

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.

Notes from the Lilly Pad

I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas celebrating Jesus' birth with friends and family! One of the ways Millfield brought glory and honor to our Lord and savior was our Christmas music program. So much hard work and dedication went into making the event truly special and memorable! Millfield is blessed with incredibly musically talented people! We also had a very beautiful reverent Christmas Eve service. It was amazing to see so many families come and join the celebration of our Savior's birth!

To continue with the ceremonies, Millfield had a special service on the 29th called "Lesson and Carols". Lessons and Carols was a great way for Millfield to conclude our month of Advent. The festival of Nine Lessons was a celebration that began at King's College, Cambridge on Christmas Eve 1918. For the lessons, scripture was read, starting with Genesis 3:8-19. This



was followed by a beautiful song called "I Wonder as I Wander," sung by soloist Sarah Dowless.

The second lesson was taken from Genesis 22:15-18 and was read by Melissa Cornwell.

The third lesson was read by Landon Beale and was taken from Isaiah 9:2; 6-7, followed by the congregation singing the hymn, "Come Thou Long-Expected Jesus." The fourth lesson was read by Gary Futrell and the scripture passages were taken from Isaiah 11:1-9. This reading was followed by a beautiful duet sung by Molly Dowless and Beverly McQuarry. The fifth lesson was read by Anne Magee and she read



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about the visit from the angel Gabriel to Mary, taken from The Gospel of Luke 1:26-38., followed by the hymn "There's a Song in the Air."

The sixth lesson was read by Harper Beale and taken from the Gospel of Luke chapter 2:1-7, which tells the story of the birth of Jesus. After this was read the choir sang "Away in a Manger." To be able to see the congregation's smiles and almost feel their emotions from the Choir loft is such a blessing while singing in such reverence. The seventh lesson was read by Franklin Dowless and the scripture passages came from Luke 2:8-16, followed by the congregation singing the hymn "O Little Town of Bethlehem."

Oh how the sounds coming from Millfield were so pleasant to hear and pleasing to God during this service. The eighth lesson was read by Becky Miller and taken from the Gospel of Matthew chapter 2 verses 1-12. This was followed by a beautiful musical on the piano by Molly Dowless. She played "Guide Us to Thy Perfect Light." The ninth and final lesson was read by me and I read from The Gospel of John Chapter 1 verses 1-14.

As I was reading through these lessons, I felt led to share two of the most important lessons we can learn from them. The first is the necessity of Jesus Christ. He was absolutely necessary because of sin entering the earth and

bringing with it death. Jesus' life, death and resurrected body offers the opportunity for all who have faith in Him to have life eternally. Jesus' life on earth was a necessity for our lives when we pass away from this earth. (Rom. 3:22-26)

The second Lesson I believe to be of utmost importance for us to keep fresh in our minds and close to our hearts is the deity of Jesus. Jesus came to earth as 100% man and 100% God. For the ninth lesson we had during Sunday's service I read from the Gospel of John chapter 1:1-14. These verses teach us that Jesus always was and always will be. Jesus was with God and the Holy Spirit upon the creation of the earth, (Gen. 1:26).

To look further into the deity of Jesus I encourage you to read the Book of Hebrews. The Book of Hebrews teaches of Jesus' Deity and the Book of Romans teaches of Jesus' necessity to mankind. I encourage you as we enter into a new year to ponder deeply on the great mysteries of God our creator. Read these lessons that teach us in a valuable, wholesome way why we celebrate Christmas. We are in the season of Christmastide; what better time to slow down and study God's Word than after the busyness of the season?

I encourage you to start your new year by igniting the flame of the Holy Spirit that dwells within you through prayer

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and disciplined study. I encourage you in the year of 2025 to put God first in your life. Prioritize your life around His Will for your life. I encourage you to strengthen your faith in this new year by staying focused on the Deity and the necessity of Jesus Christ! Keep your eyes lifted towards the **Hope, Peace,**

Joy and Love that can only be found in Jesus! I love you all and will be continually lifting each one of you in prayer as we enter into a new year! God Bless and Happy New Year!

Pastor Kelby Lilly

Upcoming Events



WMU Meeting: Saturday, **January 4** at 10:00 am.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **January 5** at 4:30 pm.

Food Bank Truck Delivery: Monday, **January 13** at 10:00 am.

Deacons Meeting: Monday, **January 13** at 7:00 pm.

Bagging Groceries: Tuesday, **January 14** at 6:30 pm.

Bags of Hope Distribution: Wednesday, **January 15** at 8:30 am. Distribution begins at 10:00 am.

Choir Rehearsal: Choir will resume **January 15**.

Quarterly Conference: Thursday, **January 16** at 7:00 pm.

Men's Breakfast: Sunday, **January 19** at 8:00 am.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **January 19** at 4:00 pm.

Youth Meeting: Sunday, **February 2** at 4:00 pm.

Deacons Meeting (tentative): Monday, **February 3** at 7:00 pm.

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



Soup for Seniors is a very special type of mission that impacts those in close proximity to Millfield. Soup for Seniors has been feeding around 8 families during the winter months of November, December, January, and February for nearly 10 years.

In previous years, we have been able to give one quart of soup to each household but recently we have been able to give two quarts!

