

# 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

“Dad, I would like some Cheerios for breakfast tomorrow!” This was my son’s rather emphatic request about 29 years ago when he was about 5 years old. What made this request noteworthy was that Kelly never ate Cheerios for breakfast—or any meal.

I thought, “Oh, well, I guess he’s decided he likes them or someone at pre-school told him they were good.” The next morning he practically met me at the pantry, eager for me to retrieve the unopened box of Cheerios. He asked if he could open the box and before I could respond, he tore into the cereal and his motive was revealed. Kelly wasn’t interested in the cereal; he just wanted the Hot Wheels car that was packed in the box!

I should have known that it was the surprise inside that energized his passion and interest. As I watched him begin to play with this new toy, I recalled a similar memory from my own childhood. My mother would buy a box of cereal (with many fewer choices available at the time) that said, “Surprise contained inside,” and when she wasn’t home my brother and I would get a large bowl and dump all the cereal into it so we could get the toy.

As I thought about the excitement of the cereal that has “surprises inside,” I started thinking about the surprises that the Easter season (Eastertide) contains. Easter is the ultimate surprise or good news for our lives as we have celebrated the resurrection of Jesus and the promise of eternal life.

Unfortunately, many want the surprise without eating the cereal. Too often we gather to celebrate the good news of Easter but we neglect to feed our souls with the “Bread of Life” the other days of the year. If we make a commitment to feed our lives each day with the teaching of Jesus, then I think we will find that the surprise of the empty tomb will excite us even more.

Eternal life—what does that mean, really? Well, for one thing, it means *quantity*, living forever. But that’s not the only thing it means. Eternal also means “quality,” or living in a way that brings meaning, purpose, and joy to us as well as those whom God gives us each day.

I remember a lot of good cereal being wasted when we poured it out to get the toy. There are way too many hungry souls in this world, and in this community, for us to grab the surprise without breaking the bread.

Cheerios, anyone?

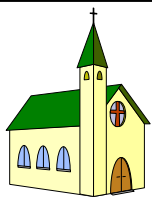
*Tad*

## Pastor Search Committee Update

We are very excited to tell you that the candidate we have been talking to for several weeks has let us know that he and his wife feel God is leading them to Millfield. We have talked with a number of candidates over the last 18 months and feel that this candidate is the best match for our church and feel God’s guidance in bringing him to us.

On April 6 the Pastor Search Committee will be traveling to the Charlottesville area to hear him preach. After that we will schedule a time, perhaps the April Wednesday Night Family Supper, for our church members to hear

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## 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  
 (every other week)

◆ 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

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about the candidate – his background and experience, education, family, and impressions of him from the Search Committee.

Within the next several weeks the candidate and his family will come for a weekend visit with us. Although definite schedules and agendas have not been finalized, there will probably be a dinner on Friday night with the Deacons and other church leaders, on Saturday the candidate and his family will tour the area, look at houses, schools, etc. and on Saturday night there will be a covered dish dinner for the church to get to know the family. The next day he will preach and following the service that day we will vote on the candidate. As soon as dates are set we will let our members know.

Much prayer is still needed because there are still some questions to be answered and many details to put in place. This is not a “done deal” by any means. We still need to ask for God’s guidance and leadership during the next few weeks.

The Search Committee is very grateful for the prayers and words of encouragement our members have expressed over the last year or so. Your prayers have been felt and God’s hand of guidance has been working through the whole process.



Articles for the May issue are due no later than April 20!

## April Birthdays



- 2 Janice Atkins  
Madison Cabell
- 4 Molly Dowless
- 5 Jerry Hacker
- 6 Cathy Simms
- 8 Benji Goodrich
- 9 Betty Garner  
Hunter Patterson  
Nell Tiller
- 11 Earl Parker
- 20 Payton Atkins
- 22 Dylan Buhls
- 28 Allison Brittle  
Bubba Ratliff
- 29 Mary Beth Williams
- 30 Chance Hacker  
Chris Hardt

## Spring Missions Emphasis



This spring our missions emphasis will be on the work of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship through the CBF Global Missions Offering. During the month of April there will be information in the bulletin each Sunday about the work of CBF and highlights of some of the missionaries and missions opportunities.

Through CBF Global Missions, approximately 150 field personnel are currently serving among and with the most neglected people of the world.

