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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

Hello Millfield, I hope and pray you all are well! As I've been praying and preparing to write you all this newsletter my mind has been on the drought we are experiencing.

This year Virginia and surrounding states are in a severe to extreme state

of drought. I overheard one cattle farmer say how they have never had to continue feeding hay in the month of May because the pastures are near to nothing. The peanuts went in the ground late this year due to the dry ground.

I saw a Facebook post that says, "There is no better demonstration of faith than a man planting seeds in a field." When you sow a seed, you are truly at the mercy of God for everything to come alive. The transformative process of a dormant seed waking up and taking root only happens when all the essentials are there for it to grow. There has to be the right balance of water, oxygen and perfect temperature for the seed to sprout.

Like the seeds a farmer plants in the ground, Salvation starts with a seed being sown. The faithful sower plants the field by sharing the gospel message with others. Lost souls are found when the Word of God is preached and heard. (Romans 10:14) The nourishment that is needed for the new believer's growth comes from God. He offers us the living water so that His children will never go thirsty again.



(John 4:10-14) He offered supplication by Jesus' broken body. (John 6:35) He also gave us the Holy Spirit to help sanctify us and provide us with everything we need to serve Him and do His Will. (Acts 2)

This got me thinking about Pentecost. Sunday May 24th was the birthday of the Church, "Pentecost". Luke gives us the account in Acts chapter 2 of the day God sends the Holy Spirit and He fills the believers in the upper room. Before the Holy Spirit descended down upon the Apostles and the other followers of Christ who were gathered in the upper room, they began to do something in unison. What they began to do is something I believe we should all take heed to: They began to pray!

Acts 1:12-14, **"¹²Then the apostles returned to Jerusalem from the hill called the Mount of Olives,**



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a Sabbath day's walk from the city. ¹³When they arrived, they went upstairs to the room where they were staying. Those present were Peter, John, James and Andrew; Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew; James son of Alphaeus and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. ¹⁴They all joined together constantly in prayer, (The King James version says, 'they continued with one accord in prayer and supplication'), along with the women and Mary the mother of Jesus, and with his brothers."

As you continue to read and get to Acts chapter 2, verse 1 says, "And when the day of Pentecost was fully come, they were all with one accord in one place." The Apostles, their families and other followers of Christ gave us an example to follow. They showed us how vital it is to be gathered together, worshipping together, learning God's Word together and most importantly praying together. The Apostles and the others in the upper room were gathered in one accord preparing themselves for the Holy Spirit.

The Apostles, families and fellow brothers and sisters in Christ were in a serious drought at that time. Ten days prior to Pentecost they had witnessed Jesus ascend into heaven and the uncertainties of what was to come filled their hearts and minds. So they obeyed Christ's command for them to not leave Jerusalem, but wait for the gift His Father promised. (Acts 1:4-5) Church, we have the promise of the Holy Spirit living within us and this should give you a sense of overflowing hope and peace.

The Apostle Paul writes in 1 Thessalonians chapter 5 verse 16-18, "¹⁶Rejoice always, ¹⁷pray continually, ¹⁸give thanks in all circumstances; for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus." The Writer of Hebrews says in Chapter 10:23-25, "²³Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. ²⁴And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, ²⁵not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching."



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From what I'm gathering from God's inerrant Word, we should come to church and pray together and then go out into the world and sow seeds. I believe when we do this, we will see the Holy Spirit move in a way like never before. I believe the gospel will begin to spread, revival will take place and the nourishment of God will rain down and produce a bumper crop that is good for His people and pleasing to Him. Dry ground cannot produce good fruit. Robert Stevenson said, "Don't judge each day by the harvest you reap but by the seeds you plant."

