

Millfield News

Events and Activities at Millfield Baptist Church

Words from Wellford

VBS, CBF, and the Continuing Transition

As I write this we are mid-way through "Take the Plunge" our 2007 Vacation Bible School. (You can see photos of the activities on page 4 of the newsletter and on our web site.) So far this has been an absolutely wonderful event. Here are some exciting numbers. On Tuesday we had 55 helpers and 83 children in the morning plus 19 youth in the evening for a total of 167 people in Bible School. But what is most exciting to me is that 102 of those people were the children and youth themselves. Our daily VBS attendance is 60% larger than our Sunday morning worship attendance. God has blessed us with a wonderful opportunity to teach these children about God's love. And God has blessed us with a wonderful VBS staff. Over 60 volunteers work to make this ministry possible. As I wander from one activity to another during the morning, I am impressed at how smoothly everything works together. This is a huge undertaking for our church, and it takes significant effort on everyone's part. I want to thank everyone who helped make this a success. I especially want to thank Carol Jean Felts for her extraordinary efforts. She begins serious planning six months in advance of the event, and her diligence shows in a well organized program. We are truly blessed to have her organizational skills.

Unfortunately I will miss the last two days of VBS as I go to attend the annual meeting of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship in Washington, D.C. This is always a valuable time of learning more about the work the CBF is doing around the world. There are also very instructive breakout sessions on a wide variety of subjects related to missions and church life. I will write a brief article for next month's newsletter giving you some of the highlights of the meeting.

As you know, my time of service here at Millfield comes to an end on July 15. While I look forward to a different challenge at my new church, I am sad at leaving you. You have been a wonderful congregation to serve, and I anticipate hearing marvelous things from you in the coming years. Thank you for the support and encouragement you have given me these past two years. I treasure all the friendships, and I look forward to maintaining them over the years.

Although an official vote has not been taken, let me commend John Tadlock to you as your interim for the next few months. Knowing that he will be here to help you through the rest of the transition time makes me more comfortable in my leaving. Tad was my supervisor for many years in campus ministry, and I continue to value his counsel. You will enjoy him and benefit from his ministry among you.

May God bless and keep us as our respective ministries continue.

Wellford

Pastor Search Report

The Pastor Search Committee has been diligently checking references of several excellent candidates. The committee started with a list of 12 candidates and after talking to the candidates found that some were either no longer available or did not wish to be considered for our church for a variety of reasons. Primary references have been checked on the eight remaining candidates and secondary reference checks are underway now.

We are very encouraged by the reports we're hearing on the candidates and feel blessed that we have this many seemingly good candidates. We ask that you continue to pray that God will give the committee discernment, wisdom, endurance, and a good listening ear. In talking with references for the candidates, we have been asked to pray for a number of churches that are either in the search process themselves or in an intentional interim process. We have been blessed that our interim process has gone as smoothly as it has, because that is not the case for all churches. Pray for men and women who are seeking places of service and churches who are seeking to know God's will and direction for their congregations.

Quarterly Business Meeting Wednesday July 11

The quarterly church conference date has been changed to Wednesday July 11 at 7:30 PM. We encourage everyone to come and participate in the business of the church. Some of the items to be considered are:

- ◆ The report of the Nominating Committee presenting a slate of officers, committee members and teachers for the 2007-2008 church year
- ◆ A vote on our Mission and Vision statements as presented by the Transition Team

July Co-Ed Softball Schedule

Go Team Go *Home Team listed Second

Monday, July 2	7:00 Millfield vs. Wakefield Methodist
Thursday, July 5	9:00 Black Creek vs. Millfield
Monday, July 9	7:00 South Quay vs. Millfield
Thursday, July 12	9:00 Tucker Swamp vs. Millfield
Monday, July 16	9:00 Wakefield Methodist vs. Millfield
Thursday, July 19	9:00 Wakefield Methodist vs. Millfield
Monday, July 23	8:00 Millfield vs. Black Creek

Welcome New Members

Three individuals have recently become members and been baptized at Millfield. We look forward to seeing what God will be doing in and through each of your lives!