The CBF Offering for Global Missions goes to field personnel salaries, benefits and ministry and operating expenses. This Offering is not “over and above” the CBF Global Missions budget. The Offering is the PRIMARY way CBF field personnel are funded. Through the Offering, CBF churches participate together to do things we could never do alone.

Offering envelopes will be available for CBF Global Missions and for those who prefer to give to the Annie Armstrong Offering for SBC Missions we will have those envelopes available, too.

## Nursery Workers Schedule

- 6 Randal & Joy Branch
- 13 Theresa, Kayla & Montana Engel
- 20 Bob & Carol Jean Felts
- 27 Paul & Julie Branch

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John Tadlock, Interim Pastor



Date set for Youth Spring Fundraiser Yard Sale Saturday, May 3. Location to be determined. We will be collecting items during the month of April. Call Traci Ratliff at 859-6383.



# April 2008

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		<b>1</b> 7:00 Exercise Class	<b>2</b> 11:00 am WMU Eleanor Boothe Circle meets @ Betsy Cutright's 7:30 Choir Practice	<b>3</b> 7:00 Exercise Class	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> Light Ministries Weekend 6:00 Pizza supper 7:00 Concert *Open to all
<b>6</b> Light Ministries 11:00 am Worship 12:15 Covered dish lunch Deacon's meet after church	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> 7:00 Exercise Class	<b>9</b> 6:00 Family Night Supper  7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	<b>10</b> 7:00 Exercise Class  7:30 Quarterly Church Conference	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> 7:00 Exercise Class	<b>16</b> 7:00 VBS Planning Meeting  7:30 Choir Practice	<b>17</b> 7:00 Exercise Class	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 9:30 Cystic Fibrosis Walk in Chesa- peake
<b>20</b> 8 am Men's Breakfast 4 :00 BBA Spring Inspirational Meeting @ Smithfield Baptist Church	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> 7:00 Exercise Class 6:00 WMU Spring Meeting West End Baptist Church	<b>23</b> 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	<b>24</b> 7:00 Exercise Class	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b> Deacon's Retreat at Airfield Conference Center
<b>27</b> 7:00 Casual Evening Service	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> 7:00 Exercise Class	<b>30</b> 6:30 Women of Faith Missions Group 7:30 Choir Practice			

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## Light Ministries Weekender

### Saturday April 5-

**6 pm** Pizza Supper with Light Ministries  
sign up in Lighthouse or call  
Sharon P. if you are coming

**7 pm** Casual Concert  
Area church groups are invited

### Sunday April 6-

**9:30 am** Fellowship breakfast  
**10:00 am** Light students lead Sunday School  
**11:00 am** Worship  
**12:15** Church wide covered dish lunch

## Mark the Date for Camp!!

The week for Snowbird Camp is **July 21-26**. If you would like to go to a HIGH adventure and DEEPLY spiritual camp, sign up in the Lighthouse and make a first deposit of \$25.00 by April 20. Those going will meet and decide on several fundraisers to defray the cost.

*Thank You!*

March 17, 2008

Dear Sharon and all of you wonderful youth,

I enjoyed so much your visit and sharing in your program last night. It was good fellowship. It was good to see all of you and feel all the love and support you give each other. Millfield is blessed.

Thanks also for the flowers and card. Come back when ever you can- maybe you'll get a chair to sit in next time. I'm proud of all of you.

Love,  
Betsy



**Reminder!!**  
May 3rd  
Spring Yard Sale Fundraiser  
Start cleaning out your garage  
or attic! More details soon!



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

**5-6** *Light Singers Weekend*

**6** *No Activities, Supper or Meeting tonight*

**13** *Lighthouse @ 6:30*

**19** *Cystic Fibrosis Walk in Chesapeake*  
*Registration starts at 9:30- leaving Millfield at 8:15- bring your collection envelope & money (see Tracey Stallard if you did not get one). Sign up in the Lighthouse.*

**20** *Puppet Practice @ 5:00; Supper @ 6:00; Lighthouse @ 6:30.*

**25-26** *Area churches participate in 30 Hour Famine @ Black Creek Baptist Church*  
*\*More information to come*

**27** *Casual Evening Service*



**OUR BBQ FUNDRAISER PROCEEDS - \$1130.60**



# Women of Faith Conference Corner



*It's good to let go and laugh when life is weighing you down, It won't change any of the circumstances you find yourself in, but when you laugh at the antics of others, it helps to lighten the load. ~Sheila Walsh*

As of the printing of this newsletter, we have fifteen ladies registered for the "Infinite Grace" conference in July. Millfield has purchased a total of 31 tickets, which leaves more seats to be filled! Let's reach out to our friends, our sisters, our co-workers and our neighbors, grab them by the hand and take them along. We want to FILL THAT BUS! It's already April and July is right around the corner. Don't be left out of this awesome experience. Register now, at a total cost of \$240.00 (all inclusive except one meal).

