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#### **Specialty Tools**

I was recently going through some things in our garage while looking for something and I came across some of my air-conditioning and heating specialty tools that I had put on a particular shelf. Those who know me know that I have a stackable roller box with tools that I use for fixing things around the house or on vehicles. I have a tool bag that I carry with me that has an assortment of tools in it in case I were to break down on the side of the road. This bag also makes its way onto our thirty-six-year-old boat every time we take it out. Then there are those "specialty" tools that I have and not all of them are A/C and heating specific. I have some that are for plumbing, carpentry, and home projects as well as other jobs. These are the tools that fit a specific need and purpose and if I didn't have them the job would be difficult or impossible to complete. As I looked at and thought about these various tools my mind went to scripture that talks about various gifts that the Holy Spirit brings to us when Christ takes up residence in our life like 1 Corinthians 12:4-6 which tells us, "There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. There are different kinds of working, but in all of them and in everyone it is the same God at work." Later, in verse 27 Paul wrote, "Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

I am so very grateful for the various gifts God has given to each person here at Mill Creek and how you utilize that gift in service to our church family. I always say that if God has brought you to Mill Creek it is because He has given you gifts that we need put into practice here. As we head into our week of Vacation Bible School this month, I am reminded of the various ways in which the body comes together to make this special week happen. People have been volunteering to help in a variety of ways from teaching, snacks, crafts, security, decorations, promotions and so much more. There have been folks working behind the scenes for months and now it will all come together, and I am looking forward with anticipation to what God has in store for each of us during our "Monumental" VBS! Just as Acts 9:15 tells us that Paul was God's "chosen instrument," God has chosen each one of us who are a Christian to be His instrument to help spread the gospel message.

This month we also celebrate a "specialty tool" in our church office. On July 10, Sandra Kidd will have served fifteen years as the Administrative Assistant at Mill Creek. In the three years I have been blessed to work with her, I have found Sandra to be a wonderful asset to our church, our staff and to me personally. She desires to use the gifts God has entrusted to her in service to Him here and we all benefit from that. If you call the church, you have most likely been greeted by a smiling Sandra on the other end of the phone. If you come to the church during the week, she welcomes you and makes you feel glad to be here. If you need assistance with something or copies made, she has helped with a joyful attitude. Church Administrative Assistants wear a variety of hats and are great at multi-tasking. Unlike secular employment where people "clock out" for the day, church work tends to be 24/7 even for non-ministerial staff. It is not uncommon for Sandra to receive texts or requests regarding church business while not in the office. Even though she isn't "on the clock" she most often graciously responds to whatever request she received. On top of working here, Sandra volunteers in our nursery on a regular basis and for several years she has served as a VBS director to make sure our VBS takes place and runs smoothly. It is these kinds of things that make her a "specialty tool" here and I hope you will join me in thanking her for fifteen years of ministry at Mill Creek. I look forward to many more years of working with her if the Lord allows, and if we don't wear her out! Thank you, Sandra, we all love and appreciate you!

