

Millfield News

Events and Activities at Millfield Baptist Church

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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

Have you ever been to the Alamo in San Antonio, Texas? The city has done as good a job of blending its rich history with the contemporary culture as any city I have visited. Its story is truly amazing. The Alamo was a Spanish mission that became a military fortress in the early 1800's. At that time, Mexico had separated from Spain and Texas wanted to separate from Mexico to be a part of the United States.

Texas rebellions were quickly crushed by Santa Anna, the Mexican dictator, and his army of over 16,000 men finally marched toward the Alamo where nearly 200 men remained. You know the rest of the story. For about 13 days, this small group of brave men held off Santa Anna's army and all were eventually killed. But while they fought, the rest of Texas had time to gather troops and assemble an army that would eventually defeat Mexico and allowed Texas to win her independence.

But there is another legend attached to this story. It is said that as Santa Anna's army approached, the men inside the Alamo knew they were up against incredible odds and would face almost certain death. Before the army arrived, Commander Colonel William Barnett Travis gathered the troops together and told them they had a choice. They could leave the fortress now while there was still time and escape with their lives, or they could stay and fight and die for the cause.

The commander then took his sword, drew a line in the sand and said, "Those prepared to give their lives in freedom's cause, come over to me." The legend has it that every man without hesitation crossed the line—except one. His name was Jim Bowie, inventor of the Bowie knife. Jim Bowie was a brave man who had demonstrated his courage many times. According to the legend, the reason he didn't walk over with the rest was because he was too ill with typhoid pneumonia and couldn't walk at all. So he asked the men to carry him over the line in his bed where he joined the others who fought to their deaths.

True or not, it is a good story. If it is a true story, Bowie must have known that he would die with the rest, yet he still fought for what he valued even more than life. Doing ministry can be like that. It is not just for "paid staff." Even though the church is not facing a "slaughter," we are facing some critical struggles. It's true. . . struggles can sometimes seem insurmountable. But when we believe in the "cause" we will find a way to take the gospel to our community and to the world. There will be discouragement. You might sometimes feel that the odds are against us; that we can't possibly make a difference. But God promises to be the one to fight the battles through us and to take whatever we offer and use it for God's glory and God's purposes.

Therefore, as we begin to think about the journey just ahead, when your church calls on you to offer your gifts in God's service, stand up, cross the line, and give what you have. If you can't stand, someone will carry you.

Blessings in your journey,

Tad

Pastor Search Committee

The Search Committee would like to thank the congregation for their constant prayers and support over the past six months. God's guiding hand has been evident at many points along the way and it is only because of the prayers being offered that this could occur.

The committee has heard sermon tapes from two candidates and will be meeting with one candidate the first week in September. If, after meeting with him, they feel led to continue to pursue the candidate they will; if not, they will meet with the other candidate.

Please continue to pray that the Search Committee will be thoughtful and deliberate, will stay refreshed and renewed, and will discern God's will for our church.

Deacon Ordination

Two of our three newly elected deacons, Steve Cabell and Susan Stone, will be ordained on Sunday, September 2 during our 11:00 am worship service. Mert Felts has served previously as deacon and will be returning. We look forward to their leadership abilities and spiritual guidance.

The following people are rotating off after their 3 year terms : Betsy Cutright, Walt Holdsworth and Donnie Bracey. Our congregation appreciates the dedication of those who are willing to serve in this capacity.

Choir- Join in the Gift of Music

Our choir is back to work and has resumed practices on Wednesday nights at 7:30 PM. Additional choir members are always welcome, so come out and lift your voices! Contact Sandy Vick (859-6789) or just drop in!

“Sing and make music in your heart-Ephesians 5:19”

Hands in Service Signing Team

If you would like to use your *hands*, not your *voice*, to praise God through music, you may be interested in joining our signing team. Using American Sign Language, we create a beautiful expression of worship through Christian music. We sign songs with the choir, a soloist, or along with a CD.

We will be meeting twice monthly on alternate Wednesday nights beginning on September 5th at 7:30 PM. Please call Sharon Patterson at 899-2298 for more information.

