

January 2008

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

I have several friends who are huge Tar Heel fans. Apparently, a significant portion of their wardrobe is Carolina blue! David Washburn, the pastor of Waynesboro's First Baptist Church is one of those fans. In his most recent church newsletter, he was touting the fact that the UNC basketball team is currently undefeated and ranked # 1 in the country.

David implied that this is something to brag about but that the UNC round-ball coach, Roy Williams, is not too excited about his team's current lofty ranking, that being Number One in December only means that the team started well. He added that it is more important to finish well.

I suspect that getting caught up in the frenetic pace of life is as much a cultural phenomenon as anything else. But the results are always the same: it negatively affects our health and wholeness, both physically and spiritually. A critical component in one's spiritual well-being is the capacity to experience Sabbath, carving out sacred time and space so that we might be able to build spiritual intimacy with God. Distractions prevent us from doing that and must be confronted when they prevent us creating such intimacy.

One important way of doing that is through prayer. As we begin a brand new year, we will focus on the critical nature of prayer as a means of building spiritual intimacy and enabling us to bring some balance to our lives, or at least, to learn how to use the irregular rhythms in our busyness to focus more on our relationship with God. Our failure to do this means that our lives are a lot like out-of-balance tires that may be on our vehicles that make our journey more difficult and more dangerous.

One of Millfield's three Ministry Teams is the Prayer Team. It is the team we will focus on throughout January, culminating in an official "launch" of this team's ministry on January 27. The sermon on that day will focus on prayer as a way to create spiritual intimacy with God and the invitation will be a challenge to join the Prayer Team and/or to commit to a renewed vision of prayer as a regular and faithful practice in your life.

Additionally, the "casual" service on the evening of January 27 will focus on the practice of prayer in ways that might be unfamiliar to many. This includes contemplative prayer, the use of imagination in prayer, something called *Lectio Divina* (praying the Scriptures), etc. We will actually learn how to "center down" along with other techniques and we encourage you to be a part of that service as a way to deepen your prayer life.

In most sports, especially the sprint in track, getting a good start is critical to winning the sprint; but life is not a sprint. Rather, it is a marathon. And marathons require stamina and perseverance—the ability just to hang in there when the path is uphill, rocky, and hard. A healthy spiritual life can give us what we need to run the race. Let us all get a good start at the beginning of this 2008 marathon; but let us also commit to the regular practice of prayer that offers those twin gifts of spiritual stamina and perseverance.

On Your Mark. . .

Tad

Letters of Thanks

Dear Millfield Church Folk,

My life and ministry have experienced a series of wonderful blessings but none greater nor more appreciated than having the opportunity to serve as your interim pastor. You have regularly demonstrated your genuine spirit of love in many ways. The quality of your active, caring concern was demonstrated beyond anything I could ever have expected on the fourth Sunday of Advent when I was the recipient of a very tangible expression of it in the form of a very generous check as a Christmas gift from you. Thank you for your generosity and for the privilege of serving with you during this interim time.

Blessings to you all for a sacred pace in your journey into the future,

Tad

Dear Congregation,

This month marks my first year's term as your church secretary. There have been many clerical challenges that I have encountered, but thanks to Wellford and other "technical" people in the church, I have used these opportunities to learn and improve my office skills.

I sincerely appreciate the generous Christmas gift given to me on December 23rd and look forward to another year to serve the church. My job is supported by all of you and while we continue to follow God's leading in the pastor search process, please feel free to call me if I can assist you in any way.

As most of you know, part time hours have worked well into my schedule because of babysitting duties as "Meme". Due to class changes this upcoming semester for Stephanie, I will need to change the office hours to the schedule below. Thank you for allowing me the flexibility.

In His Service,
Sharon Patterson



Tuesday 9:00-3:30
Wednesday 9:30-11:30
Thursday 9:00-3:30



E-MAIL?

Please send your e-mail address to the church office so you can receive important updates and reminders from Millfield.
Send to:
millfieldbaptist@juno .com



Articles for February's newsletter are due no later than January 24th!

January Birthdays



- 1 *Becky Felts*
- 5 *Josh Epperson*
Samantha Upton
- 6 *Marty Vick*
- 10 *Joy Branch*
- 16 *Randy Branch*
Zach Goodrich
- 20 *Jack Hardt*
- 21 *Montana Engel*
- 25 *Cheryl Parker*
- 28 *Kenneth Branch*

Nursery Workers Schedule

- 6 Amy & Roland Chapman
- 13 Bob & Carol Jean Felts
- 20 Pam Smith & Kayla Engel
- 27 Shawn & Trip Felts

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.

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Happy New Year!	2 6:00 Family Night Supper 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	3 7:00 Pastor Search	4	5
6 Guest speaker for Worship- Darrell Mayo Missions Leaders' Lunch	7	8	9 7:30 Choir	10 7:30 Church Conference	11	12
13	14	15	16 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	17	18 7:00 Pastor Search	19
20 8:00 am Men's Breakfast	21	22	23 7:30 Choir	24	25	26
27 Prayer Focus Sunday 12:30 Ladies Slipper Luncheon 7:00 Casual Evening Service	28	29	30 7:30 Choir	31 7:00 Pastor Search		

Before the Caroling at Sandy & Marty Vick's We had a fa la la la la time!!!





