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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

Hello to all of our wonderful Millfield Church family! We have officially sprung into spring! The ever-changing cycle of the seasons brings some joy and some sorrow. This thought process reminds me of sunshine and rain. We all love the beautiful spring sunshiny days, but those rainy days can seem gloomy and sometimes a bit depressing. If you are one who finds yourself down and blue on rainy days, I encourage you to change your perspective.



rainy day as a time for rest and replenishing. He will open our minds and hearts to how He cares for the farmer who has seed in the ground by sending spring showers. He can offer a much-needed break for those who suffer from the spring pollen by washing it away and cleansing the air for a time.

To change our perspective is to see the benefits of the hot days that are almost unbearable to go out in. The seed has taken root, the rain has come, and the sunshine warms the earth to produce a harvest so that we can live and thrive. To change our perspective is to give God the glory for the freezing cold weather that allows the earth to be replenished by the leaves that fall to the ground and the snow that offers nitrogen to the soil.



In order to change our perspective about the things that make us gloomy we should start out with prayer. When we draw nearer to God, He will draw nearer to us, as James 4:8 teaches us. God can immediately remind us of how important the rain is and how we can use that

I absolutely love the seasons that God has given us to our benefit. This season is such a special time because we begin to see the flowers bud and the dogwoods bloom. We are able to stir up the dirt to begin to sow new seeds. It's a time to experience the newness that makes us come alive after a long cold winter. Isn't it wonderful that God can help us change our perspectives and our moods by giving us seasons?

God provides us with His Word, a Book of truths that sows new seeds. These seeds develop new

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roots, strengthen new shoots and offer the most fertile soil along with the perfect amount of water to thrive abundantly. When we feel low and in despair, we can always turn to pages in His Book that will encourage us and deliver us from the season we may be in. As we enter into the season where we pause to commemorate Jesus' suffering and death on the cross for us, I encourage you to focus on Him.

When our focus is on Him and how He came to earth as a servant and suffered for each one of us, our perspective begins to change. We are able to find joy even in the seasons that are not as beautiful as spring. We start to replace tears of sorrow with tears of joy and laughter. I encourage you no matter what season you find yourself in right now to seek out sunshine and laughter by spending time with God. I'm going to leave you with a poem by Otto Arthur Morton, called "Sunshine and Laughter":

A laugh is just like sunshine.

It freshens all the day,

It tips the peak of life with light,

and drives the clouds away.

The soul grows glad that hears it and feels its courage strong:

A laugh is just like sunshine, for cheering folks along.

A laugh is just like music.

It lingers in the heart,

and where its melody is heard,

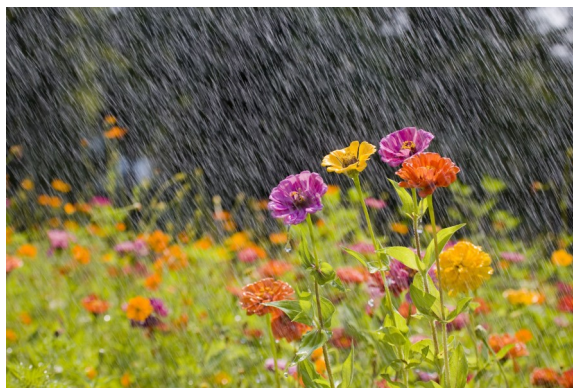
the ills of life depart;

And happy thoughts come crowding,

Its joyful notes to greet:

A laugh is just like music, for making living sweet.

Pastor Kelby Lilly





Children's Church Verse of the Month: Matthew 28:6a "He is not here; he has risen just as he said."

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Easter Extravaganza: We are **currently** collecting plastic eggs and small candies and/or toys to fill them with for our Easter Extravaganza. Please see Marindy Creef for questions.

Deacons Meeting: Thursday, **April 4** at 7:00 pm.

WMU Meeting: Saturday, **April 5** at 10:00 am.

Quarterly Conference: Thursday, **April 10** at 7:00 pm.

Men's Gathering: Friday, **April 11** at 6:30 pm.

Easter Extravaganza: Palm Sunday, **April 13** immediately following worship. This will include a covered dish lunch, an activity for the children, and an egg hunt.

Youth: Sunday, **April 13** at 4:00 pm.

Community Day: Vendor applications are now available and have been placed in the vestibules at the front and back of the sanctuary. Early Bird registration date is **April 13**. Registration deadline is **May 17**. Community Day will be Saturday, **May 31**.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **April 14** at 10:00 am.

Bagging Groceries: Tuesday, **April 15** at 6:30 pm.

Bags of Hope Distribution: Wednesday, **April 16** at 8:30 am. Distribution begins at 10:00 am.

