

Millfield News

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Millfield 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.

Notes from the Lilly Pad

Praise God for harvest season! We've smelled the freshly dug peanuts. We've watched as the soybean fields have slowly turned from green to beautiful gold. We've witnessed another change of the trees and all of the wonderful displays of color they offer as they slowly turn loose of the branch. What a wonderful time and season to be alive and soak in all of God's ever-moving beauty.

Our lives on earth are much like the seasons that we get to be in awe of. We go through seasons of vibrant life as well as seasons of vibrant death. Ecclesiastes chapter 3 teaches us that there is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the sun. As Christians, we can embrace each season with great hope and expectation because we are promised a future in God's heavenly Kingdom.



When the trees begin to fade as the fall approaches, their leaves first go through a phase of majestic beauty. As their leaves slowly begin to wither



they offer such a wonderful spectacle that brings joy to all who see them. As they fall to the ground, they become nourishment and life for the preservation of the tree. As we grow with Christ, we too shall become nourishment and life for the preservation of the Church. A Chris-

tians, maturity should feed the next generations of life. The nourishment that comes from discipleship should produce an abundant harvest for God's Kingdom.

Jesus says in Matthew 28:18-20, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age." Our primary duty as followers of Christ is to make disciples.

In order for us to fulfill this great commission given to us by God, we have to be diligent in our own faith. We also have to be diligent in teaching and leading those who are new converts to Christ. This summer a revival happened in and through Millfield. We baptized 46 people. Some were rededications and some of the 46 were not affiliated with Mill-

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field. We have a duty to those new converts to reach out to them, embrace them, teach them, guide them, lead them and most importantly love them.

Church family, we are in a season of growth at Millfield. We have seen the Holy Spirit move and with that movement towards the mountain tops, there will also come valleys. When we find ourselves in those valleys, we need to remember what God showed Ezekiel in the valley of dry bones. God led Ezekiel back and forth across that valley and kept him there so that He would have a good understanding of just how dead that great army was. Then He reconnected those bones before Ezekiel's eyes, and that reconnection began with a small rattling sound.

Sometimes our ministry has to get rattled up for it to become the ministry that coincides with God's Will. Ministry is fluid and should never become stagnant. The Apostle Paul gives us a great example of how we can minister to people with fluidity by changing our costumes and methods without compromising the Gospel message. Our sacrifice of self could lead someone to an eternity with Jesus.

1 Corinthians chapter 9:19-23, "Though I am free and belong to no one, I have made myself a slave to everyone, to win as many as possible. To the Jews I became like a Jew, to win the Jews. To those under the law I became like one under the law (though I myself am not under the law), so as to win those under the law. To those not having the law I became like one not having the law (though I am not free from God's law but am under Christ's law), so as to win those not having the law. To the weak I became weak, to win the weak. I have become all things to all people so that by all possible means I might save some. I do all this for the sake of the gospel, that I may share in its blessings."

God made the tree to give up its clinging leaves as they mature and display God's beauty. This is so that the tree and all of the other plant life and eco system around it will thrive and produce another bountiful season. There will also be times in our walk with Christ that we will also have to give up what we cling so dearly to so that the harvest for God's Kingdom will be bountiful. As mentioned earlier from the Book of Ecclesiastes, "There is a time for everything and a season for every activity under the heavens".

Let's all work as a unified body and make this next season one that is fertile with love, joy and peace for the Glory and exaltation of our risen savior! Having faith that God's Will is being done at Millfield. Some encouragement from Proverbs 3:5-6, "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight."



Pastor Kelby Lilly



Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Fall Festival: Saturday, **November 1** from 10:00 am to 7:00 pm.

Deacons Meeting: Tuesday, **November 3** at 6:30 pm.

Called WMU Meeting: Saturday, **November 8** at 10:00 am.

Women's Breakfast: Sunday, **November 9** at 8:00 am.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **November 10** at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Men's Gathering: Thursday, **November 13** at 6:30 pm.

Men's Breakfast: Sunday, **November 16** at 8:00 am.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **November 16** at 4:00 pm.

