

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

Forty-one years ago on July 3, 1985 the Sci-fi hit movie, "Back to the Future" starring Michael J. Fox, Christopher Lloyd and Lea Thompson hit number 1 in the U.S. Billboard. The movie earned \$381.1 million in 1985, making it the highest grossing film of that year. This movie has been watched by millions of people over the course of the past 41 years. I've watched it a few times in my life. Fun fact, this movie came out exactly one month after my wife was born.

You may be wondering what this movie has to do with anything in the realm or context of Christianity. Well it doesn't, but it does get our imagination stirring on how it would be to travel back to the future. In the Book of Revelation, the Apostle John takes the reader on a journey back to the future. He was taken up (Rev. 4) in the Spirit to the open door of heaven and was allowed to see the ongoings of heaven in real time. He then recorded what he witnessed and we have the most fascinating Book ever written.

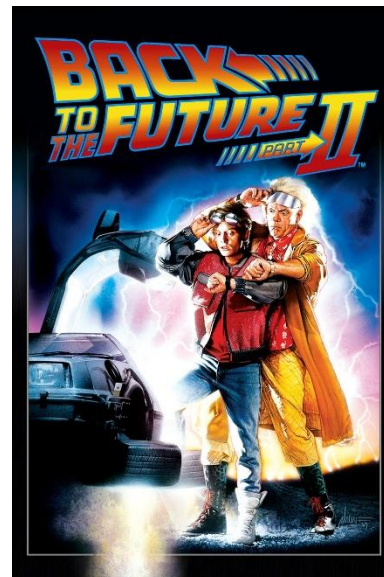
Revelation gives the reader a glimpse into future events so that end times events are revealed and made known by God. The Greek translation of the word Revelation is apokalupsis, this is where we get the term Apocalypse. Revelation means to reveal, unveil, disclosing or lifting of the veil. This Book opens our eyes to be able to see future events and points us directly to our future destiny. It points the Christian towards their future in the Kingdom of God and also for those who've made the choice to not give their life to Christ, they will be cast into Hell. The



Book of Revelation is a Book of prophecy and is the capstone of the entire Bible.

Several weeks ago, I began preaching from the first chapter in Revelation. John writes in Revelation 1 verse 3, "Blessed is the one who reads aloud the words of this prophecy, and blessed are those who hear it and take to heart what is written in it, because the time is near." The Book of Revelation tends to be shied away from for many reasons. The most popular reason is because it is misunderstood as a Book of doom and destruction. Yet in the very first chapter and 3 verses in, it promises a blessing.

Even the great German priest, Martin Luther sharply criticized the Book of Revelation. The man who started the protestant reformation, the man who was a highly intelligent theology professor and



wrote the 95 theses did not understand the Book of Revelation and therefore criticized it.

So if you feel like you just don't get it, keep in mind one of the greatest protestant scholars who ever lived didn't either. Personally, I cannot understand why

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Martin Luther had such a disdain for Revelation. When I study this Book, I get excited about future events that are revealed. It's a Book of hope given to us by God because He wants us to have a glimpse of our future glory that was provided by the saving blood of Jesus Christ. We have now covered the first 3 chapters and have learned about the seven letters Jesus had John write to the seven churches in Asia Minor.

These epistles are uniquely written towards the characteristics of each church. Jesus has the letters written to and sent to the leader of each church. He personalizes each letter with language that would allow the reader to know that it was in fact Jesus who is addressing them, written in the hand of the apostle John. Jesus commends and condemns each church according to their practices and then at the end of each letter He calls for repentance. These seven churches represent churches from the time John wrote the letters until Jesus' second coming.

These letters are given to us to read and study and then take a look at our own church and see if we fall into any of the commending or condemning words Jesus has for them. I would hope we at Millfield fall more towards the commending side of these seven letters. Ask yourself today as one who is part of the overall Church body, if Jesus had a letter written specifically catered to your life, would it be a letter of praise and commendation or criticism and condemnation? Take this time to evaluate your own spiritual life and ask God to help you in areas where you believe you may be failing. Also, keep in mind Jesus came to free you from the bondage of sin and He has sent you the Holy Spirit to help guide you in your walk with Him.

We have entered into chapter four in the Book of Revelation and the scene changes from earth to heaven. John gets a glimpse into the majesty of heaven. As we have several baptisms scheduled, let this be a reminder that what John sees in heaven is only going to be experienced by those who have chosen Jesus. Luke writes what Peter says in Acts chapter 2 verse 36, "Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ for the forgiveness of your sins. And you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit."

