

Millfield News

Events and activities at Millfield Baptist Church

COMMUNITY COMPASSION
CULTIVATE COLLABORATE

LIVE IT!...WITH LOVE
"To Live is Christ." PHILIPPIANS 1:21

EMPHASIS DATES: SEPTEMBER 10-17, 2006
 GOAL: \$1,400,000
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Alma Hunt Offering for State Missions

September is the time we collect financial gifts for the Alma Hunt Offering. This offering supports numerous mission projects in Virginia. These include ministries to several language groups, support for disaster relief programs, funding for prison chaplains, grants for starting new churches, and ministries to migrants, among others.

Special envelopes are available to make your gift. Checks should be made out to Millfield Baptist Church. Put "Alma Hunt Offering" in the memo line. Offerings will be collected through September.

**Millfield's
Alma Hunt Goal is
\$700**

Some Words from Wellford

Now that school is back in session for everyone, church life is gearing up again as well. I hope you are excited about life at Millfield and are giving church activities a high priority.

Transition Team and Pastor Search Process

The Transition Team feels the "Cottage Meetings" that were held the last two weeks in August were very successful. Approximately 60 different people attended the meetings. Special thanks to the Holdsworths, Eppersons, Felts, Warrens, Stallards, and Lowes for hosting these events. It was very helpful to learn how people think we should move in the future. Let me make one observation about this input. Since we heard from so many people, it is apparent that some ideas were expressed that are incompatible. With so many different sets of ideas, we need to realize that not everyone's expectations can be realized. So let's be patient as this process continues to unfold.

The major part of the Transition Team's work is drawing to a close. Currently they are pulling all the material from our time of self-study together in order to produce a mission or vision statement for the

congregation. This will be an important piece of information for the Search Committee to have.

If the deacons approve the Transition Team's suggested process for appointing the Search Committee, we will be asking the congregation to submit names for the Search Committee on two up-coming Sundays. The procedure will be similar to that used for creating the Transition Team.

Wednesday Nights

Our Wednesday Night Fellowship Meals have started once again. This year they are on the first and third Wednesdays of the month. On the third Wednesday of September the adults will begin a study series entitled *How to Act Like a Christian*. Some topics we will cover include forgiveness, money, making decisions, coping with criticism, facing serious illness, prayer, and hope. Put these discussions on your calendar.

Sunday Night

Discussions are underway about some interesting Sunday evening activities. We will release the details as soon as they are available.

Web Site

The redesign of the web site continues. Material is being collected for this purpose. We anticipate the new



Winsome Faith

5 qualities that reflect God's image
Galatians 5:1, 22-26

When the Spirit of Christ enters us, his character begins to flow in us, and we bear fruit. Here are 5 qualities of Christ-like followers that reflect the image of God. Put a star beside the one you feel is most present in your life.

1. Joy. Christian writer and professor Eugene Peterson observed in *A Long Obedience in the Same Direction*: "There are Christians who never crack a smile and who can't abide a joke. But I don't meet very many of them. The stereotype is a big lie created, presumably, by the Devil. One of the delightful discoveries along the way of Christian discipleship is how much enjoyment there is, how much laughter you hear, how much sheer fun you find."

2. Gratitude. God's Word makes clear that we aren't just to be thankful but also to say we're thankful, to sing it, to demonstrate it. There are times to weep. But authentic Christians model a thankful spirit in the day-in, day-out routine of life. Every sunrise, every meal (even in coffee shops), every car ride, every encounter with another human being is an occasion for gratitude.

3. Enthusiasm. I greatly admired this trait in my father. Almost every morning, he'd clench his fist and say, "Boy, am I enthused!" It may not be a bona fide fruit of the Spirit, but I think enthusiasm is an important graft into the orchard. For vital Christians, enthusiastic applies to their faith.

4. Wonder. British writer G. K. Chesterton said, "The world will never starve for want of wonders, but only a want of wonder." The alive Christians I love take little for granted. They've erased from life's curriculum the lesson of boredom over God's masterpiece. God, to them, inspires wonder.

5. Kindness. In "Edification/Demolition," an essay in *Ragman*, Walter Wangerin recalls his encounter with two people who helped him at a time of need and reminds us how far just one drop of kindness goes: "Every time you meet another human being you have the opportunity. It's a chance at holiness. For you will do one of two things, then. Either you will build him up, or you will tear him down."

—SONNY SALSBUURY

To Think About:

- Think of some individuals in our church who manifest the above characteristics.
- What specific things demonstrate to visitors that our church reflects the image of God?
- To you, which of the above qualities is most important? Which is the most difficult to display?

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September Birthdays

Happy Birthday To All!