Bagging Groceries: Tuesday, **November 18** at 6:30 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Bags of Hope Distribution: Wednesday, **November 19** at 8:30 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Covered Dish Supper and Dessert Auction: Sunday, **November 23** at 6:00 pm.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **November 30** at 4:00 pm.



Bags of Hope: Providing Food for Those in Need

For almost 15 years, Millfield Baptist Church and Ebenezer Baptist Church have worked together to provide a monthly food bank, Bags of Hope, to our community.

In July, August, and September

- 171 families were served
- 6,785 pounds of food was picked up from Food Lion in Courtland
- 6,613 pounds of food was ordered from Southeastern Food Bank of Virginia
- A large amount of produce was provided by SFBV that we were not expecting: grapes, plums, tomatoes, pears, potatoes, and more



Many of the recipients are elderly, several recipients have very large families, some are single mothers, others are from families who have one or two working adults in the family but their income isn't enough to provide the food they need. With the government shut-down and uncertain future of SNAP, the number of families served will probably increase.

This ministry requires many people to make it successful by:

- Picking up food at Food Lion
- Unloading the SFBV truck the second Monday of each month
- Bagging food the Tuesday before the third

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Wednesday of each month at 6:30 p.m.

- Distributing food on the third Wednesday of each month: preparing the food begins at 8:30 a.m., distribution begins at approximately 9:30 a.m.

Donations to Bags of Hope are always needed and appreciated. Soon there will be Bags of Hope offering envelopes in the pew racks for you to use for your gift.

Please pray about how you can participate in this vital ministry to our community. Please let Becky Miller or Randal Branch know if you would like to volunteer in any capacity.



Children's Church in November

11/2/25 MISSIONS STUDY: Believers in Action

11/9/25 THE SHIELD OF FAITH: The Shield of Faith can help the students stop the fiery darts of doubt, teaching them to be daily doubt extinguishers. The more they learn about God and His word, the more they can trust in Him. What do you have faith in? Ephesians 6:16 and Hebrews 11:1

11/16/25 THE HELMET OF SALVATION: The Helmet of Salvation protects a soldier's head, brain, eyes, and mind. It helps them focus ahead and not get distracted. This helmet idea is to protect the students from having thoughts they should not be entertaining. Their thoughts need to focus on what God wants them to focus on. What kinds of things distract your minds from God? Ephesians 6:17, Philippians 4:8 and I Thessalonians 5:8-9



11/23/25 THE SWORD OF THE SPIRIT:

The students will learn what the Sword of the Spirit is. Is it a weapon? Is it the word of God? Is it to bring peace or to bring division? God empowers believers to be His heroes by sharing the good news. Ephesians 6:17, II Timothy 2:15, II Timothy 2:24-25

11/30/25 PRAYER: Prayer is what helps empower God's Armor as the students put on each piece. It is a relationship with Jesus where the students understand that they can be in communication with God all the time. Remembering that communication means talking, but mostly listening, to God. Ephesians 6:18-19, Proverbs 15:8, Philippians 4:6

Youth Calender of Events

Every Sunday the youth are welcome to attend our weekly church activities.

9:30a.m. in the Fellowship hall- Fellowship time & light breakfast

10a.m.- Sunday school- in the educational wing. The youth have a designated class and teacher

11a.m. Worship service- During our worship service any youth that wish to help with children's church are encouraged to. They may also stay in the sanctuary and enjoy the Pastors sermon.

November

1st- Millfield Fall Festival & youth concessions fundraiser

16th - Youth Meeting- Millfield 4-7p.m.

23rd- Millfield Thanksgiving Supper (Covered Dish) and Auction

30th- Youth Meeting- Millfield 4-7p.m.

Float Preparation- As we get closer to Dec. 7th we will begin gathering items and working on our float design. Dates will be shared for the build, decorating, etc of float as well as details for day of Parade

December

7th- Ivor Christmas Parade- Currently we plan to have a float in this parade to have fun and promote Millfield and the youth group.

12th - 13th Christmas Party- Overnight LOCK-IN - Friday Night with pickup Saturday Morning.