I ask that as we continue growing as a Church body that you will pray for those who are new born believers. Pray for their sanctifying walk with Jesus and pray that they learn what their Spiritual gift is and develop it in a way that exalts Jesus. As a follower of Christ, you are not walking alone. I pray for each one of you and hope that you are praying for one another.

Pastor Kelby Lilly





School Supply Drive: The WMU is collecting school supplies through **August 23** for delivery to Nottoway Elementary on August 27. Frequently needed supplies include composition books, pocket folders, pencils, crayons, glue sticks, scissors, boys and girls underwear (sizes 3-12) and socks.

River Baptism: Saturday, **August 1** at 11:30 am at Pastor Kelby's river house.

Baptism: Sunday, **August 2** during worship.

Deacons Meeting: Monday, **August 3** at 6:30 pm.

River Baptism: Saturday, **August 8** at 11:30 am at Pastor Kelby's river house.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **August 9** at 4:00 pm.

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

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

Deacon Ordination: Sunday, **August 16** during worship.

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

Bags of Hope: Wednesday, **August 19** at 8:30 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Distribution begins at 10:00 am.

Youth: Sunday, **August 23** at 4:00 pm.

Unity in the Community: We will have joint worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church on Sunday, **August 30** at 10:30 am. There will be no services at Millfield that day.



ALMA HUNT OFFERING *for Virginia Missions*



Every fall Millfield joins with other Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) churches to contribute to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions, a primary source of funding for many of the mission initiatives that occur in Virginia and around the world. In addition, HerMission, formerly Women's Missionary Union, has all of its missions and ministries funded through the offering.

The scope of ministries funded by this offering is much larger than we think. Below are just a few of the ministries that we can help support.

- **Church Planting** – to assist new churches with covering costs of renting or purchasing meeting facilities, A/V equipment, musical instruments, mission endeavors, and a 30-week training program to gain skills for planting neighborhood churches.
- **Community Mission Opportunities** – funding for ministries on the front lines of connecting churches to their communities. These ministries engage churches and individual volunteers to carry out their work. Included in this category in [Bland Ministry Center](#) and the Southwest Va. Partnership.
- **Youth Mission Focus** – Impact Mission Camps are hands-on mission camps for students which have seen more than 15,000 people participate since the program began in 1995. Students have the chance to share Christ's love through home repair and renovation.
- **Disaster Response Ministry** – Volunteers respond strategically when disaster strikes in Virginia or in other states.
- **International Ministries** – Virginia Baptists' long-standing partnership with European Baptists have started over 200 churches in Eastern Europe. Additionally, church planting has expanded across western Africa into 13 countries.
- **Prison Ministry in Virginia** – BGAV is one of six denominations that founded Grace Inside which is in its 104th year of providing Chaplains who give pastoral care to the 24,000 incarcerated men and women in Virginia's 39 state correctional facilities.

The 33 Chaplains are able to distribute Bibles and offer counseling and pastoral care thanks to the Alma Hunt Offering.

These are just a few of the BGAV ministries served by the Alma Hunt Offering for Virginia Missions.

Isn't it wonderful to know we can be part of these ministries that show God's love to so many people in so many ways.

Prayerfully consider what your gift to will be.





Thanks to everyone who donated to the Geneive Shelter and Bland Ministry Center through Undie Sunday. The children's underwear collected will be divided between the two facilities. Our next project will be the annual school supply drive for Nottoway Elementary School. Anyone may participate by placing items in the "school bus" located in the sanctuary. The next WMU meeting will be on Saturday, October 4, 10 am in the fellowship hall. All women are welcome to come.

Church Music

We hope you've been enjoying the special music provided by various members during the summer. But we also hope you'll consider joining the choir or volunteering to play an instrument. Choir rehearsal will begin again on Wednesday, September 9, 7 pm. You don't have to read music to participate. We take anyone making a joyful noise unto the Lord!

In August at The Gathering

This month we will finish our "Summer at the Movies." We are currently watching the true life movie **I Can Only Imagine**.

