

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

Easter is early this year. It is always on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the Spring Equinox (which is March 20). This dating is based on the lunar calendar that the Jewish folk used to identify Passover, which is why it moves around our Roman calendar.

This makes for some interesting information (trivia?). For example, it is possible, based on the above information, that Easter could actually be one day earlier (March 22) but that would be extremely rare.

This year is the earliest Easter any of us will ever see. Moreover, none of *us* have ever, or will ever, see it a day earlier! The next time Easter will be this early (March 23) will be 220 years into the future, the year 2228. The last time it was this early was 1913, so those who are 95 or older were the only ones around for that one.

The next time it will be a day earlier, March 22, will be in the year 2285, 227 years from now. The last time it was on March 22 was 1818. The next March date will be in 2013 (March 31).

Easter is the only holy day determined by the calendar. But clearly, that is not what makes Easter special. Easter, or Resurrection Sunday, is the *central* faith confession of the church and remains the focal point of Christian worship, observed on the first day of each week since the first century (Acts 20:7).

The fact is, we celebrate Resurrection every time we gather to worship the God who did something, through Jesus Christ, that we could never do for ourselves. Easter is the high point of the Christian year. It is when we join the millions around the world in echoing "Christ is risen! He is risen, indeed!"

~Tad

Pastor Search Committee Update

The Search Committee deeply appreciates all the prayers, encouragement and support the congregation has given over the past year. Knowing the congregation is uplifting the work of the group in prayer sustains them and keeps them focused on their task.

Since January the committee has talked to three candidates by phone and has selected one of the candidates to meet with in person. That meeting will occur on March 15. Please pray for the candidate and his wife and for the committee that they will be able to discern God's will in this important decision.

The committee has looked at more than 50 resumes of people who are seeking a church in which to serve the Lord. These are dedicated men and women who earnestly want to be involved in ministry. Some are looking for their first church to serve, some are missionaries who are no longer serving in that capacity, some are in secular jobs and want to be in full time ministry. Pray for guidance, patience and God's presence in the lives of these men and women.



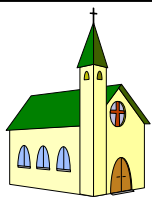
Community Sunrise Service
EASTER SUNDAY
March 23, 2008
7:00 AM
Corinth Friends Church
Ivor Baptist Pastor,
officiating



Sunday, March 23

Our choir will
present
The Cornerstone
11 am service

The signing team will
accompany the choir
on several selections.



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



First Planning Meeting for VBS

In *God's Big Backyard*, June 23-27, kids will participate in the large-group excitement of Backyard Bash, experience God's Word at Backyard Bible Club, meet real-life servants at Community Corner, plus explore and create through fun-filled crafts, snacks, and games. Just step outside, take a look over your fence, and get started helping kids discover how rewarding service can be!

Our first planning meeting will be on Wednesday, March 5 at 6:00 for dinner, followed by VBS presentation at 6:45. This is our regularly scheduled Family Night supper time and the meal will be offered **FREE** to all. **Everyone** is invited to learn more about this year's Vacation Bible School and how you can be a part of it!

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Please contact Rose Sculthorpe, VBS Director, at rosesculthorpe@aol.com.

March Birthdays



- 4 Dustin Cutright
- 7 Charles Bailey
- 8 Carol Jean Felts
Bobby Stephenson
- 10 Martha Holdsworth
- 13 Roger Bailey
Sharon Barnes
- 15 Donnie Buhls
- 19 Paula Bailey
Andy Boothe
Diana Tate
- 20 Nancy Stephenson
- 22 Dana Britt
Jean Mitchell
- 26 Bill Sculthorpe
- 28 Steve Cabell
- 31 Daniel Felts
Joe Anderson

Congratulations to



Neil & Jennifer Cutright
 On the birth of their daughter,
 Cara Elizabeth, born on January 31, 2008
 7 pounds, 8 ounces, 20 1/2 inches long

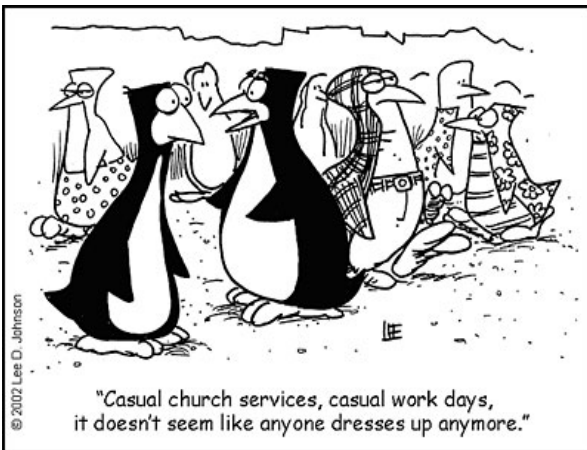


Thanks for the cards, prayers, visits and food given to us since Gunny's surgery. We appreciate all of our church family so very much.