Grace and Peace, Danny

#### Our Stewardship

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T 1 2	8:30 Service Nursery Workers				
July 3	Jennifer & Josh Simmons				
July 10	Kelly Focht & Anne Simmons				
July 17	Don Epperly & Debbie Rago				
July 24	Travis & Clara Holland				
July 31	Kim Lawrence & Kate Lawrence				
T 1 0	9:30 Sunday School Nursery Workers				
July 3	Sue Lee & Sandra Kidd				
July 10	Sue Lee & Elizabeth Elmore				
July 17	Debbie Rago & Rene Jeter				
July 24	Sue Lee & Kayla Anhold				
July 31	Sue Lee & Annette Shaw				
T 1 0	10:45 Service Nursery Workers				
July 3	Ashleigh Kritzberger & Melina Marshall				
July 10	Jordan & Laura Epperly				
July 17	Melissa Peery & Sandra Kidd				
July 24	Erik & Kelly Olson				
July 31	Mary Bowser & Sue Lee				
T 1 0	8:30 Service Preschool Workers				
July 3	Kelly Focht				
July 10	Jennifer Simmons				
July 17	Cindy Holland God's Work				
July 24	Chelsea King				
July 31	Jordan Kidd				
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July 3	Luke Winand				
July 10	Rachel Witt				
July 17	Melanie Thacker				
July 24	Nikki Cook				
July 31	Laura Epperly				
т 1 2	8:30 Greeters				
July 3	Eula Kanode, Sue Sweet, Donna Crawford				
July 10	Eula Kanode, Judy Deel, Don Epperly				
July 17	Eula Kanode, Sue Sweet, Jerry Sweet				
July 24	Eula Kanode, Donna Crawford, Jimmy Brugh				
July 31	Eula Kanode, Don Epperly, Jimmy Brugh				
T 1 0	10:45 Greeters				
July 3	Bill Wagner, Don Johnson, Vickie Martin				
July 10	John Caldwell, Nancy Epperly, Jean Minter				
July 17	Patsy Potter, Bill Wagner, Don Johnson				
July 24	John Caldwell, Bill Wagner, Mary Bowser				
July 31	Nancy Epperly, Donna Lucas, Melissa Peery				
July Counting Committee					
	Melissa Cook, Kim Lawrence, Jimmy Brugh				

Our Kingdom Civing

Our Kingdom Giving							
	SS	8:30am Worship	10:45am Worship	Regular Offering	Building Fund		
May 29	137	105	79	\$6,373.00	\$1,755.00		
June 5	94	93	61	\$11,742.00	\$980.00		
June 12	134	130	85	\$8,050.00	\$1,130.00		
June 19	136	135	114	\$5,894.00	\$1,915.00		
June 26	151	125	87	\$7,873.00	\$1,135.00		

Annie Mae Broyles Offering Total as of 6/19/22: \$1,595.00 Remember that we need a combined \$10,922/week in regular offering and building gifts to meet our budget needs.

#### \*\*\*\* Happy July Birthday!

- Morgan Marshall
- Hudson Kritzberger **Emily Galbreath**
- Heather Pannell Burke Jess Hayden
- Liam Anhold **Sharon Ernest**
- 5 Patricia Shotwell
- Elizabeth Elmore
- 8 Ruby Booze Steve Swanson
- Cassidy Whitney
- 10 Teresa Garrett Scottie Campbell
- 11 Donna Crawford
- 12 Donald Short
- 14 Nikki Cook
- 16 Kim Lawrence Olivia Thacker Abby Cook Maisy Cook

- 17 Annette Shaw Robbie Theimer
- 19 Ava Thacker Sedley Jeter Jeff Amos
- 22 Ralph McCampbell Ann Huffman
- 24 John Huffman
- 25 Anne Marie Wagner
- 26 Price Simpson Jimmy Brugh Ian Camper Lottie Olson Brandon Garrett
- 27 Lucie-Ann Waddell
- 28 Marybeth Rush John Plenge
- 29 Blake Winand
- 30 Vera King

#### Happy July Anniversary!

- Philip & Barbara Zahl
- Bob & Kitty Ailstock
- Gene & Phyllis Simmons
- Bud & Donna Mack
- Danny & Debbie Quirin
- Dennis & Bonnie Davis
- Roger & Cindy Gibson
- Bubby & Janet Entsminger

30 Shawn & Kim Crist



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# MUSIC NOTES.....

It's the Most Wonderful Time of the Year! I've begun looking at Christmas music and it is always so exciting for me to start in the middle of summer! I'm sure if people heard me listening to Christmas music, they would think I'm crazy (I probably am) but the time will soon be here to start practicing. Please consider singing with us this year! If singing isn't your thing, we can always use folks in drama, costuming, staging, lighting, and construction.

On Sunday, **July 3rd we will have a patriotic worship service** at both the early and the late services. This will include great music, narration, scripture, pledges, congregational singing and thanking God for allowing us to live in this great nation. I've also been told that we will have special music that day all the way from Indiana!

**VBS** is right around the corner beginning on **Sunday, July 17**<sup>th</sup> **from 6:00-8:30pm**. Please be inviting and praying for the children who will be attending and the helpers also.