Puppet Ministry

Beginning in September, Donnie and Dreama Buhls will be leading our Hands in Service Puppet Team. Since organizing in 2003, our Puppet Ministry has performed at nursing homes and other area churches. At Millfield, the team enjoys doing skits for special seasonal events and for Children’s sermons.

If you are at least ten years old, and would like to join the H.I.S. Puppeteers, please sign up on the church bulletin board or call the church office. Practices will be held on the first and third Sundays of each month, from 5:00-6:00 PM, beginning September 16.

From Your Treasurer

Submitted by Betty Garner

Thanks to everyone for doing a good job in getting me your receipts. For all groups that collect money, please have someone from your group to count, put on a piece of paper the name of group and the amounts, including cash total; check total; and grand total of deposit to be made. It may be left in the church office or call Betty Garner. On Saturdays, any deposits will be completed and added with the Sunday collection. Any checks for reimbursement for church members will be found in sealed envelopes with your name on it in the treasurer's box in hall outside of office for you to pick up on Sunday mornings.

Sunday School Summit

This training session is for current or future teachers and for those interested in starting Bible Study Groups. Visit the website: www.ssconnection.net and click on “training events.” Franklin Dowless has more information.

Building and Grounds

Volunteers are needed to help paint the exterior doors of the church building. Please call Richard Simms at 899-8300 if you can assist in this project!

Next Month:

An article from Mattie Patterson about her mission trip experiences in Europe!

September Birthdays

- 2 Michelle Bradley
- 4 Taylor Warner
- 5 Lannie Chitwood
Kelly Anne Stallard
- 6 Julie Branch
- 7 Isaac Brittle
John Lennon
- 9 Richard Simms
- 17 Susan Owen
- 18 Paul Branch
- 19 Kayla Engel
Elva Magee
- 22 Brandon Atkins
- 29 Sonny Warren
- 30 Delores Parker
Sandy Vick

Nursery Workers Schedules

- 2 Samantha Upton & Ann Magee
- 9 Leslie Brittle & Chris Hardt
- 16 Jessica Atkins & Sharon Barnes
- 23 Teresa Bracey & Michelle Bradley
- 30 Patsy Warren & Paula Bailey

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 available.

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John Tadlock, Interim Pastor

September 2007

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	3	4 6:00 Finance Com- mittee Meeting	5 6:15 Family night supper 7:30 Choir Signing Team Practice	6	7	8
9 9:15 am Worship group meets	10 7:00 Deacons Meeting	11	12 7:30 Choir	13	14	15
16 9:15 am Youth council meets 5:00 Puppet practice	17 6:00 Finance Committee Meeting	18	19 7:30 Choir Signing Team Practice	20	21	22
23 7:00 Casual Evening Wor- ship Service	24 7:00 Women of Faith meeting	25	26 ₃ 7:30 Choir	27	28	29
30 11:00 am Youth Sunday						

Women: Plan to “Get Away” in November

What could be more beautiful in early November than to be in the mountains of Lynchburg in all its Fall color and beauty with several hundred women from across Virginia who’ve come to re-energize themselves as women of God?

All Millfield woman are invited to attend the Women’s Get-Away, Nov. 2-3 at Eagle Eyrie Conference Center. You can’t beat the cost – only \$57 includes overnight lodging, three meals, snacks, registration and program fee. It’s only a one-night stay away from home, and we’ll be staying in our own multi-bedroom lodge!

For those who’ve never been, this is a weekend jam-packed with group worship experiences and break-out sessions where you will be refreshed and renewed. Outstanding speakers and musicians are a highlight of the weekend, and this year Kate Campbell will be the guest musician. Some of us are familiar with her because of the song she wrote using the *Thomas Merton* prayer that Wellford introduced us to at the first Sunday evening casual service.

You will not be disappointed if you go!