- 2 Michelle Bradley
- 4 Taylor Warner
- 5 Lannie Chitwood
- 5 Kelly Stallard
- 6 Julie Branch
- 7 John Lennon
- 9 Richard Simms
- 13 Dylan Bates
- 17 Susan Owen
- 18 Paul Branch
- 19 Kayla Engel
- 19 Elva Magee
- 22 Brandon Atkins
- 23 Regina Garner
- 29 Sonny Warren

NURSERY WORKERS SCHEDULES

SUNDAY WORSHIP

- 3 Becky & Daniel Felts
- 10 Leslie Brittle & Chris Hardt
- 17 Theresa, Kayla, Montana Engel
- 24 Teresa Bracey & Michelle Bradley

SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP

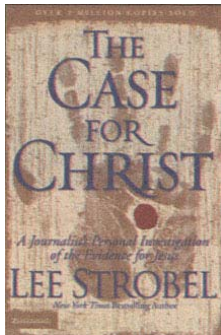
EVERYONE IS INVITED TO SUNDAY SCHOOL FELLOWSHIP! IT IS HELD EVERY SUNDAY MORNING AT 9:30 AND LIGHT BREAKFAST FARE IS SERVED. VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO HOST, SO PLEASE SEE FRANKLIN DOWLESS IF YOU ARE ABLE TO HELP OUT.

September 2006

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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3 9:30 am- Fellowship Break- fast 6:30-8pm YOUTH Lighthouse	4 <i>Labor Day</i>	5	6 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Programs 7:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Signing Pract.	7	8	9 6:00 pm Youth Trip to East- over for "Before The Light Concert"
10 9:30am Fellowship Breakfast Youth Council Meeting after church 6:30-8 Lighthouse	11 7:30 pm Deacon's Meeting	12 7:30 pm Budget Comm. Meeting	13 7:30 Choir Pract. 7:30 Signing Pract.	14	15	16
17 8am Men's Breakfast 9:30- Fellowship Breakfast 5pm Puppet Pract. 6pm Supper for YOUTH 6:30-9 Concert	18 7:00 By-Law Com- mittee meeting	19 7:00 pm Transition Team Meeting	20 5:45 Dinner 6:30 Programs 7:30 Choir Pract. 7:30 Signing Pract.	21	22	23 10 am YOUTH- Cystic Fibrosis Walk in Waverly 6:00pm YOUTH Christian Concert at Colossee Baptist
24 9:30 Fellowship Break- fast 11am Communion Service 6:30-8pm Light- house	25 7:00 pm "Women of Faith" Meeting at Church	26	27 7:30 Choir Practice 7:30 Signing Pract.	28	29	30 *Attention YOUTH 6-9 pm Parent & Teen Night @ The Simms' Home

IN OUR LIBRARY...

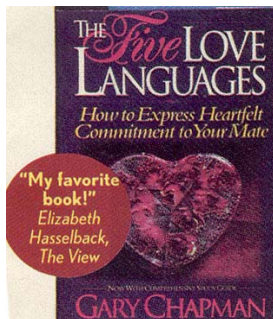


The Case for Christ by Lee Strobel

If you were a journalist, how would you investigate the hottest news story in history? Join award-winning reporter Strobel as he probes the life of Jesus Christ. Interviewing 13 of the country's top Christian scholars, he ferrets out incontestable historical, scientific, and psychiatric evidence to support the claims of Jesus. A unique approach to apologetics.

The Five love languages by Gary Chapman

Want to know the secret to a fulfilling marriage? Learn how to speak in a language your spouse can truly understand and keep your love light burning brightly for years to come.



Dedication Ceremony

On Sunday, October 1, 2006, at 12:15 p.m. Millfield Baptist Church will hold a special ceremony to dedicate its new flagpole, erected in memory of Sgt. Jayton Patterson, and garden, planted in memory of all veterans. The planning committee for this project began its work months ago, with the initial purchase of a pole and the United States Flag, which is now back-lighted. A cobblestone circular terrace was laid and we are now awaiting landscaping and the installation of granite benches. We thank those who have contributed to this special project thus far. The opportunity still exists for additional contributions to be made towards the finalization of the garden and its future upkeep. Committee members are Bob Felts, Amy Chapman, Yvonne Hacker, Nancy Stephenson, and Frank and Sharon Patterson. Please join us on this special day as we celebrate those who have served our country.

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New Arrivals

*Best wishes to
Leslie and Wallace Brittle
On the birth of their son
Isaac Wayne
Born September 7, 2006
7 lbs, 14 oz.*

*And to
Jennifer Ferguson &
Michael Cook
On the birth of their son
Christian Riley
Born September 4, 2006
6lbs 11 oz. 19.1 inches*

YOUTH NEWS

Goodbye to summer fun—hello to school days!

Our youth enjoyed many activities this summer—VBS, Snowbird Camp, Bland Mission Trip, Bingo at Tandem Nursing Home, Bowling, Movie Night, Working at daycamp in Smithfield, pool time and Beach Day just to name the highlights! We appreciate all of Mattie's enthusiasm and spiritual guidance she gave to our youth. She is now back at W&M hitting the books herself! As we move into our own homework, sports, and schedules our young people are encouraged to make this the "Year of Drawing Near". Our Youth Group meets in the Lighthouse on Sunday Nights & is open to students in grades 6-12. Hope to see you there!!!

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