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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

August 31, 2026 The Felts family, Millfield Baptist, and the Ivor community lost who I would consider to be the greatest prayer warrior I've ever met, Robert "Bob" Marvis Felts, Jr. Bob was the perfect example of a man who could lead, love, laugh, and enjoy life to the fullest. He had a servant's heart that offered everyone he came in contact with the kind of sacrificial love that reflected his Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Bob Felts was a man who understood the power of prayer and where he received his many blessings.

I always am truly amazed at how the Holy Spirit moves amongst followers of Christ and He always



seems to align His Will to our movements in life as His unified body. On August 30, 2026, I preached a sermon at Ebenezer Baptist titled, "Have You Asked?". It was a sermon based on passages found in Matthew chapter 7 verses 7-12. Jesus teaches us to ask and it will be given to us, seek and we will find, and knock and the door will be open.

Before I preached this sermon, I was in pastor Dionte Futrell's office and we were talking about prayer as well as praying. He informed me that he was about to begin preaching a sermon series on prayer in September. I believe the Holy Spirit was setting the stage for Dionte's sermon series by leading me to preach on prayer. Our unity in the community gathering is such a special time together and Carol Jean told me how much she and Bob enjoyed attending them.

On Monday I received the news of Bob's passing and the first thing that crossed my mind was how the world had just lost an incredible prayer warrior. Then the conversations he and I had about what takes place the instant we pass from this life and on into eternity came to mind. Bob seemed to enjoy talking about the events that would take place after he passed on. His salvation assured him of the hope he professed in Jesus.

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He knew with all his heart he would see the glory of God and be able to embrace the one who gave him life by the blood he shed on the cross. Bob and I discussed his eternity and that is something I will always hold dear to my heart. They were some of the most raw and real conversations I've ever had the privilege to share with another man. Bob left an incredible legacy behind with his beautiful family and the best part of that legacy is the prayers he offered up on their behalf.

I'll never hear the words, "Prayer Warrior" again without seeing his face and thinking about the impact his uplifting words had on so many, including myself. I want to encourage you all to take time in the days ahead to follow the example Bob Felts left behind and extend our prayers towards his family. If you find yourself with such a heavy heart during this time that you just can't seem to get the words out, let me encourage you with these passages written by the apostle Paul in Romans 8:

"²⁶In the same way, the Spirit helps us in our weakness. We do not know what we ought to pray for, but the Spirit himself intercedes for us through wordless groans. ²⁷And he who searches our hearts knows the mind of the Spirit, because the Spirit intercedes for God's people in accordance with the will of God. ²⁸And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose."

Bob Felts never seemed to be at a loss for words when it came to prayer but grieving may cause you to not be able to gather your thoughts and verbalize your prayer. These passages in Romans offer us hope and assurance that even though we may be at a loss for words, the Spirit of God knows our hearts and speaks on our behalf. As you grieve the loss of Bob's presence in your lives let me encourage you to always remember that Bob Felts has received his glory in paradise with King Jesus.

Pastor Kelby Lilly

Bob Felts was my first exposure to Millfield Baptist Church. We moved to Ivor in the fall of 2008, and he stopped by one day to invite us. We didn't come right away, but when we did, we found home waiting for us here.

I will always feel privileged to have known him, and Millfield will not be the same without him. That said, I believe that his influence will live on within these hallowed walls for years—and perhaps even generations—to come.

The thing that impressed itself upon me the most about Bob was his love for the children—not just his kids and grandkids, but all the children of the church, and every child who came to VBS. He loved VBS, and it showed.

He loved Millfield. He loved us, its people, and I hope that we will honor his legacy by continuing to love each other the same way he did—the way Jesus calls us to.

Sarah J. White, Ministry Assistant



Yarn Drive: The WMU is collecting yarn throughout the month of September. The yarn will go to incarcerated women in the state of Virginia to use to make blankets for cancer patients. There will be a collection box in the Fellowship Hall.

Choir Rehearsal: Resumes Wednesday, **September 16**. Choir meets every Wednesday night at 7:00 pm.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **September 14** at 10:00 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Deacons Meeting: Monday, **September 14** at 6:30 pm.

Bagging Groceries: Tuesday, **September 15** at 6:30 pm at Ebenezer Baptist Church.

Bags of Hope Distribution: Wednesday, **September 16** at 8:30 am at Ebenezer Baptist Church. Distribution begins at 10:00 am.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **September 20** at 4:00 pm.

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

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

Deacons Meeting (tentative): Monday, **October 5** at 6:30 pm.

Quarterly Conference: Thursday, **October 8** at 7:00 pm.

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



DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WE INVITE YOU TO GIVE TO THE ALMA HUNT MISSIONS OFFERING—joining your gifts with those of many other Virginia Baptists as we share the love of Christ across the Commonwealth and with the whole world. The offering provides funding for all Woman’s Missionary Union of Virginia (WMUV) missions and ministries and makes possible other Baptist General Association of Virginia (BGAV) special ministries, outreach projects, and initiatives not funded through regular streams of giving. Every dollar you give goes directly to support these ministries. **You may write a check to “Millfield Baptist Church” with the memo “Alma Hunt” or use the missions offering envelopes provided.**

BLAND MISSION TRIP

The deadline for committing to the mission trip in October is Sunday, September 13. It is not too late to sign up, even if you have not been to the planning meeting. Let Susan Stone, John McQuarry, or Sarah White in the church office know.

