

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.

Thanksgiving Made Easy!

Thanksgiving has come early this year for Lois and me! In response to your call, God has blessed us with a new place of ministry and service. We're so excited about the prospect of what God holds in store for all of us! Thanks be to God!

As part of the package, we've received the opportunity for new friendships that will blossom in vitality, new children to gather into our arms and nurture, and new young people to stand alongside for a time and then launch into new worlds of their own. Thanks be to God!

New tasks to learn and old skills to apply in new ways. New places to go, new routes for getting there, new sights along the way, and new companions with whom to share the journey. Thanks be to God!

We know that you're preparing a new home for us! Out with the old (carpets) – and in with the new (finishes, paint, and fixtures). Although we've yet to see the final result, we already feel the compassion and care that you're extending to us through the preparation you're making so wholeheartedly! When we're able, we'll give a hearty thanks to those most directly involved. In the meantime, we thank God for you as a church, and for what you're doing to provide for us– and thanks be to God!

As I write this on a Sunday afternoon, Lois and I have returned from our last Sunday with our Richmond church, friends who have shared our lives and ministry through the last eight years. They've invested themselves in us, even as we have in them. As we come to you, we'll bring with us what they've put into our lives – as we share ourselves with you, you'll receive blessings and gifts from them as well. Thanks be to God!

This past month, our lives have been a whirlwind, making preparations to come your way – and also bidding farewell to friends here. As we've parted, they've wished us well and extended us warm words of encouragement – and almost without exception, they've wished good things for Millfield as well. They've prayed for God's blessings here, and many have promised to keep all of us in their prayers. Thanks be to God!

Good times behind us, laced with enough difficulty to lend us strength. Good times ahead of us, sprinkled with enough adversity to keep us close to Him. Thanks be to God, for his mercy endures forever!

Pastor Jay

Community



Thanksgiving Service

The annual Thanksgiving Service will be held on Wednesday, November 26 at Ivor United Methodist Church at 7:30 PM. Rev. Jay Butcher will be bringing the message for the service. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

Contact Information

Rev. Jay Butcher: 757-677-6963

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(no land line at the parsonage-please use above numbers to call Jay or Lois directly)

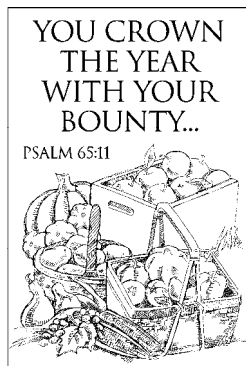
Blackwater Association Fall Meeting

"Missions and Relief Ministries"

The Blackwater Association Fall Meeting was held on Sunday, October 26 at Wilroy Baptist Church. Bob Felts, John Lennon and Sharon Patterson attended as Millfield messengers. The business meeting began at 3:00 PM, with Rev. T.F. Irby, Jr. presiding. Each church received a Fall Book of Reports (May-October 2008) containing reports of Directors, Officers, and Representatives and Standing Committee reports. The mission team from Smithfield Baptist gave an informative presentation on their summer trip to Romania and Germany. Several people talked about their experiences in helping with disaster relief in Suffolk and in Louisiana.

After a delicious meal, the evening worship session began with music by the Wilroy orchestra and Adult choir. Rev. Terry Raines, Mobile Mission and Disaster Relief Coordinator, Glocal Missions and Evangelism Team, Virginia Baptist Resource Center, brought an inspiring message.

Congratulations to Sharon Barnes and Doug Whitehead who were united in marriage on October 21, 2008. Their address is 23019 Sedley Road, Franklin, Va. 23851. Phone: 562-7147

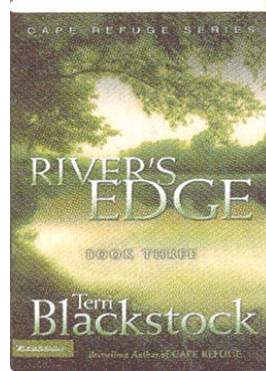


Behind the Scenes...Special Thanks to

The Parsonage committee for all their hard work!

*Bobby Stephenson, *Richard Simms, Molly Dowless, Beth Cabell, Nancy Stephenson, & Earl Parker

Visit our Church Library



River's Edge by Terri Blackstock

Ben Jackson is the frontrunner in Cape Refuge's mayoral race when his wife, Lisa, is killed. Now he's the Police Chief, Cade's prime suspect, but the list of suspects is growing...