We serve the one true loving God who is the creator of all, who controls the rain and seasons. The one who loved us so much that He took mercy on us and sent His Son to be sacrificed and die for our sins. Then through His grace and mercy, He sent us the Holy Spirit so that we can mature in Him and sow more fields. (Matthew 9:37)

Jesus Christ is worthy of our time being spent gathered together and worshipping Him. Our faith in His will brings hope and assurance even when we are experiencing the droughts of life. That Facebook post I mentioned in the second paragraph has truth to it. "There is no better demonstration of faith than a man planting seeds in a field." My prayer is that we will continue sowing seeds and trust in the harvest God delivers. Galatians 6:9, "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up." He is always there and we can call on Him in our times of drought and in our times of plenty. May the rains of His love bring nourishment to you today! God Bless,

Pastor Kelby Lilly

Upcoming Events



Men's Gathering: Thursday, **June 4** at 6:30 pm.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **June 8** at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

VBS Planning Meeting: Monday, **June 8** at 6:30 pm.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **June 14** at 4:00 pm.

Vacation Bible School: Monday, **June 15** through Friday, **June 20**. Children will meet 9:00 am – 12:30 pm, and youth will meet at 6:30 pm Monday through Thursday. **VBS Commencement** will be held at 6:00 pm on Friday, **June 19**.

Communion: Sunday, **June 21** during worship.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **June 28** at 4:00 pm.

Deacons Meeting (Tentative): Monday, **July 6** at 6:30 pm.

Quarterly Conference: Thursday, **July 9** at 7:00 pm.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **July 12** at 4:00 pm.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **July 13** at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Bagging Groceries: Tuesday, **July 14** at 6:30 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Bags of Hope Distribution: Wednesday, **July 15** at 8:30 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Distribution begins at 10:00 am.



Bags of Hope

Greetings Millfield family and friends. I use the terms “family” and “friends” because I feel that they reflect our love for one another. And as a loving group of volunteers, we share the goal of helping our community through Bags of Hope, our joint food bank project with Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Barbara and Thomas Greene spearheaded Bags of Hope in the 1990s and Millfield joined the program in 2011. I want to thank each and every volunteer from both churches over the decades. It’s not always easy but it certainly is always rewarding. And we thank you!

For those of you who are new to Millfield, you may need a little more information. What exactly do we do? How can I help? WOW! We have so many varied opportunities in which to get involved at whatever level you’d prefer.

We need volunteers to:

1. Pick up non-USDA food from Food Lion 4 days a week (you do not have to do all four days to help with this).
2. Meet the USDA Food Bank truck at Ebenezer every 2nd Monday of the month. Several thousand pounds of food need to be stored inside for later distribution.
3. Bag both USDA and non-USDA food on the Tuesday night prior to distribution. This is done at 6:30 pm and usually taken about an hour. It is also a great time of fellowship!
4. Meet at Ebenezer the third Wednesday of each month at 8:30 am. Help setting up begins! 15-20 tables need to be moved to the parking lot, thousands of pounds of good need to be brought out to the parking lot and placed by category on these tables where the recipients will “drive thru” for their cars to be loaded with meats, canned goods, breads, pastries, produce, and shelf stable goods. We need your help!

Currently, the average age of our volunteers on Wednesday morning is about 75 years old. I’m not kidding! We *need* some younger, strong people!

We are so grateful for the funding pledged to Bags of Hope by a close to Millfield foundation and can still benefit significantly from each of us occasionally contributing to Bags of Hope using the envelopes provided in the pew pockets. Just drop one in the offering plate once in a while. We, now, have to buy so much USDA food that used to be free.

Please come and share the love and your time or gifts with our local mission by giving in any avenue possible. This is our “Unity in the Community” project. Your hearts will be filled by the “Thank you!” and “God bless you!”

Becky Miller



In May, on behalf of the WMU and Millfield family, Sarah White presented Bibles or devotionals to our graduates. Those graduating included:

<i>Peyton Garner</i>	<i>Isle of Wight Academy</i>
<i>Audry Peters</i>	<i>Hickory High School</i>
<i>Tristan Cornwell</i>	<i>Southampton High School</i> <i>Paul D. Camp Community College</i>
<i>Cara Cutright</i>	<i>Southampton High School</i> <i>Paul D. Camp Community College</i>
<i>Randy Branch</i>	<i>Paul D. Camp Community College</i>

In June, WMU members will be helping with Vacation Bible School.