Shannon Regula



Jeremy Gibbs



Kayla Engel

From the Church Secretary

Thank you for allowing me the benefit of some flexibility in my job when needed. During the first three weeks of July, I will not be in the office on the regular Monday, Wednesday, Friday days. I will be working my hours in and accomplishing my duties as best possible to serve the church. The Personnel Chair is aware of my schedule changes.

July Birthdays

- 3 *Ed Hacker*
- 4 *Payton Holdsworth*
- 5 *Jonathan Bryant*
- 7 *Linda Chitwood*
- 8 *Bryan Branch*
- 11 *Yvonne Hacker*
- 13 *Ashton Felts*
- 14 *Frankie Carr*
Tracey Stallard
- 15 *Patsy Warren*
- 18 *Rose Sculthorpe*
- 19 *Leslie Brittle*
- 20 *Alison Peters*
- 22 *Chris Cornwell*
Wesley Garner
- 25 *Kay Culpepper*
- 28 *Teresa Engel*
- 29 *Victoria Plummer*

Nursery Workers Schedules

- 1 No nursery due to VBS Commencement
- 8 Neil & Jennifer Cutright
- 15 Yvonne & Jerry Hacker
- 22 Sybil & Madison Cabell
- 29 Mert & Jean Felts

Sunday School Fellowship Hosts

- 1 Everyone bring covered dish!
- 8 Open for volunteers
- 15 Everyone bring covered dish!
- 22 Open for volunteers
- 29 Open for volunteers

It's a Boy!!

Hunter Thomas Swindell

Born May 30, 2007

Congratulations to
Emily & Gary Swindell,
parents

Tom & Pat Swindell,
grandparents

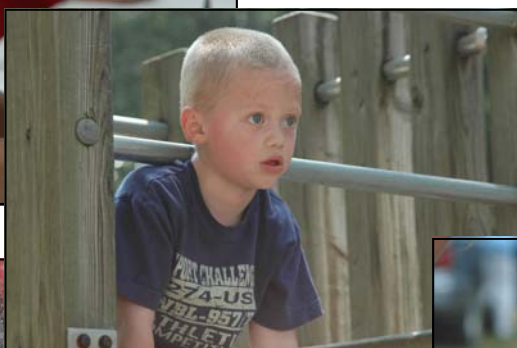
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Every Sunday
 9:30 AM— Fellowship Time
 10:00 AM— Sunday School
 11:00 AM— Worship

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 11:00 AM VBS Commence- ment Sunday	2 7:30 Deacon's Meeting Snowbird Camp	3 7:00 Pastor Search Snowbird Camp	4 Snowbird Camp	5 Snowbird Camp	6 Snowbird Camp	7 Snowbird Camp
8 Special Called Church Conference 12 noon	9	10	11 7:30 Church Conference	12 Women of Faith 3 day Conference	13	14
15 9:00 Church wide Breakfast for Wellford Bland Mission Trip	16 Bland Mission Trip	17 Bland Mission Trip	18 Bland Mission Trip	19 Bland Mission Trip	20 Bland Mission Trip	21
22 7:30 Movie Night "Facing the Giants"	23	24	25	26	27	28 5:00-7:00 Youth Sponsored Benefit Spaghetti Dinner- eat in or take out
29 Youth Sunday	30	31				

Take the Plunge!

Vacation Bible School
2007



You are Invited to a
Church Wide Breakfast
Honoring Wellford & Nell Tiller
July 15, 2007
8:45 AM
Fellowship Hall

Please bring a covered dish. There will be a time for sharing memories, thoughts, and good wishes for the Tiller's.