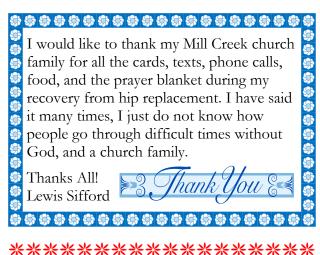
As I was just talking about Christmas music, we will be having **Christmas in July on Sunday, July 31**st. We will sing Christmas music that day and you can even wear your Christmas attire, although ugly Christmas sweaters may be a little warm in July. Be sure to join us and if you have a favorite Christmas carol you would like the congregation to sing, let me know.

Psalms 108:1 "My heart is confident God: I will sing; I will sing praises with the whole of my being.

For His Glory

Cindie

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To My Mill Creek Family,

Thank you so much for all
the prayers, cards, calls &
visits during Mom's
health issues and the
deaths of my brothers and
mom. It's been a tough road but I'll see
them again one day.

Love,

Dear Mill Creek, **\*\*** Thank you for the prayer blanket. It meant so much to us to receive the special gift. The blanket brought comfort knowing so many people were praying for Bob's **(\$\$**) surgery and recovery. When we arrived home from the hospital, Bob was immediately covered with the blan-**\* B** ket to feel the comfort and prayers said for him and his **\*\*** \* recovery. It is wonderful to be part of **\*\*** such a caring church that extended their **\*\*** care and prayers in such a unique way. **\*\* \*\*** Blessings, Dawn & Bob Watson

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Thank you so much for the beautiful prayer blanket given to me before my surgery. It means so much to me to know that my church family was praying for me!

Thank you again for your love and support. You guys are awesome!

Chank V

Love,

Kim Lawrence



#### **Active Faith**

Growing up, I could often find myself getting in trouble during the summer because of the abundance of free time on my hands. Much like the boys in the classic movie *The Sandlot*, the dog days of summer confirmed the notorious motherly saying, "Idle hands are the devil's workshop."

In 2nd Thessalonians 3:6-16, some of the members at the church had stopped working because they believed Christs' return was imminent. This caused the church to have a major financial strain as the members who continued to work tried to support the members who had stopped working. Paul tells the church to not feed those who do not work.

The reality is, if we are not careful our faith can become idle as well. Like an idling car, our faith can stay motionless. We can become stagnant in our growth. Some ways that our students can avoid spiritual-idleness in their lives is to by making spiritual 'activity' a priority. This can mean being active in their personal relationship God, active in their attendance at church, and active about sharing their faith.

Another phrase you might have heard in childhood is, "Do as I say, not as I do." But the truth is, 'doing' is an essential way parents can help kids have active spiritual lives. The reality is that if your faith is idle, more than likely your child's faith will be too. As parents, you have the opportunity to model what it looks like to be a mature believer for your student. One way you can do this is to let your student know how you are praying for them. Another is to be in God's word regularly and to share what you are learning from God's word with your family. And finally, you can model the faith by being active in your church attendance. How you spend your Sundays now will largely impact how your children and grandchildren spend their Sundays in the future.

If you are looking for opportunities to get plugged in, we are meeting at Limestone throughout the summer from 5:30pm-8pm. In the month of July, we plan to have a kayaking trip (10th), to serve at VBS (July 17th-21st), and to have a lock-in (29th). Please contact me for more information.

In Christ, Joel Elmore Phone:(804)-896-4090 Email: joel@millcreekbc.com



#### Welcome New Members

Charles Johnson joins by transfer of letter and Emily Johnson joins by profession of faith & baptism. Their address is 13702 Lee Hwy., Buchanan, 24066.

Emily Gust joins by statement of faith. Her son, Darrick, joins by profession of faith & baptism. Their address is 101 To our Church Andrew Dr., Troutville, 24175.

Amy Waddell joins by transfer of letter. Her daughter, Lila-Rose, joins by profession of faith & baptism. Their address is 52 Hollymeade Lane, Daleville, 24083.

Our church family rejoices in their decisions.