Church Music

In July and August the choir will take a well-deserved break but don't worry; there will still be music to inspire worship and praise. If you have considered providing special music for a service, now is a good time to speak with someone on the Music Committee (Susan Stone, Kathy Guindon, Beverly McQuarry, Frankie Carr, Linda Chitwood, Marindy Creef).



Over the summer months, the children and youth will be studying the Fruits of the Spirit:

- June 7 Missions
- June 14 Kindness (Ephesians 4:32)
- June 21 Goodness (Matthew 5:16)
- June 28 Faithfulness (Psalm 36:5)
- July 5 Missions
- July 12 Gentleness (Galatians 5:23 and Ephesians 4:2)
- July 19 Self-control (I Thessalonians 5:8, 22 and youth will study Galatians 5:19-21)
- July 26 Recite the Fruits of the Spirit and Ephesians 4:32 to earn a prize!

We are in need of a missions teacher for the youth starting in September. They would only teach the first Sunday of each month during children's church. If you are interested, please contact Colleen Flick.

Sharon Patterson is stepping down from teaching missions to youth during children's church. We would like to thank Sharon for all her many years of working with children's church. Thank you, Sharon, for bringing wonderful, real life missions lessons to our youth!

June	
	Genesis
1	Reflection
2	Chapter 34
3	Chapter 35
4	Chapter 36
5	Chapter 37
6	Chapter 38
7	Chapter 39-40
8	Reflection
9	Chapter 41
10	Chapter 42
11	Chapter 43
12	Chapter 44
13	Chapter 45
14	Chapter 46
15	Reflection
16	Chapter 47-48
17	Chapter 49
18	Chapter 50
	Exodus
19	Chapter 1-2
20	Chapter 3
21	Chapter 4
22	Reflection
23	Chapter 5
24	Chapter 6
25	Chapter 7
26	Chapter 8
27	Chapter 9
28	Chapter 10-11
29	Reflection
30	Chapter 12

*Bible
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July	
	Mark
1	Chapter 11
2	Chapter 12
3	Chapter 13
4	Chapter 14
5	Reflection
6	Chapter 15
7	Chapter 16
	Job
8	Chapter 1-2
9	Chapter 3
10	Chapter 4
11	Chapter 5
12	Reflection
13	Chapter 6
14	Chapter 7-8
15	Chapter 9
16	Chapter 10-11
17	Chapter 12
18	Chapter 13
19	Reflection
20	Chapter 14
21	Chapter 15
22	Chapter 16
23	Chapter 17-18
24	Chapter 19
25	Chapter 20
26	Reflection
27	Chapter 21
28	Chapter 22
29	Chapter 23-24
30	Chapter 25-27
31	Chapter 28

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JUNE 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3 10:30 Missions Committee	4	5	6
7 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	8 10:00 am Food Bank Truck Delivery 6:30 pm VBS Planning Mtg	9	10	11	12	13
14 Flag Day 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Meeting	15 9:00 am VBS 6:30 pm Youth VBS	16 9:00 am VBS 6:30 pm Youth VBS 6:30 pm Bagging Groceries	17 8:30 am Bags of Hope Distribution 9:00 am VBS 6:30 pm Youth VBS	18 9:00 am VBS 6:30 pm Youth VBS	19 Juneteenth 9:00 am VBS 6:00 pm VBS Commencement	20
21 Father's Day June Solstice (GMT) 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Communion	22	23	24	25	26	27
28 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Meeting	29	30	1	2	3	4 Independence Day
5	6	3 Allison Lilly Falon Williams 5 Reid Dodson 6 Martha Miciotto 7 Sharon Patterson	8 Bryanna Godsey Journee Lunceford 9 Janet Forte 10 West Bryant Derrick Hassell	12 Sharon Cook 13 Caroline Branch 15 Ashley Galloway 16 Victor Coll 17 Carol Golla	17 Marion Poland 22 Marisa Davis 23 Laine Magee 25 Ashley Cook Neil Cutright	29 Laura Branch Buddy Faison