Schedule:

Nov. 2	1:00 p.m.	Leave Millfield for Lynchburg
	4:00 p.m.	Registration
	5:00 – 6:30 p.m.	Dinner
	6:30-8:15 p.m.	Worship
	8:30-9:30 p.m.	Conferences
	9:30 p.m.	Fellowship
Nov. 3	7:00-8:30 a.m.	Breakfast
	8:15-9:45 a.m.	Worship
	9:45-10:15 a.m.	Break
	10:15-11:15 a.m.	Conferences
	11:30-12:30 p.m.	First lunch
	12:30-1:30 p.m.	Second lunch
	12:30-1:30 p.m.	Conferences
	1:30-3:00 p.m.	Worship
	3:00 p.m.	Leave for home

Women of Faith, a mission focused group, meets monthly. We invite all ladies of the church to attend our next meeting on September 24th at 7:00 pm. Throughout the year, we identify needs in our community and work on projects to help others. We join together to pray for our missionaries that are serving here and in other countries. Our 2006-2008 Watchword is: “Walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God” (Colossians 1:10 NKJV)

From the Finance Committee

We are currently reviewing our line items of our budget, and getting ready for next year. Anyone with a current budget, new committee, group or program that has or is in need of a line item (money) for next year’s budget needs to submit in writing their request with justification (reason for the money) to the Finance Committee by September 16, 2007. Please include with your request a brief description of any projects, expected expenditures, or summary of your line item. This will be used to determine the needs of the church and help the committee granting all requests for funds. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact any committee member (Shawn Felts, Betty Garner, Bob Mitchell, Randall Branch, Patsy Warren, or Frank Patterson). Please give your request to a committee member or place it in the Treasurer’s mailbox by Sept. 16 for review. If you wish to have money for next year we must receive a summary and request from you.

We will be working on the budget during the month of September to be ready for the Quarterly meeting in October. If you are unsure if you need to submit, ask a member. Also, if you have any suggestions for next year, please also put your ideas in writing and submit the like. Thank you in advance for your assistance in this matter, and please keep us in your prayers while we start this tedious process.

Casual Evening Service

We will resume our fourth Sunday night casual evening services beginning September 23 at 7:00 PM. John Tadlock will be leading our worship time together.

This service is an opportunity to reach out to those who, because of work or other involvements, cannot attend the 11:00 worship. Even though it does fall in the normal time frame of our Youth meeting, it is *not* contemporary based, just for the younger crowd. Since it was begun, we have enjoyed being exposed to some different types of worship experiences. Please join us!

Family Night Suppers

1st Wednesdays of each month

Beginning September 5th

New Time: 6:15 PM

There is a small charge for the meal.

Children 3- 6 \$3.00

Ages over 6 \$4.00

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Youth News

Thanks to Ryan and Emmette who used their creative talents for our final fun event of the summer, **Messy night!** Fifteen of our Youth participated in gooey food games which brought a lot of laughing and joking. We ended up in the fellowship hall, giving Ryan a farewell party, complete with cake, ice cream and gag gifts.

Now, after a couple of weeks off, we resume our Sunday night Youth program schedule on September 9. Hope you guys learned a lot over the summer and had a good time as well.

We welcome incoming new members who are beginning 6th grade! Look for new things happening as we dive into God's word each week. Also this fall, we will be dividing up Jr. and Sr. High ages for our devotion time.

Another fifth Sunday is rolling around again on September 30. If you are in 6th-12 grade and interested in being a part of the service or have any ideas, please join us!



Our group at King's Dominion in Richmond

September Youth Calendar

- 9 Lighthouse 6:30 PM New 6th graders welcome
- 16 Puppets 5:00; Youth supper 6:00
Lighthouse 6:30 PM
- 23 Commitment service for True Love Waits 6:00
Casual evening service 7:00
- 26 Attend your school's *See You at the Pole*
- 30 Youth Sunday 11:00 AM
*No meeting

Quotes From Teens About Summer 2007

"...Snowbird camp gave us a lot of cool activities and they made learning about God more interesting. I was encouraged to read the Left Behind Series. I will share the Snowbird DVE with my friends." **Jessica Atkins, 12th grade**

"...Snowbird was cool. The people that went really enjoyed it." **Jeremy Gibbs, 8th grade**

"...YEC rocked! I really hope it transformed those who went to it. I encourage everyone to go next year." **Shannon Regula, 8th grade**

"...Snowbird was a great camp. It inspired me to read the bible more." **Falon Williams, 7th grade**

"...Snowbird was very, very uplifting." **Chandler Williams, 9th**