

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.

Frankly Speaking

You have probably heard the old adage “People don’t like change.” That concept seems to be quite prevalent in Baptist churches. It is not really true, however. Getting married is a huge change, and people seem to enter into matrimony thankfully and happily! Pregnancy and birth produce all kinds of stressful changes, physically, economically, socially and psychologically, yet having a child most often is a very welcome change. And who in their right mind would turn down a substantial raise in wages just because they don’t like change? No, change in and of itself is not the problem. People do not like changes that they do not want!

And interestingly enough, the Thanksgiving holiday is a good example of unwanted change in our American history. Thanksgiving in our nation is typically traced

back to the Pilgrims in Massachusetts, although many Virginians point to 1619 and the banks of the James River, on the site that eventually became Berkeley Plantation, as the place and year of the initial Thanksgiving in America. First United States President George Washington declared November 26, 1789 as a day of national thanksgiving, in part to give thanks for the newly ratified Constitution. During the American Civil War, President Abraham Lincoln declared the last Thursday of November to be the annual date of a country-wide Thanksgiving Day.

And then came Franklin Delano Roosevelt. In 1939, the last Thursday in November was also the last day of the month, November 30th. A large contingent of retail business owners lobbied the President to move back the Thanksgiving holiday to November 23, giving retail merchants an extra week of Christmas shopping, since in those days the Christmas season kicked into high gear following Thanksgiving Day. Because the United States was still working through more than a decade of the Great Depression, Roosevelt thought this idea was good for the economy, and he made the change.

Well, the presidential declaration sparked a firestorm of controversy. Opponents of the President identified the change as one more example of FDR’s high-handedness. Couples with Thanksgiving wedding plans were suddenly in limbo. Calendar publishers were upset because in one fell swoop the President had made all of their products inaccurate. The holiday change was so disagreeable and divisive that 23 states decided to celebrate Thanksgiving on the last day of the month, the 30th, while 23 other states used the new date proclaimed by Roosevelt. Texas and

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Colorado were unable to come to a decision, so they had Thanksgiving celebrations on both Thursdays! Thankfully, in 1942, Congress passed a bill that once-and-for-all established the fourth Thursday of November as the national day of Thanksgiving.

Human beings are funny and fickle. We easily get ourselves into dilemmas simply because we cannot see all the future ramifications of our actions, and we have difficulty with patience and tolerance when actions meet neither our expectations nor our desires. God is not that way with us. He loves us enough to offer us the real experience of forgiveness (“...as far as east is from west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us.” Psalm 103:12), and He has done it through the sacrifice of His only Son Jesus Christ (“In Him we have redemption through His blood, the forgiveness of sins...” Ephesians 1:7). Our Savior

certainly deserves our gratitude on November 24 this year, but even more, His people should set aside every Sunday as a day of public thanksgiving and worship. Jesus deserves that kind of response from us, because the change He effected in our lives has made an eternal difference for us.

For all that has been, for all that is, and for all that will be, let us give thanks to God.



Upcoming Events



Ladies Bible Study: Tuesdays at 7:00 pm.

Prayer Meeting: Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

Deacons Meeting: Monday, **November 14** at 7:00 pm.

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

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

Men's Breakfast: Sunday, **November 20** at 8:00 am.

Dessert Auction: Sunday, **November 20** following a potluck supper at 6:00 pm.

Children's Christmas Play: Sunday, **December 4** at 11:00 am. Followed by a light luncheon.

Millfield Choir Christmas Program: Sunday, **December 11** at 7:00 pm.



The next WMU meeting will be Saturday, **January 7** at 11:00 am in the Fellowship Hall, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. All ladies of the church are invited to attend.



MISSION NEWS

Showing God's Love to Ukranian Women and Children



The funds our church gave to the Alma Hunt Offering for Virgina Missions help fund the work of WMUV (Women's Missionary Union of Virginia). Our funds are making it possible for Ukranian women and children to find a safe refuge in Romania.

WMUV partnered with Project: Ruth in Bucharest, Romania several years ago as they worked and ministered among the Roma population. Our brothers and sisters in Christ are now also meeting needs among Ukranian refugees by housing them at the Ruth School and Providence Baptist Church in Bucharest.

