

Millfield News

Events and Activities at Millfield Baptist Church

Handbell Concert Highlights Advent and Christmas Activities

A concert by the **Virginia Handbell Consort** will be the highlight of Millfield's Advent and Christmas activities this year. The concert will take place on Saturday, December 16, at 7:00 PM in the church sanctuary and is open to anyone in the community. There will be a reception in the fellowship hall following the concert. The ensemble formed in 1996 with the mission of educating the Tidewater community about the various styles of handbell ringing and presenting handbell music of the highest quality to local audiences. Millfield is fortunate to be a part of the



Virginia Handbell Consort ringers

Consorts holiday season schedule.

There are other events on Millfield's Advent calendar as well. **The Children's Christmas Program**, a Christmas musical created by Pam Andrews, and arranged by John DeVries "**Joyland**" will be presented on the evening of Sunday, December 10, at 7:00 PM, also with a reception to follow.

On the afternoon of December 17th, come along with us as we enjoy **Christmas Caroling** in the surrounding community beginning at 4:30pm. A hearty soup supper will be provided at the home of Bob and Carol Jean Felts, and then we're off!! On Christmas Eve from 5:00-7:00 pm, gather your family and friends and join us for Christmas Eve Communion. This is a special tradition for our Millfield family and we hope you'll make plans to attend.

This is certainly a season of peace, joy, hope, and love. As noted above, there are many opportunities to share in this season with your Millfield Family. Why not use one or more of these events to spread the joy and invite a friend or neighbor to attend with you?

Virginia Baptist Children's Home Project

As in recent years during the Christmas season, Millfield has provided gifts for the residents of the Virginia Baptist Children's Home. Again this year, our Youth will help sponsor this event. Be on the lookout for a Christmas Tree located in a central location decorated with gift tags. Please select a tag, (there will be several price ranges to choose from), purchase the gift, and drop off the unwrapped gift in the Young Adult Sunday School Classroom by noon on **December 17th**. The gifts will then be delivered to the Children's Home in time for Christmas. Please find it in your heart to assist with this worthwhile cause, and make a child's holiday a little brighter this season!

Some of the items on the wish list this year include: Walmart & Target Gift Cards, basketballs, personal CD players, fishing rod, scrapbook/photo album supplies, TV's, phone cards, cologne/perfumes.

See any Youth member, Sharon Patterson, or Franklin Dowless for more info.

Pastor Search Committee Update

Our Pastor Search Committee has been formed, and they have had their first meeting. The members of the committee are:

Steve Cabell
Linda Chitwood
Bob Felts
Jean Felts
Kenneth Stallard
Susan Stone
Sandy Vick

The committee has not yet elected its chair or secretary. That will probably happen at their next meeting which will be on December 13. At that time Eddie Heath, Regional Representative for the Virginia Baptist Mission Board, will meet with the committee to give them some initial guidance.

The Committee's work will take place in four phases. The following is a brief description of those phases. Please remember that this is a very general description, and some modifications to the process may be made as situations warrant.

Preliminary Phase — getting organized, electing officers, establishing policies on communication, confidentiality, etc.

Study Phase — A profile of the church and a profile of the desired pastor will be developed. (Some of this work has been started by the Transition Team.) The pastor's job description will be reviewed and revised and the compensation package will be determined.

Search Phase — This is what most people think of as the work of the Search Committee. Names of potential candidates will be solicited

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Pastor Survey Form Available

Enclosed with this newsletter is a Prospective Pastor Survey Form. The purpose of this form is to give the congregation of Millfield another opportunity to express their views on the kind of person they think the church needs as its pastor. During a series of Home Meetings in August, congregation members were able to provide much feedback on this subject in group discussion format. The results of this survey will be considered along with the feedback presented in those group discussions.

In addition to being included with this newsletter, the forms will be available at the church through Sunday, December 24. It will also be sent out by email attachment. The surveys may be brought to the church and left in boxes around the church, or they may be returned by mail. The forms should be returned by the end of December.

Holiday Greetings

The CIA (Children in Action) Post Office will once again this year be up and running to assist with your Holiday Greetings. Beginning Dec 3rd thru Dec 24th, bring in your greeting cards along with .25/card and our CIA'S will stamp, sort and distribute your "Holiday Wishes to your Millfield Family. Be sure to check your mailboxes each Sunday!! All proceeds from the post office this year will once again assist with the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering. Please support this Mission, and Have a Blessed Holiday Season!

College Students to Lead Worship

Sunday, December 31, is a fifth Sunday which means our youth are in charge of the worship service. This will be a special service where several of our college students will lead in worship. Since many of these young adults are away most of the year, this will be a wonderful opportunity to hear from them together.