BGAV Annual Meeting

The 185th annual meeting of the Baptist General Association of Virginia will be held in Roanoke November 11-12. Attendees will learn how to "Reach Beyond the Church Doors" to minister to neighbors in our communities, our state, and our world.

Rev. Jay Butcher, Susan Stone and Sharon Patterson will be attending from Millfield. We are also pleased that Rev. Wellford Tiller has been voted to serve as a messenger as well. Pastors meet a day earlier for a pre-conference, therefore Jay will be gone from Monday-Wednesday evening. Sharon will be working an alternate schedule for the week (Monday and Thursday).



*Just a
Reminder...*

*Set Your
clocks back
one hour on
Saturday,
November 1
so you
won't be
late for
church on
Sunday!*



**Week of
November 10
Monday and
Thursday
9am-2pm**

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Rev. Jay Butcher, Pastor

November 2008

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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2 Our new pastor's first Sunday!	3 7:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	4	5 11:00 am Eleanor Booth Circle meets here 6:00 PM Family Night Supper 7:00 PM Signing 7:30 PM Choir	6	7 Women's Weekender at Eagle Eyrie	8
9	10	11 BGAV Conference	12 BGAV Conference 7:00 pm Signing 7:30 PM Choir practice	13	14	15
16 8:00am Men's Breakfast 12:00 Missions Leaders' Lunch *Shoeboxes due for Operation Christmas Child	17 7:00 pm Women of Faith Group meets here	18	19 7:00 pm Signing 7:30 pm Choir	20	21	22
23 11:00 am Children in Action meet 6:00 PM Church wide Covered dish supper	24	25	26 7:00 pm Signing 7:30 pm Community Thanksgiving Service at Ivor UMC	27	28	29
30 1st Sunday of Advent						



Millfield Weekly Schedule

Sunday

Fellowship Time 9:30 am
 Sunday School 10:00 am
 Worship 11:00 am

◆ Church Office Hours

Monday 9:00-2:00
 Tuesday 9:00-2:00
 Thursday 9:00-2:00

**Changes will be noted in the
 bulletin on Sundays or by e-
 mail.*

November Birthdays



- 2 Tammy Warner
- 9 George Carr
Traci Ratliff
- 12 Morris Griffin
- 13 Hunter Britt
Wellford Tiller
- 15 Blanche Akers
- 20 Jeremy Gibbs
- 27 Susan Stone
- 28 Vicky Goodrich
Darren Owen
- 29 O.C. Griffin

Nursery Schedule

- 2 Jennifer & Neil Cutright
- 9 Becky & Daniel Felts
- 16 Tom & Dana Britt
- 23 Melissa & Chris Cornwell
- 30 Patsy Warren & Marisa Cabell

YOUTH



Schedule for November

- 1** 8:30 AM Leave Millfield for Lake Prince in Suffolk
 Fall Beautification Day *lunch provided; We will
 shop for gifts for the shoebox project-Operation
 Christmas Child at the Dollar Store afterward
- 2** 5:00 PM Puppet Practice; 6:00 Supper
 6:30 PM Lighthouse
- 9** 6:30 PM Lighthouse
- 15** 9:30 AM Leave Millfield for Bingo at Waverly
 Nursing Home *Bring money for lunch & one or
 more stuffed animals (new or gently used to be given
 for bingo prizes).
- 16** Road clean up after church *bring your lunch
 5:00 PM Puppet Practice; 6:00-8:00 PM -
 Parents and teens meet at the Holdsworth's.
 *Parents are encouraged to come as there will be
 important information being given out!
- 23** 6:00 PM Church wide Thanksgiving covered
 dish supper- Youth will meet after the meal until
 8:00 PM
- 30** 6:30 PM Lighthouse *No youth led service in am.

Opportunities for Service Projects in November

- Lake Prince Woods in Suffolk asks for help from local church groups and organizations to work on their grounds. This year on Nov. 1, instead of mulching, we will be planting! We will take a trip to the Dollar Store and buy some gifts after lunch for Operation Christmas Child.
- Our nursing home ministry will begin on the 15th, as we go and play bingo with the residents in Waverly. All youth are encouraged to attend these events.
- On November 16, Millfield Road is in need of a clean up! Trash pick up will begin after lunch. Please wear gloves, good shoes and dress for the weather. All youth and parents are invited to the Holdsworth's for our annual bonfire and supper afterward. This will give an opportunity for parents to have a brief time to meet, share ideas, and give feedback about our Youth program.
- There are many exciting opportunities ahead for our youth at Millfield and for parents to get plugged in too! It takes all of us working together to build a GREAT Youth program.