Tenebrae: Thursday, **April 17** at 7:00 pm.

Men's Gathering: Thursday, **April 24** at 6:30 pm.

Youth: Sunday, **April 27** at 4:00 pm.

High School and College Graduates: We will be recognizing graduates in May. Please have the names of all graduates to Sarah White by Sunday, **April 27**.

VBS Planning Meeting: Monday, **April 28** at 6:30 pm.

Deacon's Meeting (tentative): Monday, **May 5** at 7:00 pm

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

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **May 12** at 10:00 am.

Cody Stallard Memorial Scholarship: Applications are now available. Application packets are in the vestibule, and will be accepted through **May 15**. The high school or college applicant must be a member of Millfield Baptist Church, or the child or grandchild of a member. For any questions, please see Tracey or Kenneth Stallard.

HopeTree Golf Tournament: The annual HopeTree Golf Tournament will be held May 12. Registration is due by Thursday, **April 24**. Registration is \$200 per individual or \$700 per team. Hole sponsorship is available for \$200 as well. To register or for questions, please contact Development@Hopetreefs.org or call 540-389-2112.

Millfield Baptist Church
Palm Sunday, April 13th
 Join us for church, a light lunch and
 a Easter Egg Hunt for the kids!

Bring a cold dish
or finger food to
share!

Easter
EXTRAVAGANZA

Kids bring your
Easter Baskets!

Palm Sunday Service: 11 am
Cold Plate Covered Dish Lunch: 12 pm
Easter Egg Hunt: Following lunch

31389 Millfield Road, Wakefield, VA 23888
<https://www.millfieldlife.org>

Come join the fun!

Millfield Baptist Outreach

Millfield Community Day

May 31st, 2025
 12:00 PM- 5:00 PM

CORNHOLE TOURNAMENT

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 31389 Millfield Rd,
 Wakefield, VA 23888

For More information & Vendor Application
757-859-6896
www.millfieldlife.org
goodrich.mbc@gmail.com

- ☑ Activities for all Ages
- ☑ Sales and Craft Vendors
- ☑ Silent Auction
- ☑ Community Information Booths
- ☑ Bouncy House & Cotton Candy

2025 * **VBS** * MILLFIELD BAPTIST

MARVEL AT JESUS - LIVE FOR HIS GLORY

WANTED

VOLUNTEERS

OPEN POSITIONS

- Class Teachers
- Classroom Helpers
- Preschool Director
- Recreation Leader
- Security
- Enrollment
- Recreation Helpers
- Craft Volunteers
- Snack Volunteers
- Set Decorators
- Meeting Volunteers
- Youth Helpers
- Youth Volunteer Coordinator

THEME VERSE

*From the rising of the sun to the place where it sets, the name of the LORD is to be praised.
 Psalm 113:3 NIV*

VBS INFO

Date
 June 16th - 21st

Time
 9am - 12pm

Put your boots on, grab that cowboy hat, and join us for the trip of a lifetime

VBS Planning Meeting
 April 28th
 6:30 p.m.
 in the Millfield Fellowship Hall

CONTACT MARINDY * ETERNAL REWARD * 757-570-1876



**OFFERING FOR
GLOBAL MISSIONS**

BECAUSE **PRESENCE** MATTERS

CBF 2025 Offering for Global Missions

During the month of April, Millfield we be collecting this missions offering and praying for our missionaries we support through the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship (CBF).

100% of your gifts for the Offering will support the long-term presence of CBF field personnel (missionaries) serving in the United States and around the world.

Your support of this Offering for Global Missions will help share the Gospel message and provide tangible gifts of God's grace and mercy. We thank God that CBF provides this channel to help us fulfill our mission to make a difference in our world.



See, I am doing a new thing!

Now it springs up; do you not perceive it?

*I am making a way in the wilderness
and streams in the wasteland.*



Give to the Offering for Global Missions

100% of your gift supports the long-term presence of CBF Field Personnel

OFFERING GOAL: \$4 million

Prayer Requests



Wesley Garner

Bob Felts

Nick Cook, Brian Cook's dad.

Nancy Stephenson

Lucky Jones, Tanya Moore's father.

Sonny Warren

Ron Cornwell

Sharon Gunter, a friend of the McQuarrys'.

Bobby Stephenson

Andrew Tanner, Sarah Dowless' boyfriend, is in Kyiv, Ukraine. Please pray for his continued safety.

Robin Goodrich, Bobby Goodrich's wife and a friend of members of Millfield.

Aaron Parker, Cathy Simm's son-in-law, has been deployed to Bahrain.

Joell Bryant, a friend of Sarah White's, has breast cancer.

