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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.

Millfield News

Notes from the Lilly Pad

"Life Guard on Duty"

Well, Church family, this summer heat reminds me of how thankful I am to spend eternity in heaven. I'm positive the climate will be absolutely perfect and you'll be able to enjoy sitting outside and not melt like a birthday candle. Don't get me wrong—I enjoy all seasons and love what each has to offer. I just happen to enjoy the cooler seasons a bit more. Seems like the crisp cold air is easier to breathe than the heavy humid hot summer air.

The beach is always fun in the summer. There's just something about the salt air and the waves crashing on the shore that makes you forget about the three thousand degree sand you walked on to get to the ocean. Then there is the joy of packing enough gear and lugging it across the lava just to spend the day on the beach. You brought the coolers, tents, toys, food, towels, fishing poles, life jackets, boogie boards, surfboards, and chairs, and could most likely set up camp and live there for the rest of the summer.

One thing we always do is look for a



lifeguard to set up near. Having small children, it's always comforting to know there is a lifeguard on duty nearby. This can be the way we view our spiritual lives as well. Scripture teaches us in Mark chapter 6 verse 48 that Jesus

was watching His disciples straining at the oars to paddle the boat against the wind. Then in that same verse it says that He went to them walking on the lake and was about to pass them by. He was going to remind them of His power by walking on by and He also knew that they were going to be ok because He is in control of all storms in life.

If you've ever been caught in a rip current



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while swimming in the ocean, you've seen the importance of having a life guard on duty. They jump into action and do their best to rescue you. Jesus watched the disciples struggle all night against the storm. He didn't jump into action as quick as a beach lifeguard may do because He had a plan. If you go to the beginning of this event in Mark you'll read in verse 45, "Immediately Jesus made His disciples get into the boat and go ahead of Him."

When Jesus made them get in that boat, He knew He was sending them into a storm. Jesus was teaching His disciples a lesson that night. Prior to Jesus walking on water, He had given the disciples supernatural power and sent them on their first missionary journey. They had performed many miracles and maybe were beginning to sit a little high on the horse. Scripture says their hearts had been hardened. Jesus wanted them to be humbled, remembering who gave them the power and to recognize Him and His majestic presence and power. He wanted them to call on Him just like you would call out to a lifeguard if you were fighting against the tide.

These passages (Mark 6:45-56, Matthew 14:22-36 & John 6:16-24), are a beautiful reminder that even though we don't always see an immediate rescue from whatever may be trying to drown us in life, we can still know Jesus is right there with us. We may be in the midst of a test and this test is to mature us as followers of Christ. He will come to our aid and climb in the boat with us but we have to first call on Him, recognizing His deity. He may sit back on the shore for a bit and watch from

a distance as we learn to grow stronger in our faith, but He's always there. Sometimes He allows us to fight the storm longer than we may like so that we learn to completely rely on Him.

There are times in life when we face challenges and obstacles that are very hard and may even last for long periods of time. These tough patches in our lives build our stamina and perseverance. God is cultivating us by allowing us to go through storms in life. He wants His children to produce good fruit and although the cultivation process may seem difficult it is sometimes necessary. Praise God for our lifeguard who is on duty by way of the Holy Spirit. We as followers of Christ have a lifeline to help us in every aspect of our lives. This lifeline was thrown out to us by Jesus upon His death and resurrection.

Rather than fight against the storms of life, we can grab the lifeline our lifeguard has thrown us and hold on to the truths that are offered through God's Word. The Bible is a life ring that we should all be grasping for to help save us from the storms we all face each day. My prayer for each of you as you travel through your own storms of life is that you will remember to call out to Jesus. Call on Him by reading His Word, call on Him on your knees in silent prayer as well as outspoken prayer. Call on the lifeguard who is always on duty to bring you peace and understanding through all trials you may be facing.

Pastor Kelby Lilly



**COME JOIN US SUNDAYS AT 9:30 AM IN
THE FELLOWSHIP HALL FOR COFFEE,
JUICE, SNACKS, AND FELLOWSHIP! FEEL
FREE TO BRING A SNACK OR JUST YOUR-
SELF—WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU THERE!**



Upcoming Events



Children's Church Verse of the Month: Matthew 5:16

Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father in heaven.

Youth Group: Youth meetings for August will be the **10th** and **24th** at 4:00 pm.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **August 11** at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Deacons Meeting: Thursday, **August 11** at 7:00 pm.

Men's Gathering: The August Men's Gatherings will take place Thursday, **August 14** and Thursday, **August 28** at 6:30 pm.

Bagging Groceries: Tuesday, **August 19** at 6:30 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Bags of Hope Distribution: Wednesday, **August 20** at 8:30 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Distribution begins at 10:00 am.

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

Deacons Meeting (tentative): Monday, **September 8** at 7:00 pm.



Wesley Garner. Bob Felts. Nick Cook, Brian Cook's dad. **Nancy Stephenson. Robin Goodrich,** Bobby Goodrich's wife and a friend of members of Millfield. **Ron Cornwell. Sharon Gunter,** a friend of the McQuarrys'. **Bobby Stephenson. John Wayne Johnson** has stage 4 prostate cancer. **Sonny Warren. Bruno Anello** has been

diagnosed with colon cancer. **Pat Swindell** has been diagnosed with cancer.