~Gunny & Linda Mason

Nursery Workers Schedule

- 2 Randal & Joy Branch
- 9 Ann Magee & Sam Upton
- 16 Sam & Jack Hubbs
- 23 Need Volunteers
- 30 Mert & Jean Felts



Articles for the April newsletter are due no later than March 23rd. Thanks!

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March 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 Youth BBQ Fundraiser Pick up 4-5 pm
2 5:00 Puppet Practice	3 7:00 Deacon's Meeting	4 7:00 Exercise Class	5 6:00 FREE Family night supper with fo- cus on VBS *RSVP by 3/2 7:30 Choir & Signing	6 7:00 Exercise Class	7	8
9	10	11 7:00 Exercise Class	12 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	13 7:00 Exercise Class	14	15
16 8 am Men's Breakfast 5:00 Puppets	17	18 7:00 Exercise Class 7:00 Finance Committee	19 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	20 7:00 Exercise Class	21	22
23 7:00 am Community Sunrise Service Corinth Friends 11:00am Easter Worship here	24	25 7:00 Exercise Class	26 7:30 Choir Practice	27 7:00 Exercise Class	28	29
30 7:00 pm Casual Evening Prayer Service for Pastor Search Committee	31					

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Light Ministries April 5-6

We are excited that **Light Ministries** from Liberty University will be here in April! The team consists of fifteen students who will share through music and testimony.

The team will arrive on Saturday and join our Youth for supper in the fellowship hall. At 7 PM, area church Youth groups are invited to a casual concert led by Light.

On Sunday morning, the students will lead the Youth Sunday School class and our 11 am worship service.

We will conclude the weekend with a church wide covered dish lunch.

If you can help by being a host home for Saturday night, please contact the church office.



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

SHINE
Senior High
Weekend
March 7-9



**LET YOUR VOICE
BE HEARD**
Acquire the Fire
March 28-29



Contact: Shawn Felts to volunteer for supplying suppers on 1st & 3rd Sundays!

- 2 Puppet Practice @ 5:00; Supper @ 6:00; Lighthouse @ 6:30
- 7-9 Senior High Weekend at Eagle Eyrie
- 7-8 Smithfield's Youth Missions Coming Alive
- 16 Puppet Practice @ 5:00; Supper @ 6:00; Lighthouse @ 6:30
- 28-29 Acquire the Fire in Norfolk
- 30 **No Meeting Casual Evening Prayer Service @ 7:00

YMCA 2008 INASMUCH

March 7-9

Smithfield Baptist Church

The theme for this year's "Youth Missions coming Alive" is "Inasmuch", a command given by Christ to us in Matthew 25 to reach out to "the least of these" in His name.

Schedule of events:

Friday, March 7

- 5:30 pm Dinner at Smithfield Baptist
- 6:00 pm Opening Worship & Rally
- 10:00 pm Return to Home Churches

Saturday, March 8

- 8:30 am Morning Worship/Devotion
- 9:00 am Leave For Mission Projects
- Noon Lunch on Worksite or Church
- 1:00pm Afternoon Mission Projects
- 5:00 pm Dinner at Smithfield Baptist
- 6:00 pm Evening Worship Service
- 10:00 pm Return to Home Churches

**Call Sharon if you would like to be a part of this FREE event!

**Chaperones/
Van Driver
needed for
Friday night &
Saturday**

Women of Faith Conference Corner



"I believe the key to celebrating is grateful heart, which means we search daily for a reason to stand up and shout 'Let's Party'." ~Patsy Clairmont

"Infinite Grace Conference" will be held July 10-12, 2008 at Verizon Center, Washington D.C. The total ticket cost is \$280.00 (all inclusive).

