



## Grace Notes

Christ, our companion, hope for the journey,  
Bread of compassion, open our eyes.  
Grant us your vision, set all hearts burning,  
That all creation with You may rise.  
(Susan Palo Cherwien, 1996)



With the advent of the warmer weather of spring, our church has a new focus and new energy. Having lived through Holy Week, we now are able to embrace the Easter season with new eyes, complete with the vision of our Risen Savior!

I want to emphasize how much I enjoy serving as your Interim Pastor! You are a delightful and loving people who embrace each other and new people as well. This past Sunday was a prime example—a new couple came to worship and many of you made your way to welcome them to our church. I will plan a pastoral visit with them as soon as our schedules align. If you know of others that may be church prospects, please share them with me.

Following Easter, my sermons will focus on God's Vision for Millfield Baptist. I am positive that God has a new chapter of ministry for Millfield Baptist Church!



Please remember to pray daily for our Pastor Search Committee and their sacred work. Pray that God will guide their efforts and conversations. Pray that God will direct their search and their relationships. Pray that God will continue to lead them in their work. Also, pray that God will give us the

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ability to be patient and wait for the person that you have prepared for Millfield Baptist.

God is able to work in our lives, if we only give him the opportunity. I look forward to worshipping with you!

Grace and Peace:

Steve



**Prayer Meeting:** Wednesdays at 6:15 pm.

**Choir Rehearsal:** Wednesdays at 7:00 pm.

**Deacons Meeting:** Monday, **April 3** at 7:00 pm.

**Maundy Thursday Worship Service:** Thursday, **April 6** at 7:00 pm.

**Food Bank Truck Delivery:** Tuesday, **April 11** at 10:00 am.

**Quarterly Conference:** Thursday, **April 13** at 7:00 pm.

**Men's Breakfast:** Sunday, **April 16** at 8:00 am.

**Bagging Groceries:** Tuesday, **April 18** at 6:30 pm.

**Bags of Hope Distribution:** Wednesday, **April 19** at 8:30 am. Distribution begins at 10:00 am.

**Stephenson Party:** There will be a party in the Fellowship Hall immediately following worship on Sunday, **April 23** in honor of Nancy Stephenson's 80th birthday and Bobby and Nancy's 60th wedding anniversary. Please plan to attend!

**VBS Planning Meeting:** Monday, **April 24** at 6:00 pm. Supper is included.

**Deacons Meeting:** Monday, **May 1** at 7:00 pm.

**Food Bank Truck Delivery:** Tuesday, **May 9** at 10:00 am.



### **Williamsburg Summer International Student Ministry**

Many international students come to Williamsburg to work in the tourism industry each summer. The students must be enrolled in college and are given a category J-1 visa to work and learn American culture for 3 months. Tourist-based companies in Williamsburg sponsor the students and the companies have to apply to be eligible to participate. The sponsoring companies take care of providing jobs, insurance, safety, and the immigration process. They are also responsible for the students' return to their countries after the completion of their program.

The students work long hours in low-paying, minimum wage jobs with few chances to build friendships with Americans. The students often face challenges with language and are not treated well by customers, tourists, and employers.

#### **What is the International Student ministry doing?**

Zeko and Mattie Wezah work with about 300 international students that stay at the Pineapple Inn on Richmond Road in Williamsburg. The students are responsible for their own meals, doing their laundry, etc. There are usually 3 or 4 students per room. Most rooms have a microwave and hotel-sized refrigerator.

There are a number of ways to be involved in this ministry, and one of the ways is to provide non-perishable food, laundry supplies, cleaning supplies, and paper products. In April, May and June we'll be collecting these items for the students.

#### **Other Ministry Opportunities**

Zeko and Mattie arrange weekly sports nights for the students such as volleyball, soccer, and basketball. Once a month, churches from the area bring food and have a cook-out for the students at the hotel. They also arrange day trips with the help of local church bus drivers to places like Virginia Beach (how exciting to see someone see the Atlantic Ocean for the first time!). "All of these activities help us build relationships and share the love of Christ," Zeko said.

He tries to connect students to American families in Williamsburg and the family focuses on building a relationship with two to three students. These families are from local churches, and the hope is that they will be able to share Christ once a relationship is established.

"Many of these students will hear of Christ for the first time this summer," Zeko explained. "How great it would be for them to return to their home countries this fall as witnesses for Him! Please pray for the Mattie and me as we minister to students from over 20 different countries."

"My prayer is that these students will experience Jesus through meeting people of faith while they are here. I believe the best gift they can bring back home is the love of God they experience here. I want to thank you for being a part of that journey for these students through your active participation."



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



**Margaret Simms**

**Wesley Garner**

**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.

**Jennifer Clements**, Benji Goodrich's mother-in-law, has breast cancer.

**Vicky Goodrich** is under continued care due to infection affecting her eye. She is scheduled for surgery on the tear duct April 13. She remains on antibiotic eyedrops.

**Jean Felts** is recovering from shoulder surgery.

**Carol Golla** has been suffering from vertigo.

**Jessica Bryant** is dealing with a brain bleed and memory loss.

**Bob Felts**

**Danny Starnes** was in a 4-wheeler accident and sustained multiple injuries.

**Timmy Worrell**, a friend of March Chitwood, has stage 4 cancer.

**Melvin Harrell**, Tracey Stallard's father, is in declining health.

**Tornado victims and their families.**

**Victims and families of mass shooting at Covenant Presbyterian Church School, Nashville, TN.**

**Frank Crawford**



April			
1 Chronicles			
1	Chapter 6		
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6	Chapter 10		
7	Chapter 11		
8	Chapter 12		
9	Reflection		
10	Chapters 13-14		
11	Chapter 15		
12	Chapter 16		
13	Chapter 17		
14	Chapters 18-19		
15	Chapters 20-21		
16	Reflection		
17	Chapter 22		
18	Chapter 23		
19	Chapter 24		
20	Chapter 25		
21	Chapter 26		
22	Chapter 27		
23	Reflection		
24	Chapter 28		
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27	Chapters 3-4		
28	Chapter 5		
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		4	Chapters 12-13
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		6	Chapters 16-17
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		8	Chapters 18-19
		9	Chapters 20-21
		10	Chapters 22-23
		11	Chapter 24
		12	Chapter 25
		13	Chapter 26
		14	Reflection
		15	Chapters 27-28
		16	Chapter 29
		17	Chapter 30
		18	Chapter 31
		19	Chapter 32
		20	Chapter 33
		21	Reflection
		22	Chapter 34
		23	Chapter 35
		24	Chapter 36
		Ezra	
		25	Chapter 1
		26	Chapter 2
		27	Chapters 3-4
		28	Reflection
		29	Chapters 5-6
		30	Chapter 7
		31	Chapters 8-9

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Bible

Reading

Plan



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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b> April Fool's Day 11:00 am WMU Meeting
<b>2</b> 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Childrens Church	<b>3</b> 7:00 pm Deacons Meeting (tentative)	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>6</b> Passover 7:00 pm Maundy Thursday Service	<b>7</b> Good Friday	<b>8</b>
<b>9</b> Easter 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Food Bank Truck Delivery	<b>12</b> 6:15 pm Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b> 7:00 pm Quarterly Conference	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
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