More information will be coming soon. But please SAVE the date. (See the info about the stuffed sock gift exchange)

21st- Millfield Christmas Program- 6p.m. ALL youth please plan to attend with your families.

*A schedule will be provided soon with additional times to prepare for this program but these meetings will likely happen on a Tuesday or Thursday evening with just a snack provided.

This year our Christmas program will be full of Music provided by Millfield members, Youth, as well as the younger kids. We are getting a bit of a late start because we weren't sure we could pull it off, but it's a go! If you or your youth members love to sing and would like to be a part of our Christmas program please see Marindy asap. There are other aspects of the program that do not require singing.

PARENTS,

We want to encourage you to be active with your youth member at home. They should each have a Bible and we are encouraging them to spend time within the Word every day. They have also been taught about how to find and do a devotion. There are many apps, devotion books, websites that provide ways to get teens learning about their walk with Jesus. But we are here if you have any questions or need assistance.

Please follow along on our Facebook page "Millfield Baptist Youth" for events and updates.

Also, we encourage your presence when you can at our youth meetings. Please don't ever feel like you have to drop and go... though we also understand life is super busy. Our adult volunteers love the fellowship working together as much as the kids love the fun. We have wonderful, smart, insightful youth who are putting in the time with us to grow and be better. We also have a team of parents and volunteers who are working hard to make this youth group an amazing place for our kids.

If you feel led to, we would like to invite you parents to team up and help us to provide dinners, snacks, desserts, drinks, etc. We have a signup sheet in the educational wing for youth dates and they church members team up to provide the youth with meals but not all days are always filled. We will also have needs during this busy season where we meet to work on a project and these kids LOVE some snacks.

Please let us know if you have questions or are willing to help. Call or Text anytime: Our numbers are below and your youth member is encouraged to call or text us as well.

John Beegle- 757-619-1948 Marindy Creef- 757-570-1876 Pastor Kelby Lilly- 757-653-8939

November					
Deuteronomy				December	
1	Chapter 32			Judges	
2	Reflection			1	Chapter 8
3	Chapter 33-34			2	Chapter 9
Joshua				3	Chapter 10
4	Chapter 1-2			4	Chapter 11
5	Chapter 3-4			5	Chapter 12-13
6	Chapter 5-6			6	Chapter 14-15
7	Chapter 7			7	Reflection
8	Chapter 8			8	Chapter 16-17
9	Reflection			9	Chapter 18
10	Chapter 9			10	Chapter 19
11	Chapter 10			11	Chapter 20
12	Chapter 11-12			12	Chapter 21
13	Chapter 13-14			Ruth	
14	Chapter 15			13	Chapter 1-2
15	Chapter 16-17			14	Reflection
16	Reflection			15	Chapter 3-4
17	Chapter 18			1 Samuel	
18	Chapter 19			16	Chapter 1
19	Chapter 20-21			17	Chapter 2-3
20	Chapter 22			18	Chapter 4-5
21	Chapter 23-24			19	Chapter 6-7
Judges				20	Chapter 8-9
22	Chapter 1			21	Reflection
23	Reflection			22	Chapter 10
24	Chapter 2			23	Chapter 11-12
25	Chapter 3			24	Chapter 13
26	Chapter 4			25	Chapter 14
27	Chapter 5			26	Chapter 15
28	Chapter 6			27	Chapter 16
29	Chapter 7			28	Reflection
30	Reflection			29	Chapter 17
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				31	Chapter 19

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Bible

Reading

Plan



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NOVEMBER 2025

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween	1 10:00 am Fall Festival
2 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	3	4 6:30 Deacons Meeting	5 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	6	7	8 10:00 am WMU meeting
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30 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Youth will lead worship 4:00 pm Youth	1	11 Janet Crawford BreAnna Garner 13 Wellford Tiller 18 Dayla Lilly Liz Marshall 20 Jeremy Gibbs 21 Colleen Flick 25 Maxton Hassell 27 Susan Stone Mary Winchell 28 Vicky Goodrich 29 Mary Lois Dickerson				