Please obtain a registration card from either Tracey Stallard, Shawn Felts, or Sharon Patterson. Be sure and check out this corner in the monthly newsletter for more updates, information and inspiration! Call your friends, sisters, moms, co-workers because we only have 31 tickets and you don't want to miss this trip.

\$140.00 due with registration card by March 16!

\$140.00 due by May 18!

Encouragement for this month...

"One day while I was getting a cup of coffee and a bagel in Colorado Springs, I commented to the waitress that I hoped she had a good rest of the day. 'How can it be good when I'm working?' she asked. I told her, 'Don't postpone your life until you get off work, just think about at work what you would think about if you weren't working.' She smiled and then laughed. 'I guess I could do that.' Sure she could, and so can I. The quality of my day is determined by one thing: my attitude toward it." ~Nicole Johnson

When Tracey asked me to write about my experience at the Women of Faith Conference last year, I thought "oh no, I can't write" (but I'll try). So, the only thing I can do is speak from the heart and in one word "WOW". Without exaggeration, I can say the conference was one of the most profound experiences I've ever had. The love in that huge auditorium was an entity you could feel. The emotions ran strong and ranged from crying to raucous laughing. It was an experience of sisterhood and knowing you were not alone in life's journey. The camaraderie with my fellow conference-ites was indescribable. There's so much more I can say, but I'll end with this -- if you find you can attend in July, Just Do It! ~Pam Smith

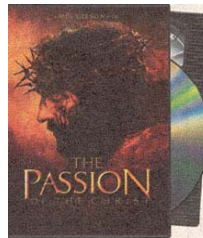
Check it Out From the Library

The Passion



The Passion is a visual portrayal of the last 12 hours of the life of Christ. Gripping photos taken on the set of the film, *The Passion of the Christ*, together with the biblical narratives in the *New Living Translation* present the Easter story in vivid detail.

The Passion of the Christ Movie with Passion Scriptures Audio CDs



Mel Gibson's heart-searing film representation of the last 12 hours of Jesus' life is profoundly enhanced by Stephen Johnston's moving 3-CD audio version of the Passion narratives and the Gospel of John from the KJV.

Sunday School Class to Discuss Prayer



A five or six week class will be offered during the Sunday School hour beginning March 9 based on the book, "Prayer: Does It Make Any Difference?" by Philip Yancey. People consistently rank prayer high in importance – and also high in frustration. Some of the questions the book examines are:

- ◆ If God knows everything, what's the point of prayer?
- ◆ Why does God let the world go on as it does and not intervene?
- ◆ Why does God seem sometimes close and sometimes far away?
- ◆ Does prayer change God or change me?
- ◆ How can I make prayer more satisfying?

It is not necessary for participants to have a copy of the book, but it can be purchased at the Suffolk Christian book. If enough people want to order the book we can receive a discount on the \$21.99 purchase price.

Church Treasurer

Please note that Betty Garner will be now be working in the office on Wednesday or Thursday afternoons.



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CHANGE SERVICE REQUESTED

Missions ... Far and Near

Family Ministry Day Provides a Helping Hand



On February 16 our church had its first Family Ministry Day. A woman in Capron who lost her home in a fire two years ago and had recently moved into a trailer needed some backfilling done around the trailer and other repairs done to it. She received assistance from Randal Branch, Wesley Barnes, Bobby Stephenson, Rowland Chapman, Steve Cabell and the entire Walt Holdsworth family. Many thanks to Walt for supplying heavy equipment and a load of dirt for the project.

Sharon Barnes, Sharon Patterson, Susan Owen, and Susan Stone went to the Center for Hope and New Beginnings in Suffolk and totally reorganized the room where they keep donated clothes.

We hope to schedule two or three other Family Ministry Days this year, so watch for other opportunities to be involved in ministry in our community.

Mission Trip Scheduled

It's not too late to sign up for the mission trip to Bland Ministry Center August 24-29. This will be our third year to send a team to this poverty-stricken area. Working at the ministry center, doing home repairs for people in need, working in the clothes closet and food pantry are a few of the tasks we've done in the past. You will be blessed in ways you can't imagine by participating in this ministry.

Taking a whole week to do God's work is a big step for most of us. It takes us away from home and family and comfortable surroundings and puts us in an environment that is different and unfamiliar. The fact is, it takes commitment. Are you willing to make that commitment? If you are, please call the church office!