Contact person - Jean Felts 859-6707

Bland County... Here We Come

Our Bland Mission Team consists of fifteen people who are willing and able to help those less fortunate. The volunteers staying from Sunday July 15 through Friday July 20 are Susan Stone (coordinator), Cody Stallard, Rose Sculthorpe, Jeremy Gibbs, Betsy Cutright, Nancy Stephenson, Ryan Scarberry, Teresa Engel, Montana Engel, Kayla Engel, and Shannon Regula. Tracey Stallard, Sharon Patterson, Sonny Warren and Patsy Warren are going from Sunday through Wednesday.

There is much planning ahead for a week long mission trip. Wellford met with most of the team members and spoke about spiritual preparation. These are some points to share with our readers:

- ◆ A mission trip gives us a break in our routine. We get to see a different setting, meet new people, do things that are different than our daily routine, learn about the way other people live whether it's across the state, country or world.
- ◆ There are more needs and fewer resources to meet those needs in some places than in others. Going away for a week, or a few days involves a degree of commitment and sacrifice than just doing a day-long project does. You're going away from home

and family and there's a spiritual discipline involved.

- ◆ It often makes people more aware of the needs in their own community when they return. You often learn what life is like for people in different economic situations than your own by going away.
- ◆ It benefits the individual and the congregation. The individual is used of God, blessed in return, and the congregation that supports them reaps the benefit of their renewed mission awareness and enthusiasm when they return.

For our Community

A Benefit Fund
has been set up at any BB&T Bank
for **Caitlin Travis**, a member of Millfield Youth,
who had surgery for the removal of a brain tumor
on June 20, 2007.

Please make your contribution to
"Edwin Goodrich"

In the memo portion of check put:
**ATTN: Edwin Goodrich in benefit of
Caitlin Travis**

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Youth News

Hello again, Millfield!

The summer has begun and has been running its course rather quickly. The youth already have a couple of Wednesday night bible studies under their belts with more to come. Our theme is "compassion through Action" and through this study we are learning to help and love others as Jesus loved us. We now have Vacation Bible School ahead of us, which I'm looking forward to and hopefully those working it are excited about it also. We also have some outings specifically designed for fun coming up to, if VBS doesn't do it for you. That will conclude our June month, as we prepare for camp, mission projects, and other activities in July. Blessings,
Ryan

Taking a Plunge at VBS

At this time, our Bible School is in full swing!! Boys and girls are enjoying crafts, music, recreation and great snacks during the morning hours. Most importantly, they are plunging into bible stories about Obedience, Worship, Courage, Faith and Service. We are very fortunate to have many dedicated workers and teachers. Most of our Youth help in the morning and return at night for their own class. Our attendance numbers are soaring high—well above 100 each day!! A contest is going on between the boys and girls to see who can collect the most money for the offering which goes to Bland County. It is becoming a close race!

The scripture verse for the week that we repeat daily is "The water that I give shall spring up to everlasting life." (John 4:14)

July Youth Calendar

- 1 7:00- 8:30 Lighthouse
Snowbird campers go to host homes
- 2-7 Snowbird Camp Andrews, N.C.
- 8 7:00-8:30 Lighthouse
- 10 7:00-8:30 Lighthouse
- 14 9:00am-1:00pm Car Wash at Felt's Packing
(fundraiser for YEC)
- 15 No Lighthouse
- 15-20 Bland County Mission Trip
- 21 10:00am Leave for Paintball
- 22 7:00-8:30 Lighthouse
- 24 7:00-8:30 Lighthouse
- 28 5:00-7:00 Benefit Spaghetti Supper
- 29 Youth Sunday No Lighthouse

"Facing the Giants" July 22nd

This movie portrays a high school football coach who convinces his failing team that there's more to sports than fame and glory. When Grant Taylor turns his life over to God, he shows his determined team that they can accomplish *anything* with a little faith. His motto to the team is "If we win, we'll praise Him, and if we lose, we'll praise Him." Join us in the fellowship hall on Sunday July 22 at 7:30 PM and watch how God works miraculously in this most uplifting film! We will even serve you popcorn and Pepsi, as you sit back and enjoy the story. This is a great film for all ages!