As We Journey...

From Tennyson's Ulysses:

*"I am a part of all that I have met;
Yet all experience is an arch wherethro'
Gleams that untravell'd world, whose margin fades
Forever and for ever when I move."*

At the risk of telling you more than you want to know about this work, in this often-misunderstood poem, written in 1833 and revised for publication in 1842, Alfred Lord Tennyson reworks the figure of Ulysses by drawing on the ancient hero of Homer's *Odyssey* ("Ulysses" is the Roman form of the Greek "Odysseus") and the medieval hero of Dante's *Inferno*. One very important message is that Ulysses is declaring that his travels and encounters have shaped who he is. ("I am a part of all I have met.")

That characterizes very accurately how I feel about our journey together for the past fifteen months. As already mentioned, it was actually a journey that had its beginning more than four years ago with a phone call from a church member who sensed rising anxiety within the congregation that eventually led to the church engaging the Intentional Interim Ministry. I was very pleased that Wellford Tiller, my good friend and one of "my" former campus ministers, was called to walk with you for 18 months.

Through Wellford's leadership and, I pray, my attempt to be faithful to your vision, you have become, a healthy congregation. A part of what it means to be healthy is to recognize that the struggle continues, that congregational anxiety and conflict will ebb and flow, but that you will not be distracted by that because you understand that it does not have to be destructive; in fact, conflict can be an opportunity for personal and spiritual growth.

My heart is filled with deep gratitude for you. Thank you for the monetary gift, the cards, the calls, the plaque of the benediction I used every Sunday-but more importantly, thank you for the gift of your friendship—all the way from the children to Miss Elva! Quite candidly, I am experiencing some grief at this "loss" but I am excited about the next chapter in your quest to live into the contours of God's will and direction. Be assured that I will follow your ministry with great interest. The very last line of Tennyson's poem is an appropriate way to wish you Godspeed—that is, I will pray that you will be

*"...strong in will To strive, to seek,
to find, and not to yield."*

Blessings for a sacred pace as you continue your journey.

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Operation Christmas Child

Operation Christmas Child brings joy and hope to children in desperate situations around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes and the Good News of God's love. Since 1993, more than 61 million shoe boxes have been packed, shipped, and delivered across the globe. People of all ages can be involved in this simple, hands-on missions project while focusing on the true meaning of Christmas—Jesus Christ.

~taken from web site www.samaritanspurse.org

National Collection Week November 17-24

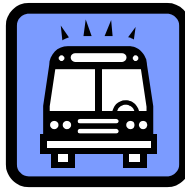


Our Eleanor Booth Circle is sponsoring this project and has provided the congregation with informational brochures. If you have not received one and would like to participate, please refer to the above website or call the church office.

Completed shoeboxes need to be brought to the church no later than Sunday, November 16. Thank you for your help.

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Fifteen Passenger Bus Pledge Drive

Dear Friends of Millfield,

During our July church conference the church van committee recommended that the church consider selling our church van and replacing it with a 15 passenger bus. Current new cost is between \$45,000 and \$50,000. We were directed to come back to the October conference with a proposal on how to pay for a bus. We did this and recommended that the church have a pledge drive during this last quarter of 2008 to see if we could secure enough pledged money to enable us to proceed with plans to purchase a bus.

Because of safety reasons, the van committee would like to see Millfield purchase a bus as soon as possible; however, we know we must wait until funding is secured. We are therefore attaching a bus pledge form for you. Please prayer fully consider what you could do to help make this dream of a church bus a reality. Please return the pledge form to a member of this committee or to the church office no later than December 15, 2008. Do not send any money in with your pledge at this time because we first want to see how much we can raise before we start the donation process. Please remember that we are asking for these pledged funds to be over and beyond your regular tithe as we need your gifts to maintain our current budget.

Thank you for your help.
Van Committee: Randal Branch, Jay Epperson,
Bobby Stephenson, Sharon Patterson

Church Bus Pledge Form

YES! I/we want to help pay for a church bus!

Name(s): _____

Mailing Address: _____

City _____ **State** _____ **Zip** _____

Phone _____

I/we pledge a sum of \$ _____

(check one)

One time Two installments

Monthly (Divide total by 12)

Monthly (Divide total by 24)

Signed: _____

Date: _____