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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

As I sit here gathering my thoughts to write this newsletter, the sun is just beginning to rise and the temperature is 17 degrees. The wind howled all night delivering a reminder of dependence. We are dependent on heat to keep us alive in freezing temperatures, just as we are dependent on Jesus for eternal life. I hope during the Christmas season you took time to reflect on the greatest gift that you have ever been given, the gift of life.

We often tend to get so caught up in the commercialized hustle and bustle of Christmas that we neglect the most important part, Jesus Christ. Christmas is a time to celebrate, and give thanks to God for sending His Son Jesus into the world. This celebration should not stop after the Christmas season; it should last all the year through. Many churches are slam full the Sunday before Christmas and are at a bare minimum the Sunday after the new year.

Church family, I encourage you this new



year to continue the celebration of Jesus by being His hands and feet each new day. Offer a smile that brightens someone's day. Lend a hand to someone in need. Invite a friend to church and even offer to pick them up. Visit someone who is shut in or even give them a call on the phone. These are just a few of the things that can be done to show people that you love them. We have started a new year and it's a great time to start new habits.

It's also a great time to let go of habits that may be hindering your relationship with God. New year's resolutions always sound so exciting until you realize you



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verse 23, the apostle Paul writes, “²³Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, ²⁴since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving.” Let this be your encouragement to work hard towards your new year resolution, but work hard with the understanding that your work is going to glorify God and exalt Jesus!

I hope you all have a happy new year and remember that your peace, hope and joy is found in the love of Jesus Christ!

Pastor Kelby Lilly



The **Woman's Missionary Union (WMU)** wants to thank everyone who donated food during December. Boxes were carried to local families and the overflow went to the food bank. This month we're planning projects for the new year. Watch the bulletin and upcoming newsletters for announcements. If you've been thinking of becoming more involved in missions, you're welcome to join us. We meet the first Saturday of each quarter at 10 a.m. in the fellowship hall. The next meeting will be April 3. And remember—Christmas was God's gift to us; what we do with our new year is our gift to Him!



WMU Meeting: Saturday, January 3 at 10:00 am

Building and Grounds Meeting: Tuesday, January 6 at 7:00 pm

Men's Gathering: Thursday, January 8 at 6:30 pm

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, January 12 at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church

Deacons Meeting: Monday, January 12 at 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday, January 13 at 6:30 pm at Liz Marshall's house

Quarterly Conference: Thursday, January 15 at 7:00 pm

Men's Breakfast: Sunday, January 18 at 8:00 am

Bagging Groceries: Tuesday, January 20 at 6:30 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church

Bags of Hope Distribution: Wednesday, January 21 at 8:30 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church; distribution begins at 10:00 am

Men's Gathering: Thursday, January 22 at 6:30 pm

Women's Bible Study: Tuesday, January 27 at 6:30 pm at Liz Marchall's house

Deacons Meeting (tentative): Monday, February 2 at 7:00 pm

Happy New Year, church!

I think I can still smell the crock pots full of black eye peas with seasoning meat. So, how many of you stayed up late to watch the ball drop, or to give your spouse or children the first kiss of the new year? I remember one year when the girls were really young, they wanted to stay up to watch the ball drop with us. But here's the thing, they just couldn't stay awake. It was only about 9:30 pm and we knew they'd never make it. So, I did what any good parent would do and I pulled up the prior year's ball drop on YouTube and we watched that with them instead. However, we no longer struggle to keep them awake—actually, they are usually trying to keep us awake.

Reflecting on the new year always makes me think of new year's resolutions. Maybe it's to lose weight, wake up earlier, and laugh more. Whatever the case may be, I couldn't help but think of the verse found in 2 Corinthians 5:17 "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone,

the new is here!" Praise the Lord we do not have to wait for a new year to allow Christ to make us new! Anytime is a good time to start really digging deep into the Bible, to work on your prayer life and to just absorb the goodness of God.

Our church had a very busy and fulfilling December. The youth had their second lock-in and I don't even want to know how much soda and candy was eaten. But one thing is for sure, a great time was had by all! Millfield helped with Carols in the Country at the 4H center and we had a beautiful Christmas program on December 21st at church. But my favorite service in December has always been the candlelight Christmas eve service. Ever since I was a little girl, I have looked forward to Christmas eve. After all the hustle and bustle of the Christmas season I pray that you and your family had time to reflect on "the reason for the season."

Allison Lilly



Three Year Bible Reading Plan Year 2 (2026)

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7	□ 26 □ 27	6	□ 3	7	□ 8
8	□ 28 □ 29	7	□ 4 □ 5	8	Reflection
9	□ 30 □ 31	8	Reflection	9	□ 9
	2 Samuel	9	□ 6	10	□ 10
10	□ 1	10	□ 7	11	□ 11-12
11	Reflection	11	□ 8	12	□ 13
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25	Reflection	25	□ 20		1 Chronicles
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27	□ 18	27	□ 22	27	□ 3
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December '25

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February '26

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JANUARY 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1 New Year's Day	2	3 10:00 am WMU Meeting
4 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	5	6	7	8	9	10
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1	2 Groundhog Day	1 Becky Felts 4 Paige Dickerson Bryant Dodson 5 Josh Epperson Samantha Parker	5 Hanna Perkins 6 Marty Vick 9 Carolyn Carter 10 Joy Branch Jeremiah White	13 Ariana Bryant 14 Sarah White 16 Randy Branch Zach Goodrich 18 Audrey Peters	19 Rainey Dodson 24 Sawyer Cornwell 25 Cheryl Parker 27 Diane Grantham 28 Kenneth Branch	28 Tristan Cornwell 29 Renee Clark 31 Cara Cutright