Zack and Megan Boyd, members of Ballard's Bridge, have an infant son with a rare genetic disease. **Lee Thompson,** a friend of several members, is having health issues. **Marty Harrup,** Linda Harrup's husband. **Josh Whisenant** is recovering from heart surgery. **Octavia Uzzle** is having serious medical problems, cause unknown; her daughter, Aleigha, attends our youth group. **David Wheeler,** Melissa Cornwell's father, is dealing with multiple blood clots; he is not a good candidate for surgery. **Shelby Lilly,** Kelby's mother, is not doing well. **Jay Harrell,** a friend of Kelby's, is fighting cancer. **Ann Dickerson,** Linda Harrup's mother, is being transferred to rehab in Courtland. **Denise,** Keith Barrett's sister, has stage 4 cancer. **Exenia Pirrone,** Allison Lilly's aunt, has a mass on her pancreas. **Loretta Twiddy,** Tiffany Carr's aunt, has passed away; please keep her loved ones in your prayers. **Ashley Whitby** has been in an accident; thankfully everyone is ok and the children were not in the car; please pray for her continued healing.



MISSION NEWS



Rutherfordton Elementary

"The Green River Baptist Association was able to provide school supplies for Rutherfordton Elementary, Pinnacle Elementary School, and Sunshine Elementary due to the generous giving of the children, parents, and workers at Millfield Baptist Church in Virginia during their Vacation Bible School several weeks back. Millfield B.C. also provided much needed supplies for Rutherford County in the aftermath of Helene. We are so thankful for our brothers and sisters from all over who continue to help make our county better!"



Pinnacle Elementary School



Sunshine Elementary School

To everyone who helped collect money and supplies for the students of Rutherford County, thank you for making a difference!

New this summer: “The Summer Bible Bust”



What better way to spend a summer than to memorize Bible passages (Psalm 119:105)?

Starting in June, the Children and Youth will be given ten Bible passages to memorize. The passages may contain more than one verse. Each verse will have a point value for each word and citing memorized. There will be a chart with the point values of the verses listed and the names of the children and youth who want to participate. This is totally voluntary.

When a verse is memorized, they can recite the verses to me (Colleen Flick) or another designated adult who is not their parent. They will have three chances at one time to quote each passage.

They will have the entire summer to memorize the verses, but it would be best to recite the verses as they are memorized and not wait until September.

The Summer Bible Bust will begin on June 1st when the Bible passages will be passed out. The Summer Bible Bust will end on September 7th with a prize store, where they can purchase items using the points they gained from the memorization. Here is a list of ideas to help with memorization:

- Get your parent or an adult to explain the verses to you
- Put verses on sticky notes and place on mirrors and the back seat of the car
- Put the verses to music
- Put each word of the verse on flash cards, then rearrange the cards in order
- Draw pictures of the verses
- Repeat the verses every morning and every night before bed
- Make the verses part of your prayers

Now let's bust out those Bible passages!!!

In Your Service, *Colleen Flick*

August			
Leviticus			
1	Chapter 3		
2	Chapter 4		
3	Reflection		
4	Chapter 5		
5	Chapter 6		
6	Chapter 7		
7	Chapter 8		
8	Chapter 9-10		
9	Chapter 11		
10	Reflection		
11	Chapter 12		
12	Chapter 13		
13	Chapter 14		
14	Chapter 15		
15	Chapter 16		
16	Chapter 17		
17	Reflection		
18	Chapter 18		
19	Chapter 19		
20	Chapter 20-21		
21	Chapter 22		
22	Chapter 23		
23	Chapter 24		
24	Reflection		
25	Chapter 25		
26	Chapter 26		
27	Chapter 27		
Numbers			
28	Chapter 1		
29	Chapter 2		
30	Chapter 3		
31	Reflection		
		September	
		Numbers	
		1	Chapter 4
		2	Chapter 5
		3	Chapter 6
		4	Chapter 7
		5	Chapter 8
		6	Chapter 9
		7	Reflection
		8	Chapter 10
		9	Chapter 11
		10	Chapter 12
		11	Chapter 13
		12	Chapter 14
		13	Chapter 15
		14	Reflection
		15	Chapter 16
		16	Chapter 17-18
		17	Chapter 19-20
		18	Chapter 21
		19	Chapter 22
		20	Chapter 23
		21	Reflection
		22	Chapter 24-25
		23	Chapter 26
		24	Chapter 27
		25	Chapter 28
		26	Chapter 29
		27	Chapter 30
		28	Reflection
		29	Chapter 31
		30	Chapter 32

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Bible

Reading

Plan



July '25						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31		

September '25						
S	M	T	W	Th	F	Sa
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
28	29	30				

AUGUST 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 Parents' Day	28	29	30	31	1	2
3 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Child & Youth mtg	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Meeting	11 10:00 am Food Bank Truck Delivery 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting	12	13	14 6:30 pm Men's Gathering	15	16
17 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	18	19 Aviation Day 6:30 pm Bagging Groceries	20 8:30 am Bags of Hope Distribution	21	22	23
24 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Meeting	25	26	27	28 6:30 pm Men's Gathering	29	30
31 10:30 am Worship at Ebenezer Baptist Church	1 Labor Day	1 Jay Epperson 2 Cayla Felts 3 Molly Bailey 6 Stephen Branch 8 Walt Holdsworth	8 Hayes Holdsworth 10 Beth Cabell 13 River Kropewnicki 15 Linda Harrup Noni Lilly	15 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	