Doug Whitehead has cooked the most soup and gives 8 quarts at a time. Cindy Lowe has been our longest delivery driver since Soup of Seniors was started.

Last year, Sharon Patterson started making loaves of bread to go along with the soup which has been enjoyed by many and has added a wonderful touch to this mission.

We have delivered over 100 quarts of soup in the last ten years! We are

thankful to those who have made soup and who have delivered soup year after year. We are thankful to everyone who continues to keep feeding our neighbors. Whether it is making one quart or eight quarts of soup, making deliveries around Millfield, or helping find those who are in need of soup, bread, and conversation during these cold winter months, we thank you! We are looking forward to January and February!



Prayer Requests



Margaret Simms

Wesley Garner

Bob Felts

Nick Cook, Brian Cook's dad.

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

Nancy Stephenson

Lucky Jones, Tanya Moore's father.

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

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

Justin Carr, son of Nathan Carr (of Carr Garage Band).

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

Sonny Warren

Ron Cornwell

John Moore

Andrea Cornett, Melissa Cornwell's sister.

Neil Owens

Sharon Gunter, a friend of the McQuarrys'.



Christmas time at Millfield



| January | | | | | |
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| Matthew | | | | | |
| 1 | Chapter 1 | <p><i>2025</i></p> <p><i>Bible</i></p> <p><i>Reading</i></p> <p><i>Plan</i></p>  | | | |
| 2 | Chapter 2 | | | | |
| 3 | Chapter 3 | | | | |
| 4 | Chapter 4 | | | | |
| 5 | Reflection | | | | |
| 6 | Chapter 5 | | | | |
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| 8 | Chapter 7 | | | | |
| 9 | Chapter 8 | | | | |
| 10 | Chapter 9 | | | | |
| 11 | Chapter 10 | | | | |
| 12 | Reflection | | | | |
| 13 | Chapter 11 | | | | |
| 14 | Chapter 12 | | | | |
| 15 | Chapter 13 | | | | |
| 16 | Chapter 14 | | | | |
| 17 | Chapter 15 | | | | |
| 18 | Chapter 16 | | | | |
| 19 | Reflection | | | | |
| 20 | Chapter 17 | | | | |
| 21 | Chapter 18 | | | | |
| 22 | Chapter 19 | | | | |
| 23 | Chapter 20 | | | | |
| 24 | Chapter 21 | | | | |
| 25 | Chapter 22 | | | | |
| 26 | Reflection | | | | |
| 27 | Chapter 23 | | | | |
| 28 | Chapter 24 | | | | |
| 29 | Chapter 25 | | | | |
| 30 | Chapter 26 | | | | |
| 31 | Chapter 27 | | | | |
| | | February | | | |
| | | Matthew | | | |
| 1 | Chapter 28 | | | | |
| 2 | Reflection | | | | |
| | | Psalms | | | |
| 3 | Chapter 1-3 | | | | |
| 4 | Chapter 4-6 | | | | |
| 5 | Chapter 7-8 | | | | |
| 6 | Chapter 9-10 | | | | |
| 7 | Chapter 11-14 | | | | |
| 8 | Chapter 15-17 | | | | |
| 9 | Reflection | | | | |
| 10 | Chapter 18 | | | | |
| 11 | Chapter 19-21 | | | | |
| 12 | Chapter 22-23 | | | | |
| 13 | Chapter 24-25 | | | | |
| 14 | Chapter 26-27 | | | | |
| 15 | Chapter 28-30 | | | | |
| 16 | Reflection | | | | |
| 17 | Chapter 31-32 | | | | |
| 18 | Chapter 33-34 | | | | |
| 19 | Chapter 35-36 | | | | |
| 20 | Chapter 37 | | | | |
| 21 | Chapter 38-39 | | | | |
| 22 | Chapter 40-41 | | | | |
| 23 | Reflection | | | | |
| 24 | Chapter 42-43 | | | | |
| 25 | Chapter 44 | | | | |
| 26 | Chapter 45-47 | | | | |
| 27 | Chapter 48-49 | | | | |
| 28 | Chapter 50-51 | | | | |

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JANUARY 2025

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 29 | 30 | 31 | 1 New Year's Day | 2 | 3 | 4 10:00 am WMU Meeting |
| 5 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Meeting | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |
| 12 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 13 10:00 am Food Bank Truck Delivery 7:00 pm Deacon's Meeting | 14 6:30 pm Bagging Groceries | 15 8:30 am Bags of Hope Distribution 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | 16 7:00 pm Quarterly Conference | 17 | 18 |
| 19 8:00 Men's Bfast 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 4:00 pm Youth Meeting | 20 ML King Day | 21 | 22 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | 23 | 24 | 25 |
| 26 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship | 27 | 28 | 29 Chinese New Year 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal | 30 | 31 | 1 |
| 2 Groundhog Day | 3 | 1 Becky Felts 4 Paige Dickerson 5 Josh Epperson Samantha Parker Hannah Perkins | 6 Marty Vick 9 Carolyn Carter 10 Joy Branch Jeremiah White 13 Ariana Bryant | 14 Sarah White 16 Randy Branch Zach Goodrich 18 Audrey Peters 24 Sawyer Cornwell | 25 Cheryl Parker 28 Kenneth Branch Tristan Cornwell 29 Renee Clark 31 Cara Cutright | |

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