

Millfield News

Events and Activities at Millfield Baptist Church

Millfield Youth Led Worship on October 29



Our Youth led Worship Services at Millfield on Sunday October 29th. This continues the tradition of our youth group being responsible for worship whenever there is a fifth Sunday in the month. These Sundays allow our Youth to immerse themselves in the church body. We were very much supported by the congregation's attendance. The students stepped out this month using their gifts and talents to plan the service from beginning to end. They did a fantastic job through the use of music, drama, signing. Four of our Youth (Kelly Stallard, Fallon Williams, Marisa Cabell, and Brittany Turner) gave their testimonies. During the Invitation hymn, Brittany Turner made a profession of faith, requesting baptism. She was welcomed by the congregation after the service. May each of the Youth continue to participate in activities as we draw nearer to God this year.

Web Site Update

We had hoped to have the new church web site up and running by the end of October, but we are just a little behind schedule. The new site will contain a calendar, announcement page, special events pages, pages for special activities such as the youth and our music program, and links to other helpful web sites. When everything is up and running, we will let you know by an email announcement. Stay tuned!

November 12 Is Ministry Team Sign-Up Day

For several weeks the deacons have been telling the congregation of the new direction they are taking in ministry. Deacon Team Ministry is the design the deacons will follow to be more effective in ministry here at Millfield.

Three teams are being formed to meet needs in the congregation and in the community. While deacons will lead the teams, the team members will be drawn from members and attenders at Millfield.

The first three teams are:

- **The Hospital and Illness Visitation Team**
- **The Crisis Intervention Team**
- **The Outreach Ministry Team**

[See the October newsletter for a detailed description of the teams.]

At the conclusion of the worship service on November 12, the congregation will be given the opportunity to sign up for one of the teams. Easels will be placed in the front of the sanctuary, and members and regular participants at Millfield will be invited to put their name on the list for one of the teams.

Give prayerful consideration to the place you can serve in this new ministry endeavor. We will need the involvement of the entire congregation to make this ministry successful. This is an opportunity to choose a place of service based on the gifts and abilities you have.

We hope to form additional teams in the coming months, but even if you feel you may be better suited for a future team, give consideration to helping one of these first teams get started. Then transfer over to a future team when that opportunity comes.

Other Voices

Words From Other Church Newsletters

From the October 2006 issue of *Soul Food*, the newsletter of **Hillsboro Baptist Church** in Crozet, Virginia.

The Velcro Factor

Any church can get people to come for a visit. Some can attract huge crowds. Others do better attracting a smaller stream of guests. But it's just not that hard to get people to come the first time.

But then what? Do they come once or twice and never return? Or do they usually stick to the church or to that particular congregation long term? In other words, "What's the church's Velcro Factor?"

Velcro works, not by having one strong hook, but by having many tiny, flexible hooks on one side that grab the many tiny loops on the other side. Likewise, people don't stay "stuck" to a church because of one strong hook — like a dynamic pastor — but because of many small hooks:

- They find a small group or class that's interesting.
- They form several caring friendships.
- They receive spiritual guidance and practical answers for life's challenges.
- They find support for their marriage and parenting.
- Their children are eager to come and have fun there.
- They find ways to serve that make a difference in the lives of others.

So our job as members of the [church] family is to help create the many "hooks of care and ministry" that naturally connect with the many "loops of need" in people's lives.

The following is an excerpt from **Rev. Steve Gupton's** column in the October issue of the newsletter for **Ivor Baptist Church**. Steve was specifically writing about the housing development going up in Ivor, but his words also apply to many of the new homes going up in Southampton County.

I have a few hunches about the characteristics of some of the new folks. I think the people moving here will be:

1. Neighborly but cautious, maybe to the point of reserved
2. Educated, with a value on higher education
3. Focused on the things necessary to raise a family (so much so that institutional religion may be a distraction to them)
4. Honestly searching for answers to life questions (compared to taking sides in doctrinal disputes) but guarded concerning their own vulnerability
5. Pragmatic (if the work of the church helps them in their agenda, then o.k., if not... then you'll hear "We don't have time for church.")
6. Skeptical of traditional church patterns (worship, ... Sunday School, etc.)
7. In need of compassion and forgiveness, whether they realize it or not

Admittedly, these are only hunches. They are however, helpful to me in developing a relational approach to new families coming in. Here is my initial response to this blessing of new families. We should:

1. Be kind and gentle
2. Be wise in the ways of God and the journey of faith
3. Be centered on the One who sustains our soul (be passionate in individual and corporate spirituality)
4. Be honest about our own faith journey and secure in our trusting relationship with God
5. Modify our work to meet the needs of those God has given us
6. Be good models of spiritual growth through congregational life and work
7. Be compassionate and forgiving, whether others know they need this or not

NOVEMBER

BIRTHDAYS

- 2 Tammy Warner
9 George Carr
11 BreAnna Garner
13 Hunter Britt
13 Wellford Tiller
14 Annie Peden
15 Blanche Akers
27 Susan Stone
28 Vicky Goodrich
28 Darren Owen

NURSERY WORKERS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 5th Jack & Samantha
Hubbs
12th Becky & Daniel
Felts
19th Theresa, Kayla &
Montana Engel
26th Tom & Dana Britt

SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP HOSTS

- 5th **Volunteer Needed!**
12th **Volunteer Needed!**
19th **The Brotherhood**
26th **Bobby & Nancy
Stephenson**

November 2006

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

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1 5:45 Fellowship Dinner 6:30 Program by Pam & Mark Grumbles 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	2	3	4
5	6 7:30 Deacons' Meeting	7 7:00 Transition Team 7:00 Personnel Comm. Mtg.	8 7:00 Signing Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	9	10	11
				Baptist General Association of Virginia meeting in Virginia Beach		
12 11:00 Ministry Team Sign Up during morning worship	13	14	15 5:45 Fellowship Dinner 6:30 Programs 7:30 Choir & Signing Practice	16	17	18
19 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast 6:00 Church-wide Covered Dish Thanksgiving Din- ner	20	21	22 7:30 pm Community Thanksgiving Service @ Ivor Methodist Church	23 <i>Happy Thanksgiving</i>	24	25
26 11:00— CIA's & Mission Friends meet during Wor- ship Service	27 7:00 WOMEN OF FAITH	28	29 7:00 Signing Practice 7:30 Choir Practice	30	*Christmas Play Prac- tices as per Schedule !!	

Pastor to Lead Class for New Members

Wellford Tiller will lead a three session class for new and potential members of Millfield. These classes will be held during the Sunday School hour on November 19 and December 3 & 10. The classes will include an overview of basic Christian beliefs, a summary of Baptist distinctives, and a consideration of basic Christian disciplines. Anyone who has joined Millfield in the past two years is asked to attend. Those who are thinking about joining are also encouraged to participate. While the class is intended primarily these for new and potential members, anyone is welcomed to attend.

A Personal Word

In several ways over recent days you have generously and graciously expressed your appreciation to me for my service as your interim pastor. I am deeply appreciative of and grateful for your affirmation and support. The gift of the picture frame by the youth during worship last Sunday was a complete surprise. The cards and gift certificate from the Woman of Faith were profoundly meaningful. The words that have been spoken in private and public have moved me. Thank you for all of it.

It is I who should express my appreciation to you. You are a good and generous people with whom to work. You are willing to move in new directions to be God's people in this place. Your spirit is good, and even though you have gone through difficult days, you can see good things ahead for this church and the community. May God's grace be with us all as we seek new and creative ways to serve Him.

Wellford Tiller

YOUTH EVENTS CALENDAR

Nov 1 - Youth On Mission Program by Pam & Mark Grumbles

Nov 4 - Clean-Up at Lake Prince Woods *Bring your rakes!*

Leaving Millfield @ 8:45 am Returning around 1:30 Lunch is provided!

Nov 5 - Bowling with Colossee Baptist Youth

Leaving Millfield after 11 am service Cost is \$10.00/bowler, lunch included

NO PUPPET PRACTICE —NO LIGHTHOUSE

Nov 10 - Concert at WILROY BAPTIST CHURCH— Leave Millfield @ 6pm

Nov 12 - Lighthouse 6:30-8:00

Nov 15 - Youth On Mission 6:30-7:30

Nov 19— Puppeteers meet here @ 5pm. — Thanksgiving Dinner Covered Dish @ 6pm

Lighthouse after dinner to deliver food baskets to family!!

Nov 26- Roadside Clean-up after church till dark. *Bring your lunch* Supper provided @ 5:45

Lighthouse @ 6:30

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