Brittany Garton, Projects Manager for Project Ruth, has shared they are currently accommodating 42 Ukranian women and children, and have become a hub for refugees needing access to embassies in Bucharest. They have a need for funds to provide hygiene kits, food, and clothing/shoes to these families.



Brittany shares, "Our turnover costs are the highest because it means that even if a refugee is only with us for a night or two, we still want to be the light of Christ to them in this trying time. Of our 50 refugees thus far only four have been confessed Christians. We have had several women ask how much money we receive from the government for treating them so nicely. They are shocked to hear that we treat them as our guests because of our love for Christ. One lady even remarked that her whole life she had lived in a house next door to a Baptist church but had never been inside the courtyard and now God had brought her here to Baptists to care for her, love on her and her children and to provide a safe place to lay their heads."

How can you be further involved? WMUV has a special fund for Ukranian refugees, and your gifts can be sent through Millfield to that fund.



Just as importantly, you can

- Pray for an end to the war.
- Pray for families being separated and forced out of cities.
- Pray for the women, children, and elderly entering surrounding countries and seeking asylum.
- Pray for the refugee families being housed at Project Ruth.
- Pray for the Project Ruth staff and Providence Baptist Church volunteers who are cooking meals and assisting the refugee families staying at the Center and School.
- Like & Follow Project Ruth on Facebook for continued prayer requests and updates as they respond to the crisis.

Prayer Requests

Margaret Simms

Wesley Garner

Edith Barnes has breast cancer.

Annette Haywood has breast cancer.

Javier Gonzalez, Tamara Capodanno's boyfriend, currently deployed on the USS Bush, and all other military, as well as their families and loved ones.

Jean Felts has a torn rotator cuff and is waiting for surgery to be scheduled.

Nancy Stephenson is in the hospital with heart problems.

Vicky Goodrich is still recovering from Covid effects and under treatments via PICC line at home for a bad infection in her eye.

Chris Cornwell's cousin, **Amy Hoffman** and husband **Russell** had triplets November 4.





Some photos of our October 29 Fall Festival. A huge thank you to Ashley Whitby, Tammy Dalton, and Tom White for their help in making it possible!



November	
Deuteronomy	
1	Chapter 31
2	Chapter 32
3	Chapters 33-34
Joshua	
4	Chapters 1-2
5	Chapters 3-4
6	Reflection
7	Chapters 5-6
8	Chapter 7
9	Chapter 8
10	Chapter 9
11	Chapter 10
12	Chapters 11-12
13	Reflection
14	Chapters 13-14
15	Chapter 15
16	Chapters 16-17
17	Chapter 18
18	Chapter 19
19	Chapters 20-21
20	Reflection
21	Chapter 22
22	Chapters 23-24
Judges	
23	Chapter 1
24	Chapter 2
25	Chapter 3
26	Chapter 4
27	Reflection
28	Chapter 5
29	Chapter 6
30	Chapter 7

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Bible

Reading

Plan

"Faith is not an achievement, it is a gift. Yet it comes only through the HEARING AND STUDYING of the Word."

Martin Luther

December	
Judges	
1	Chapter 8
2	Chapter 9
3	Chapter 10
4	Reflection
5	Chapter 11
6	Chapters 12-13
7	Chapters 14-15
8	Chapters 16-17
9	Chapter 18
10	Chapter 19
11	Reflection
12	Chapter 20
13	Chapter 21
Ruth	
14	Chapters 1-2
15	Chapters 3-4
1 Samuel	
16	Chapter 1
17	Chapters 2-3
18	Reflection
19	Chapters 4-5
20	Chapters 6-7
21	Chapters 8-9
22	Chapter 10
23	Chapters 11-12
24	Chapter 13
25	Reflection
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28	Chapter 16
29	Chapter 17
30	Chapter 18
31	Chapter 19

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Millfield Baptist Church

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31 Halloween	1 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	2 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	3	4	5
6 Daylight Saving 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Children's Church	7	8 10:00 am Food Bank Truck Delivery 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	9 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10	11 Veterans Day	12
13 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	14 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting	15 6:30 pm Bagging Groceries	16 8:30 am Bags of Hope Distribution 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17	18	19
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4	5	11 Janet Crawford BreAnna Garner 13 Wellford Tiller 20 Jeremy Gibbs 25 Maxton Hassell 27 Susan Stone Mary Winchell 28 Vicky Goodrich 29 Mary Lois Dickerson				