John Wayne Johnson has stage 4 prostate cancer.

Loretta Twiddy, Tiffany Carr's aunt, has been diagnosed with lung cancer.

Neil Owens is requesting prayer for his kidneys.

Dee Dee Hoosier of Bland Ministry Center.

Margaret Simms has passed away; please keep her loved ones in your prayers.

Virginia Ballard has passed away; please keep her loved ones in your prayers.

Bruno Anello has been diagnosed with colon cancer.

 **WMU**® : *Women in Action*

The next WMU meeting will be

Saturday, **April 5** at 10:00 am. Coffee and light

refreshments will be provided. All women of

the church are invited to attend.





From the Deacon's Desk

The Purpose Driven Model—Part III “The Take-Aways”

Warren’s mission always seemed clear and the more he prayed and asked God for guidance and direction, the clearer his vision became. This is how he knew what he had set out to do was for the glorification of God, and for the fulfillment of His greater purpose and not for some form of selfish personal gratification. We have heard the question posed; how do you eat an elephant? One bite at the time of course. His unwavering patience and perseverance are examples worth emulating in any organization. “Every large church started off as a small church.” Along those same lines, I am often asked, how did the fire start? My unpretentious answer is sometimes mistaken as obvious, but my reply is simply this, small. Regardless of how big the emergencies end up being, and the challenges that must be overcome to achieve successful mitigation of the incident, the process is the same. Stay focused on the vision, taking small manageable bites until the goals initially identified can be achieved.

Even though Warren’s strategic process was derived for and implemented in developing the underpinning of a new church, its purpose-driven principles are applicable to almost everything we set out to do in life. The contemporary applications of Warren’s model abound. One of the many prolific examples of his clear mission and vision development and implementation strategy is with its practical application in the workplace. With the elimination of a single word, church, Warren’s opinion that “most churches try to do too much” can be expanded and applied to many personal and professional environments and incubated to propagate visionary leadership in any form or setting. You have likely heard the axiom that if you want something done, ask a busy person to do it, oftentimes even if it is at the expense of their own families, careers, happiness, sanity, and health. Many of us have had to learn the tough lesson of “no” the hard way, allowing ourselves to at some point or another take on more activities, work assignments, programs, and responsibilities than we can effectively juggle. Warren’s visionary focus was clear, to make missionaries out of the unchurched. With a narrow and attainable focus, he spread God’s message with the unchurched without muddying the waters with overcomplicated programs that ultimately would accomplish little else other than preventing him from being able to achieve the mission of Saddleback Church, to be a church for the unchurched. “On hearing this, Jesus said to them, “It is not the healthy who need a doctor, but the sick. I have not come to call the righteous, but sinners” Mark 2:17.

Without a clear mission and vision there is grave potential, more likely a probable reality, to overwhelm and burn out the very people that you aim to empower in the process of accomplishing whatever it may be that you have set out to do. In the church, this is not for determining the purpose of the church, but for figuring out with other fellow churchgoers, how God plans to use them as missionaries for His purpose. “It isn’t our job to create the purposes of the church, but to discover them.” Why do we exist and what are we here for? Who do we serve and how can we do this better?

Just as Warren said, “We may be innovative with the style of ministry, but we must never alter the substance of it”

I hope that you all have enjoyed this three-part series on purpose. Regardless of where you are in your journey, may God bless you with peace and comfort, continued growth and understanding, and the heart of an evangelist so that in some way others may come to see, know, and grow their relationship with Jesus Christ through you. God Bless.

Chris Cornwell

Deacon Chair

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APRIL 2025

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 April Fool's Day 7:00 Women's Bible Study	2 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting	4	5 10:00 am WMU Meeting
6 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	7	8	9 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 7:00 pm Quarterly Conference	11 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study	12 White Fellowship Hall
13 Palm Sunday 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 12:00 pm Easter Extravaganza 4:00 pm Youth	14 10:00 am Food Bank Truck Delivery	15 6:30 pm Bagging Groceries	16 8:30 Bags of Hope Distribution 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 7:00 pm Tenebrae	18 Good Friday	19
20 Easter 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	21	22 Earth Day	23 Admin Assist Day 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6:30 pm Men's Bible Study	25	26
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4	5 Cinco de Mayo	2 Madison Cabell Courtney Cox 4 Molly Dowless 6 Cathy Simms 8 Benji Goodrich	9 Betty Garner Hunter Patterson Neil Tiller 11 Devin Dalton Earl Parker	12 James Todd 19 Robert Swinson 20 Beverly McQuarry 22 Joshua White 24 Keith Barrett	25 Brooks Gale 28 Allison Brittle 29 Mary Beth Williams 30 Chris Hardt	

