bowl Party @  
The Sculthorpe's 5:00 pm  
\*bring some type of food & a Boss drink
- 10 Lighthouse @ 6:30
- 16 Family Ministry Day
- 17 Winter Jam @ Constant Convocation Center—leave Millfield at 2:30 \*Tickets are \$10 at the door & bring money for food
- 24 Puppet Practice @ 6:00 pm  
Casual Evening Service @ 7:00 pm

## Coming up in March & April

- March 1** BBQ Fundraiser \*save the day
- March 7-9** Senior High Weekender (9th-12th)
- March 7-8** YMCA in Smithfield (6th-12th)
- March 28-29** Acquire the Fire (7th-12th)
- April 5-6** Light Ministry Weekend here

\*March 30 will be a regular worship service. Youth Sunday is changed to April 6th.

\*Sign up sheets & costs are in the Lighthouse

## Volunteers/Help Needed

- ◆ Sponsor suppers for the Youth on 1st & 3rd Sundays March-May
- ◆ Drivers/chaperones for upcoming events
- ◆ Help with BBQ fundraiser on March 1st
- ◆ Help on some Sunday nights with small groups
- ◆ Supply snacks for the Lighthouse
- ◆ April 5-6 Light Ministries weekend— host homes for Saturday night, supper on Saturday night for students and our Youth, snacks for Saturday night after casual concert (other church groups will be invited)

## Attention Ladies

If you made it to the WOF Slipper Luncheon held on Sunday January 27th, we were so glad you were there! If you didn't, we sure missed you! This luncheon was a lot of fun and YES...we did wear our slippers! The covered dish lunch was delicious and we spent lots of time remembering the 2007 Amazing Freedom Conference held last July. Lots of fun door prizes were awarded and the winners of these prizes certainly were enthusiastic! We also enjoyed a couple of short videos from Anita Renfroe as well as Nicole Johnson. We ended the luncheon (still in our comfy slippers) by getting all of the details in preparation for the upcoming **2008 INFINITE GRACE** Conference to be held in July. See future newsletters for more important dates, pricing and upcoming plans for our next big adventure! Save these dates: July 10-12! We will be leaving Millfield on our OWN BUS late in the afternoon on the 10th and returning on Saturday evening, July 12 around 10 pm. The total cost of the trip this year is \$280.00 and this price is ALL INCLUSIVE. Please see Tracey Stallard, Shawn Felts, or Sharon Patterson for all the details and to obtain your registration card ASAP. Millfield has a total of 31 tickets available this year. Make plans today to join in the fun. It is truly a blessing and a journey that you will not soon forget. God Bless!



*Sandy, Pam, Carol Jean and Leslie*



*The door prizes were awesome!*

## Opportunity for Mentoring

When a need arises, Millfield always is supportive. Our interim pastor and deacons have identified a new ministry for volunteers to become mentors to new Christians. This group would help new members develop and grow in their new journey with Christ. Tad has the resource material and is willing to facilitate the training. We need individuals from all ages and areas in the church, such as Sunday school teachers, Bible school teachers and anyone who is willing to share their spiritual gifts. Please contact Tad or call the church office if you are willing to help with this much needed ministry.

## Pastor Search Committee to Conduct Interviews

The Pastor Search Committee has begun meeting every other week again. There have been a number of resumes to review, and most of the candidates have come from the Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB) and Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF).

Three of the candidates have been selected for a telephone interview and the committee will be having those over the next two weeks. The candidates are also sending tapes of sermons. After completing the telephone interviews a candidate will be selected for a face to face interview.

The candidates for the telephone interviews have good backgrounds and references. Please be in prayer for the committee as they go through the interview process and for the candidates that God's will be apparent to all involved in the process.

Over the last year the committee has reviewed over fifty resumes which represent fifty people who are seeking to serve God as a pastor. Pray for them as they seek to find God's will for their life.

## Let's Share Our Love

The Franklin Cooperative Ministry Center is in need of non-perishable food and supplies. Please bring items to our fellowship hall and deposit in the box provided throughout this month.



The Eleanor Boothe WMU Circle is sponsoring this food drive and realizes that the winter months are especially hard on the needy and the community serving them. Due to the housing market and its impact on the economy, it is more imperative to support this worthy mission project.

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## Missions ... Far and Near



*Date Set for Bland Mission Trip*

Mark the date on your calendar now! August 24-29 is Millfield's week at Bland Ministry Center. For the past two summers we've sent teams to help families in this poverty-stricken area of Virginia. Adults and teens have teamed up to make a difference in the lives of those they touched. There's a big newspaper article on the bulletin board in the education wing about the Morgan family we helped last year, complete with a picture of their family. Be sure and see it.

In your families you make lots of plans—plans for summer camp, ball practices, family vacations, etc. and you don't wait till the last minute to make those plans. We can't wait until the last minute to make plans for going to Bland, so we need a commitment from those who want to go. **Please sign up for the Bland Mission Trip by Sunday, March 2.** We will be able to plan our specific activities when we know how many people, their ages and skill levels. Don't miss this terrific mission opportunity!

## Prayers Asked for Baptist Church in Gaza

An anonymous Baptist source in Jerusalem is asking Baptists across the world to pray fervently for the pastor and members of the Gaza Baptist Church. Since the murder of one of its members at the hands of Muslim militants, the church has experienced a dramatic decline in attendance. A Baptist representative said that attendance at the church's Sunday evening service had fallen from 150 prior to the murder to about 10 in recent weeks. The Gaza Baptist Church is the only evangelical congregation among Gaza's population of 1.5 million. (Information taken from *Religious Herald*)