Missions . . . Near and Far

Members and friends of Millfield were generous this season through missions outreach.

- ◆ Many coats of all sizes were donated to the clothes closet at Franklin Cooperative Ministry. Children and adults alike were blessed by your generosity. Thanks to the Eleanor Boothe Circle for coordinating this.
- ◆ Gift certificates in the amount of \$455.00 were sent to Hopetree Family Services (formerly called the Virginia Baptist Children's Home). Christmas was made brighter for these children who are living under difficult circumstances away from their home and family thanks to you.
- ◆ In our community, a single mother, her five children and four grandchildren (all living in the same household), received gifts of clothing and gift cards in the amount of \$545.00. We appreciate the support the Women of Faith Missions Group, the Baptist Men and Bob Felts provided in this effort.
- ◆ Offerings for supporting world missions for Lottie Moon continue to come in. Currently, we have collected \$3123.80. Prayerfully consider what gift God would have you give to help spread His word to those who have never heard the Word.

Because of our gifts to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Baptist Missions, we were part of the assistance that was giving to victims of the cyclone in Bangladesh in November. Terry Raines, coordinator for Mobile mission and disaster relief for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board (VBMB) said the global missions and evangelism team has allocated about \$16,000 to provide 500 relief packets of food, water and blankets; funds for 10 new houses; and assistance in drilling five new wells. The cost of each new house is about \$400; each well drilled will cost about \$850; and each relief packet costs \$5. (Information from *Religious Herald*, Dec. 6, 2007 issue)

We sometimes think we as a small church can't make a difference, but look how God has allowed us to be a part of showing His love in our community, across our state and into other parts of the world.



New Puppeteers are welcome!

Our practice schedule for January
Sunday, January 6 5:00-6:00
Sunday, January 20 5:00-6:00

New Baptist Covenant Celebration January 30 - February 1, 2008

More than 20,000 Baptists from across North America will gather at the Georgia World Congress Center in January 30 – February 1, 2008, in an unprecedented demonstration of Baptist unity. The history-making event is the culmination of months of planning by leaders of more than thirty Baptist organizations who laid the groundwork for a new era of cooperation during a series of meetings at the Carter Center in 2006 and early 2007.

Former U.S. presidents Carter and Clinton, former Vice-President Gore, current U.S. Senators Lindsey Graham and Charles Grassley, Marian Wright Edleman (Children's Defense Fund), journalist Bill Moyers, well-known and gifted preachers such as Tony Campolo and Joel Gregory and many others will be principal speakers.

Contrary to what some have suggested, this meeting is not political in nature and everything that is done and said at this meeting will be based on Luke 4: 18-19.

If you are interested in participating in this event of a lifetime, you can check it all out at the New Baptist Covenant website, www.newbaptistcelebration.org. Or, you can talk with Tad who has served on the planning team.

Time for Exercise!



Come join us for fun and fitness! As we tone and sculpt our bodies, our hearts will become stronger and the inches will melt away. This exercise program consists of low weight and no weight training and dance and is EASY on the back.

When: Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday January 8th from 7:00- 8:00 PM

Where: Millfield Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$25.00 at sign up (save \$5.00), thereafter \$30.00 per month. Ask how to save money by bringing a friend.

Contact: Dawn Sizemore (757) 651-8503 with any questions or about financial assistance.

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Ladies Slipper Luncheon

Ladies, are you in the midst of the winter months and need a spiritual lift? If so, please join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday, January 27 after worship service for a wonderful time together. Those of us who went to last summer's Women of Faith Conference in Washington, D.C. will enjoy sharing our experiences with you at this luncheon. We will show some video from last summer's conference and hope to spark interest in anyone who may have a desire to go with us this year.

There are three items you need to bring on January 27th to participate: any type of covered dish, your favorite slippers/bedroom shoes, and an open spirit! Hope to see you- we'll also be giving out door prizes and superlative slipper awards!

Church Conference

Start out the New Year by learning more about our church at our quarterly conference which will be held on Thursday, January 10 at 7:30 PM. During this meeting, we discuss the business of the church and hear reports from working committees/groups. Everyone who attends Millfield is encouraged to come.



Nancy & Ashley Cornwell
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January Youth Calendar

- 2 Youth sponsors Family Night Chili Supper
*Youth be here @ 4:45 PM
- 6 5:00 Puppets; 6:00 Supper;
6:30 Lighthouse
- 13 6:30 Lighthouse
- 20 5:00 Puppets; 6:00 Supper;
6:30 Lighthouse
- 27 7:00 Casual Evening Service



UPCOMING EVENTS

- February 3** Super Bowl Party TBA
- February 17** Winter Jam TBA
- March 1** BBQ Fundraiser
- March 7-9** Senior High Weekender (9-12th)
- March 7-8** YMCA in Smithfield (6-12th)
- 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.