LOCAL MISSIONS AUTHOR TO SPEAK SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27

Wendell Cooper works as an agronomist in the peanut and cotton fields of Virginia and North Carolina. When not working or writing, he bikes in the Great Dismal Swamp and fishes the Blackwater River by kayak.

His book—**Love, Kenya**—is the amazing true story of **Sherry Karanja** who served as a missionary to East Africa for decades after being diagnosed with AIDS. Altogether, Sherry opened a health care clinic, a church, an ambulance service, and two orphanages before retiring at age 71. In 1991, while working as a nurse in Columbus, Ohio, Sherry was infected due to carelessness on the part of one of her colleagues, who had just administered an IV to an HIV patient. Two weeks later she became ill. “At first I thought I had hepatitis. You just didn’t think about HIV back then. I just couldn’t believe it when my doctor said it was HIV.” Sherry had been visiting Kenya since 1989, but it was only after she was infected with HIV that she “felt the call of God stronger than ever.” In November 2006, after Archbishop Makarios of Kenya offered her an abandoned convent at the base of Mt. Kenya in Nyeri, she opened a children’s home. About a third of the children are infected with HIV. She has been called Guardian Angel of the AIDS children.

IMPACT DISASTER RESPONSE TRAINING—SEPTEMBER 18-19

The BGAV’s Impact Disaster Response will host a two-day training event September 18-19 at Hermitage Baptist Church in Middlesex County. Participants can train in the following areas:

Intro to Disaster Response | Feeding (Intro and Hands-On) | Cleanup | Construction/Crew Chiefs | Chainsaw | Administration

There is no cost to attend. Lunch will be provided Saturday.

To Register go to <https://impactmissionsmovement.org/event/impact-disaster-response-training-september-18-19/>

For more information about the BGAV’s Impact Missions go to <https://impactmissionsmovement.org/>



Thanks go everyone who helped the WMU collect school supplies for Nottoway Elementary School! Let's remember all our children, parents, and school staff in prayer as this new year begins.

In September we will be collecting yarn for our state's incarcerated women to use in making blankets for cancer patients. A box will be available in the Fellowship Hall. We received a very nice card thanking us for the last yarn that was donated and we hope to send a large supply again. We should always remember to pray for those in prison and for the patients they help through their needlework.

Our next WMU meeting will be Saturday, October 3, 10:00 am in the Fellowship Hall. Come have some coffee and light refreshments as we learn what's going on with missions currently and make plans for the months ahead. We meet just once a quarter and if you have to miss a meeting, you can watch the bulletin and newsletter for ways to participate. Jesus' final words before returning to heaven were to go and teach, so missions isn't an optional part of being a Christian—it's our Lord's last command. Let's pray about how we can obey.

Church Music

The choir will begin rehearsing again on Wednesday, September 16 at 7:00 pm. We would love to have new singers as well as those who play instruments. We are trying to blend some contemporary songs with the traditional but we need your help. No one has to sign on the dotted line; just come give us a try and see if the choir is a good fit for you. 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.

On September 20, we will welcome the New Hope Baptist Church Trio from South Hill. They'll be bringing us a few selections in the Sunday service and we look forward to hearing them!

Make a *Joyful* noise unto the Lord
Psalm 98:4



When it comes to the annual school supply drive, Millfield's generosity never disappoints!

The supplies collected completely filled the back of my Honda Pilot!



Dr. Kea, the new principal at Nottoway Elementary was very thankful to receive our gift. Thanks again to all of you who helped with this!

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

Bible Reading



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
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27	Chapter 18
28	Chapter 19
29	Chapter 20
30	Chapter 21
	Isaiah
31	Chapter 1

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SEPTEMBER 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1 7:00 pm Outreach Committee Meeting	2	3	4	5 4:00 pm Visitation for Bob Felts
6 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 2:00 pm Celebration of Life	7 Labor Day	8	9 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	10 6:30 Men's Gathering	11 Patriot Day	12 Rosh Hashanah
13 Grandparents Day 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	14 10:00 am Food Bank Truck Delivery 6:30 pm Deacons Meeting	15 6:30 pm Bagging Groceries	16 8:30 am Bags of Hope Distribution 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	17 Constitution Day	18	19
20 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Communion 4:00 pm Youth Meeting	21 Yom Kippur	22	23 Autumnal equinox (GMT) 6:00 pm Outreach 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	24 6:30 Men's Gathering	25	26
27 8:00 Men's Breakfast 9:30 am Fellowship Time 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	28	29	30 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	1	2	3
4	5	4 Dawn Gale 5 Eden Raye Creef 6 Julie Branch 7 Isaac Brittle Hunter Harrup	8 Jackson McNutt 9 Kelley Savage Richard Simms 10 Frank Lane 12 McKenzie Perkins	13 Chris Epperson Patricia Gregory Samantha Key 17 Susan Owen 18 Paul Branch	18 Diana Cruz Madison Mayorga 20 Eddie Carter 22 Jef Fisk 23 Julian Darden	23 Nancy Faison 28 Kathy Guindon 29 Sonny Warren 30 Delores Parker Sandy Vick