The Pre-Conference this year is held from 10-3:30 pm on July 11. For those of you who attended last year, you know that this is a time of more in-depth, intense learning. Often women find that this is their favorite part of the whole weekend. Do your feelings have you tied in knots? You are not the only one. We'll join Patsy Clairmont, Anita Renfroe, and Jan Silvius for a day of laughter therapy and solid Biblical teaching on understanding our emotions. We'll learn to enjoy our rich emotional design with perspective from God's word on what to do regardless of how you feel. So...bring your tangled wad of emotions with you...it's okay, we'll work it out!

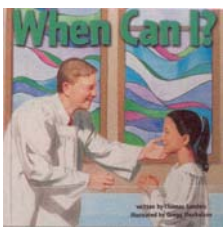
## **ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE MONTH**

*God brings joy into our lives by many means-- answered prayers, wisdom, His Word, good gifts, manifold blessings. All these things bring our hearts to rejoicing. "When the righteous see God in action, they'll laugh, they'll sing, they'll laugh and sing for joy" (Psalms 68:3) God should be our joy, and all else should fade out of focus in His light.*

My experience at the Women of Faith conference last summer was uplifting and awesome. The Porch Ladies (nickname for the speakers) were such a wonderful and diverse group of spiritual women. No matter what emotional baggage you brought to the conference or what condition your heart was in at the time, one of them spoke directly to your soul and gave you an inspirational, funny and uplifting spiritual message. The love and camaraderie in that huge coliseum was nothing less than overwhelming—so many women joined together to worship and praise the Lord and be drawn closer to Him and to each other. A truly amazing time of spiritual renewal. Please join us this summer to experience "His Infinite Grace." Be ready to laugh, cry and celebrate being a Woman of Faith! P.S. Bring a sweater!

Blessings,  
Sharon Barnes

## **FROM THE LIBRARY...CHECK IT OUT FOR CHILDREN**



### **When Can I? by Thomas Sanders**

Children have many questions on their journey toward faith in Christ. This book will help adults guide a child's early steps by providing answers to such questions as "When can I be baptized?" or "When can I take the Lord's Supper or become a Christian?"



### **Hermie A Common Caterpillar by Max Lucado**

Hermie wonders why God chose to make him so common when other creatures boast something unique. But then a miracle happens and he learns of God's impeccable timing, love and purpose. Hermie will wiggle his way into your heart.



God's timing is wonderful! On April 2-4, your church secretary will be attending a 20-hour seminar in Va. Beach for Ministry Assistants. Classes will focus on six ministry issues: *God's Call, Character, Leadership, Communication, Administration and Ministry*. The goal is to obtain professional certification as a ministry assistant, thus being better equipped to serve the church, as well as our new pastor. Thank you for this opportunity to further my skills. This position as secretary has been both challenging and rewarding!

~ I will be in the church office Tuesday April 1 only--classes start on Wednesday at 8:30 am!

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## Blackwater WMU Spring Meeting

Rev. Raymond Bunn will be talking about his recent trip to Africa at the Blackwater WMU Annual Spring Meeting on Tuesday, April 22 at West End Baptist in Suffolk. Dinner is at 6:00 with the program at 7:00. For those who'd like to carpool, meet at the church at 5:45 p.m. Cost of the meal is \$8.00, and Susan Stone needs to have a count on who is going from Millfield by Monday, April 7. Canned food and other non-perishable food is being collected at this meeting to take to Franklin Cooperative Ministry.



## Vacation Bible School Coming Up! *June 23-27*

The next planning meeting for our VBS staff will be on Wednesday, April 16 at 7 pm in the Fellowship hall. There are many vacancies for you to choose from, so please consider how to best use your spiritual gifts to help out! Please call Rose Sculthorpe at 757-508-9770!

*Meet Alex  
& Cooper*