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from various sources, resumes will be received, and preliminary screening will be done. When the list is narrowed down, telephone interviews will be held, references will be checked, and background checks carried out. The committee will then settle on one candidate to proceed with in depth. This will involve observing the person lead worship, having a face to face interview, and letting the candidate see our community.

Presentation Phase — When the committee has discerned to the best of its ability the person God has prepared for this congregation, the committee will present that person to the congregation. This will probably involve a weekend of events where the candidate and the candidate's family meet with the congregation and various organizations within the congregation. The candidate will lead the morning worship service, and a vote will be taken a week later. If the vote is affirmative, the Search Committee and Transition Team will help the newly called pastor transition into the community.

The Search Committee will strive to keep the congregation informed about its progress through a variety of means including this newsletter, the web site, church announcements, and email. Of course, because much of the committee's work will involve discussions with and about people who are serving other churches, they will have to balance openness with the congregation with confidentiality about specific individuals who are being considered.

Please pray for your Search Committee, the Transition Team, and your interim pastor as this process proceeds. And feel free to ask questions and communicate with the committee members as their work continues.

DECEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Megen Bracey
- 3 Annie Bell Harrup
- 13 Trip Felts
- 19 Mert Felts
- 21 Reid Holdsworth
- 26 Denise Plummer
- 27 Nicole Branch
- 29 Frank Patterson

NURSERY WORKERS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 3 Earl & Delores Parker
- 10 Randy & Brooklyne Carr
- 17 Tracey & Kelly Stallard
- 24 Theresa, Kayla & Montana Engel
- 31 Patsy Warren & Paula Bailey

SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 3 Jean & Shawn Felts
- 10 Women Of Faith
- 17 Brotherhood
- 24 VOLUNTEER
- 31 Delores & Earl Parker

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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	2 3:00pm "Service of Remembrance" @ Purviance
3 9:30am Fellowship Breakfast	4 7:30pm Deacons Meeting	5	6 5:45 Dinner 6:00 Play Practice 6:30 Programs 7:30 Choir & Signing Prac.	7	8 7-9pm Dress Rehearsal For Christams Play	9 7-9pm Final Dress Re- Hersal & Cast Party
10 9:30am Fellowship Breakfast 7:00pm Christmas Play/Recep- tion to fol-	11	12	13 6:00pm Pastor Search Comm. Mtg. 7:00pm Signing Pract. 7:30 Choir Pract.	14	15	16 7:00pm Virgina Hand- Bell Concert w/ Reception To follow
17 8:00 am Brotherhood Breakfast 9:30am Fellow- Ship Breakfast 4:30pm- Church- Wide Christmas Caroling	18 6:30pm "Women of Faith" meet at Jennifer Cutright's Home	19	20 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Programs 7:30 Choir & Signing Pract.	21	22	23
24 5-7pm Christmas Eve Communion At Millfield	25 JOY TO THE WORLD!!	26	27	28	29	30
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Deacon Contact Information

Now that the deacons have moved to a Ministry Team Model, church families are no longer assigned to a specific deacon. Church members and participants are encouraged to contact any deacon to inform them of needs in the congregation or the community. Contact information for our current deacons is as follows:

Ricky Atkins 757-899-6511
Donnie Bracey 757-859-6867
Randal Branch 757-859-6585
Linda Chitwood 757-859-6778
Betsy Cutright 757-859-6440
Walt Holdsworth 757-899-3600
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Kenneth Stallard 757-859-6732

Christmas Mission Offering Options

December is the time when churches in the Southern Baptist Convention collect the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions. This offering supports the work of the thousands of Southern Baptist missionaries overseas.

The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship also receives its Global Missions Offering in December. This offering supports the work of CBF missionaries around the world.

Because Millfield partners with both of these organizations, the WMU will be providing information about both offerings, and MBC members and participants will be allowed to choose which offering they wish to give to. Of course, you may give to both if you wish. Special offering envelopes and printed materials for both offerings will be available at the church.

YOUTH EVENTS

- 3rd—Puppet Practice @5pm, Supper @6pm, Lighthouse @6:30
6th—Play Practice @6pm
8th— Dress Rehearsal for Play 7-9pm
9th—Final Dress Rehearsal for play followed by Cast Party (time- TBA)
10th—NO YOUTH MEETING *Christmas Play at 7pm*
17—Practice for Youth Sunday @3pm, followed by Christmas Caroling @4:30pm, Soup Supper at Bob & Carol Jeans @ 5-5:30.
20th—Youth on Mission 6:30-7:30
21st—Movie Night (Time to be Announced) “The Nativity Story”
24th—*Christmas Eve* NO YOUTH MEETING
31st—YOUTH LED SERVICE 11:00 am (evening activity TBA)

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