

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

Can you smell it? Can you feel the cool breeze blowing? Can you see it happening all around? Autumn is upon us and change is in the air! Peanuts are being dug and freshly washed by the much needed rain and the cotton is soaking up one last drink. The soybeans are changing from summer green to fall gold. Cotton bolls are bursting open turning fields into a winter wonderland. The doves are feasting over the freshly picked corn fields. The evenings are ushering in cooler air from the North winds and every produce stand around has bright orange pumpkins that let us all know, change is in the air!

The prophet Joel writes in chapter 2:23-24, "Be glad, people of Zion, rejoice in the Lord your God, for he has given you the autumn rains in righteousness. He sends you abundant showers, both autumn and spring rains, as before. The threshing floors will be filled with grain; the vats will overflow with new wine and oil." Friends, when the seasons shift from hot to cold and cold to hot, we can always rejoice for the change that brings on

new life and abundant harvests.

The Bible teaches us there is a season for everything under heaven! Ecclesiastes chapter 3:1-8, "There is a time for everything, and a season for every activity under the heavens: a time to be born and a time to die, a time to plant and a time to uproot, a time to kill and a time to heal, a time to tear down and a time to build, a time to weep and a time to laugh, a time to mourn and a time to dance, a time to scatter stones and a time to gather them, a time to embrace and a time to refrain, a time to search and a time to give up, a time to keep and a time to throw away, a time to tear and a time to mend, a time to be silent and a time to speak, a time to love and a time to hate, a time for war and a time for peace."



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These words are given to us by God as a reminder that He is in complete control and life moves through deliberate, divinely appointed phases. In our men's gathering we have begun a study in the Book of Genesis and in the beginning, God set everything into motion during the creation period. God spoke it all into existence and called it good! This should bring us so much joy as we enter and embrace a new harvest season. Ecclesiastes 3:11 says, "He has made everything beautiful in its time. He has also set eternity in the human heart; yet no one can fathom what God has done from beginning to end."

I want to encourage you today, as one of God's children, to keep close to your heart, soul and mind that no matter what season you may find yourself in today, you are loved. You are created in the image of God. You were knit together in your mother's womb by the hand of God and you are righteous in the eyes of your creator. You can find happiness and joy in the season you are in through Christ Jesus!

You may have found yourself to be in a rainy season and your weary bones ache from being cold and wet; allow Jesus to be your umbrella. You may be in a season where you feel depleted and all dried up inside; allow Jesus to be the water that gives you life. You may be in a season of worry and fear of the unknown; those are not attributes from God. Jesus says in the Gospel of Matthew chapter 6:27, "Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?"

Ecclesiastes chapter 3:12-13, "I know that there is nothing better for people than to be happy and to do good while they live. That each of them may eat and drink, and find satisfaction in all their toil—this is the gift of God." Church family, as we enter into the season of harvest and Thanksgiving let this verse be an encouragement to know that it is a gift from God to be happy and do good. It is a gift from God to eat and drink and find satisfaction in our daily work.

Pray fervently and ask God to take you by the hand and lead you to still waters and green pastures. The Apostle John records Jesus saying in chapter 10:28, "I give them eternal life, and they shall never perish; no one will snatch them out of my hand. My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all; no one can snatch them out of my Father's hand. I and the Father are one." Your season of life may be full of goodness and happiness and that is something to be thankful for. Let us not forget those who are in a different type of season that may seem hopeless. I pray for you all and let me encourage you to remember: you belong to Christ Jesus and change is in the air!

Pastor Kelby Lilly



WMU Meeting: Saturday, **October 3** at 10:00 am.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **October 4** at 4:00 pm.

Men's Gathering: Thursday, **October 8** at 6:30 pm.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **October 12** at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Deacons Meeting: Monday, **October 12** at 6:30 pm.

Quarterly Conference: Thursday, **October 15** at 7:00 pm.

Men's Breakfast: Sunday, **October 18** at 8:00 am.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **October 18** at 4:00 pm.

Bagging Groceries: Tuesday, **October 20** at 6:30 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Bags of Hope Distribution: Wednesday, **October 21** at 8:30 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Distribution begins at 10:00 am.

Men's Gathering: Thursday, **October 22** at 6:30 pm.

Harvest Party: Saturday, **October 31** at 1:00 pm.

Deacons Meeting (tentative): Monday, **November 2** at 6:30 pm.

Men's Gathering: Thursday, **November 5** at 6:30 pm.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **November 9** at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church.



BLAND MISSION TRIP - OCTOBER 19-23

Paul tells us in 1 Corinthians 12 (verses 13,18, and 27) "We were all baptized by one Spirit into one body", "You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it", and "God has arranged the parts in the body, every one of them, just as he wanted them to be." This reminds us that when Millfield participates in a mission trip, we all participate in the mission trip - each one of us doing our part.

Some are doing their part by GOING. At this point the list of those going includes: Cathy Simms, Chris Cornwell, Melissa Cornwell, Tracey Stallard, Kenneth Stallard, Tamara Capodanno, Amelia Rohrenbach, Marisa Davis, Lillian Davis, Madison Cabell, John Beegle, Colleen Flick, Noni Lilly, Janet and Morgan Jones, Susan Stone, Beverly McQuarry, Lizzy Atkins, and Ethan Keenan. Others have offered to drive supplies up to Bland.