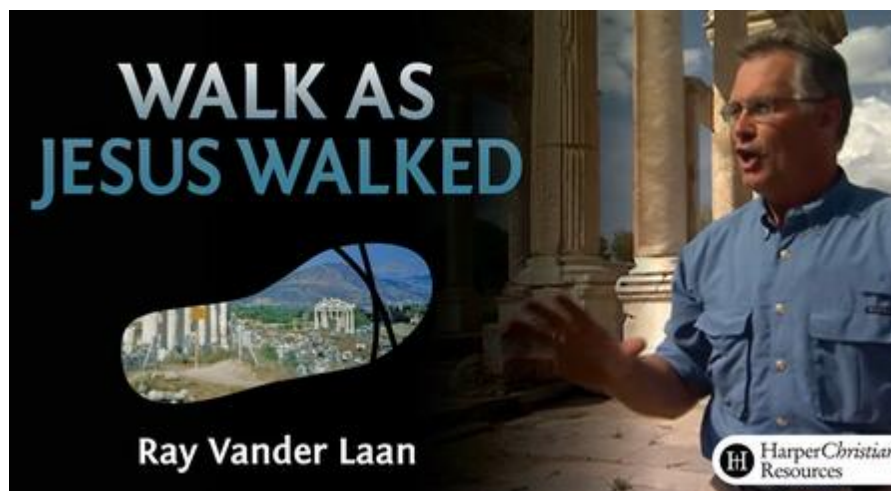
Following that, on August 16, we will start a new video series called:

WALK AS JESUS WALKED:

Being a Disciple in a Broken World (by Ray Vander Laan)

In *Walk As Jesus Walked*, filmed on-location at Mount Carmel, Aphrodisius, Galatia, Lystra, and Cappadocia (modern day Turkey), Ray Vander Laan helps you experience how the disciples translated Jesus' call to passionate discipleship into language and imagery that the Roman culture would understand.

That the World May Know is a unique video series that brings God's Word to life with astounding relevance. By weaving together the Bible's fascinating historical, cultural, religious, and geographical contexts, teacher and historian Ray Vander Laan reveals unique insights into the Scriptures' significance for modern believers.





This August the Children and Youth during church will be making encouraging and up-lifting cards to send to the Navy Ship, “the USS Ross” and the nursing home, “East Pavilion”. They will also be participating in the BGAV.org/ArtForNotYet—and working on a drawing or other art media using the Fruits of the Spirit to create an interesting piece to be shared at the Baptist Convention in Virginia Beach this fall. This can be a picture of the literal fruits or what the fruits of the Spirit mean. The art has to be on an 8.5 X 11 inch paper; which will be provided. We will be working on this project Sunday August 9th .

Now for the new news! Children/Youth Church has been growing and so are we! We are so excited to announce that coming in September we will be using a new curriculum for the children from, “The Sunday School Store”, called “Back To School 52 Week Curriculum”. For the youth portion we are using a curriculum from “Youth Group Ministry”. Each week promises bible interaction and real-life application. This will make our lessons more intentional and decrease planning time. Get ready for a great year in Children’s/Youth Church!

We are still looking for additional children’s church helpers to start in September. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Colleen Flick. Thank you!

If you have ever gone on a mission trip or served as a volunteer, we would love for you to talk to the youth about it during one Mission Sunday. There is a clipboard with a sign-up sheet in the vestibule at the rear of the sanctuary.

August	
	Job
1	Chapter 29
2	Reflection
3	Chapter 30
4	Chapter 31
5	Chapter 32
6	Chapter 33
7	Chapter 34
8	Chapter 35
9	Reflection
10	Chapter 36
11	Chapter 37
12	Chapter 38
13	Chapter 39
14	Chapter 40
15	Chapter 41
16	Reflection
17	Chapter 42
	Proverbs
18	Chapter 1
19	Chapter 2
20	Chapter 3
21	Chapter 4
22	Chapter 5
23	Reflection
24	Chapter 6
25	Chapter 7
26	Chapter 8
27	Chapter 9
28	Chapter 10
29	Chapter 11
30	Reflection
31	Chapter 12

Bible Reading



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

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26 Parents' Day	27	28	29	30	31	1 11:30 am River Baptism
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30 10:30 am Unity in the Community @ Ebenezer	31	1 Jay Epperson 2 Cayla Felts 3 Molly Bailey 6 Stephen Branch 8 Hayes Holdsworth	8 Walt Holdsworth 10 Beth Cabell 12 Timothy Collier 12 Ed O'Donnell 13 River Kropewnicki	15 Linda Harrup Noni Lilly Jessica Stephens 16 Jean Felts Koda Stephens	23 Heidi Pittman 24 Wesley Barnes 25 Randy Carr Summer Dalton 26 Mark Chitwood	28 Tiffany Dodson Chad Felts