Some are doing their part by GIVING. All donations will help provide food, supplies, gas, and other expenses needed during our trip. If giving by check, please make your check payable to Millfield Baptist Church and write "Mission Trip 2026" in the memo section.

Some are doing their part by PRAYING. Please pray for those preparing to go to Bland. Pray for their safe travels up and back. Pray that God will bless the work of their hands while they are at Bland. (We are still waiting to hear exactly what projects they will be working on.) Pray for the many people in that community, that God will become a blessing in their lives.

Executive Director Dee Dee Hoosier, leads the work of the Bland Ministry Center. Their four core ministries are the Food Pantry, the Clothes Closet, the Dental Clinic, and Home Repair. This will be the 5th time that Millfield has sent a missions team to Bland.

Remember, when the body of Christ goes to work and minister no part is more important than another. It takes the whole body to get the job done. Thank you for doing your part!

We are grateful!

John and Susan



Our next WMU meeting will be Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. The main topic will be planning future missions projects. All women are not only welcome, but strongly encouraged to be there. We only meet quarterly and, even if you can't make every meeting, we'd love to have you join us!

Coffee and light refreshments will be provided.

Church Music

We will begin work on our Christmas program in October and we welcome temporary members who would just like to be part of the Christmas musical. If you are interested, join us beginning Wednesday, **October 7** at 7:00 pm. Christmas music will be practiced during the first half hour of practice. You are welcome to leave at that point, or to stay and join us in all of our worship music. We hope to see you there!

Make a Joyful noise unto the Lord
Psalm 98:4

MILLFIELD

Meet & Mingle

Covered Dish Luncheon



October 11 after worship

Whether you're a long-time member, a frequent visitor, or new to us entirely, we're glad you've chosen to worship with us, and we'd love to get to know you better! Join us October 11 immediately after worship for a covered dish luncheon so we can get to know one another.

THIS MONTH IN THE GATHERING

Go Fish

by Andy Stanley

a six-session Bible study designed to take the fear out of evangelism and help Christians talk about their faith as naturally as they would share a fishing story.

Session 1: We Were All Fish Once

remembering our own spiritual journey and recognizing that everyone needs to be "caught" by God's grace.

Session 2: Why Fish?

God's heart for people who do not know Him and our designated role in partnering with Him.

Session 3: Fish Guts

navigating internal fears, awkwardness, and the practical "guts" it takes to move past personal comfort zones.

Session 4: Fishing Buddies

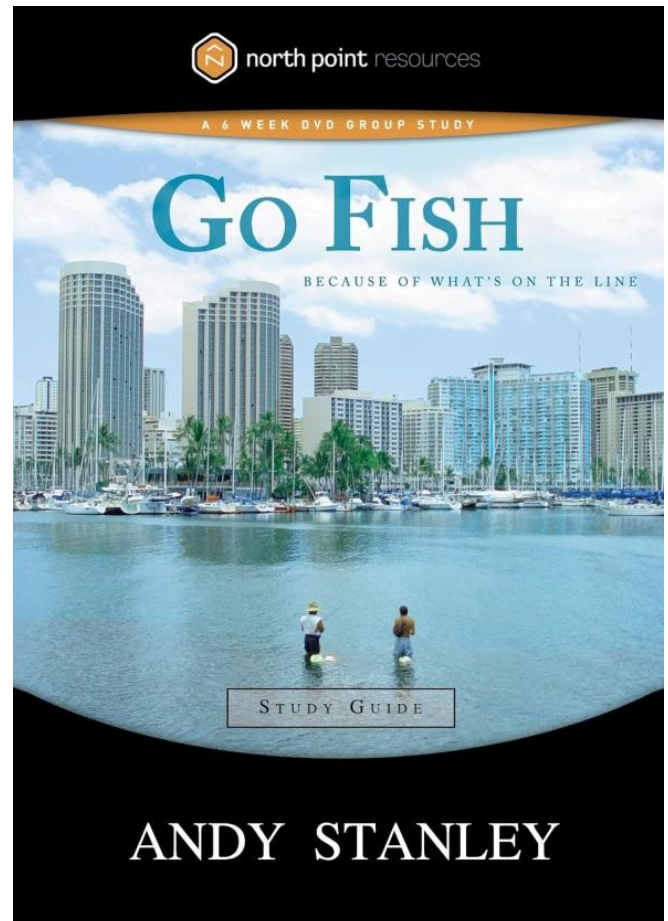
the importance of community and how sharing faith is a team effort rather than a solo mission.

Session 5: Muddy Water

how to navigate messy situations, complicated life backgrounds, and theological questions when talking to non-believers.

Session 6: The One That Got Away

A look at persistence, handling perceived failures, and realizing that salvation is ultimately in God's hands.



Millfield Baptist Church
Small Country Church
Big on Community
and Events!

HARVEST Party!

 **OCTOBER 31ST, 2026**
1:00 - 3:00 PM

 **TRUNK OR TREAT**

 **COSTUME CONTEST**

 **CAKE WALK**

 **GAMES FOR ALL AGES**

 **SNACKS & TREATS**

♥ *Everyone is welcome!* ♥

Bring the family, wear your favorite costume,
and come enjoy an afternoon of fun, fellowship & fall!

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

Bible Reading Plan



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

September '26						
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OCTOBER 2026

November '26						
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 10:00 am WMU Meeting
4 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Meeting	5	6	7 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	8 6:30 Men's Gathering	9	10
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25 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	26	27	28 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	29	30	31 Halloween 1:00 Harvest Party
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