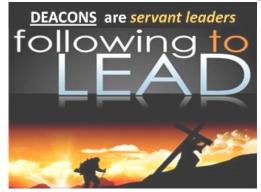
\*NELCONAL BOOK

Congratulations to Josh & Rachel Witt on the birth of their baby boy, Silas Dean, on June 1. He weighed 10 lbs 8 oz and was 21 inches long. Proud siblings are Deacon, Grace, Carson & Judah. Proud grandparents are Danny & Debbie Quirin.

# From the Deacons' Desk Let Freedom Ring



Mention the word Summer and it probably conjures up visions of picnics, camping, cookouts, lounging by the pool, trips to the beach, freshly mowed lawns, looking out for the first fireflies or lightnin' bugs of the



season., watermelon and homemade ice cream churning on the front porch and watching children playing in the front yard as they run thru the sprinkler with ice pops in their sticky little hands..... Ahhhhhh.... Summertime at its best!

These fun Summer pastimes are a luxury and a freedom that not all enjoy. We are so blessed and fortunate. We enjoy these freedoms

and so much more. These privileges were bought and paid for by the bravery of thousands of men and women that dedicated themselves to ensure our freedom. Many of them paid the ultimate price, thus the phrase... "Freedom isn't free" yet it is a gift to us all.

Our spiritual freedom from the consequences of sin is not free either. Rather it was claimed by Christ through His death because of God's great love for us. It is our duty and obligation to carry that message to all. We must bring the news of hope, the promise of freedom from sin, and the gift of eternal life to a hurting world.

Tony Holdren Deacon Chair

If you are a gardener that has an abundance of fruits and veggies and would love share them with others. we have "Share the Bounty Table" in the lobby of the fellowship hall where you can bring your produce to share.





Due to Mill Creek's supporters (41 households) who shopped at Kroger between 3/01/2022 and 05/31/2022, we will receive a donation of \$298.82 from the Kroger Community Rewards program. This donation will go to our bus ministry.

# Wednesday Night Bible Study Resumes July 6 6:30-7:30pm

All adults are invited to join Pastor Danny as he continues a study of the book of Colossians. The study meets in the Randy Daniels room or you may join via zoom. If you would like to join via zoom, please email Pastor Danny at danny@millcreekbc.com.



The church office will be closed Monday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.

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#### A Prayer for Our Nation's Blessing and Freedom

Dear Father, I thank you for the tremendous blessings of abundance you have bestowed upon our country year after year after year. Honestly, I for one and probably many others have taken your blessings for granted. We did not know what it was like to not have plenty of food and necessary items in our stores. We had everything. For us, unlike many other countries, it was absolutely strange to see bare shelves, which I don't remember in my lifetime. We didn't know what it was like to have a shortage of doctors and nurses for health care ...until COVID came. We couldn't make doctor appointments if we had a cough or any symptom of COVID. Before COVID, we came and went as we pleased. Then, with COVID, we were restricted. Some could not go to work or leave their houses. We couldn't go into the church and worship you, O Lord. Everywhere we went was the fear of contracting COVID. America lost many loved ones to COVID, as did the world around us. What a plague it was that came upon this great country! There are other diseases and storms and fires that also plague us. We have lost some of our freedom, O Lord. Why? One thing Father, I do know that I don't honor you enough, give you glory enough, praise you enough for who you are and what you do. You give us the sunrises and sunsets, beautiful farmland, wonderful helpful people, plentiful food on our tables, jobs, family, and so much more. Lord, thank you for our churches where we can worship you freely and grow in our relationships with you and with each other. Father, please help our churches in America who love you, to continue to grow and teach others to know Christ as their Lord and as their Savior. Help us to reach out to as many of the lost as we can. Lord, this is my prayer for America and especially for us at Mill Creek. As we praise you and give you glory, let us humble ourselves and remember the prayer you gave us, "If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from

heaven, and I will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

2 Chronicles 7:14 Thank you, God, for true greatness and freedom that comes from you. And it is you, Lord, we need to

freedom that comes from you. And it is you, Lord, we need to seek to heal our nation.

In Jesus' name, Amen.

Sandy Hodges

Deacon's Prayer Team

# "A Time to Pray" Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, July 6 5:45pm—6:20pm In the Randy Daniels Room

### Patriotic Services Sunday, July 3 Join us at 8:30 or 10:45

Join us at 8:30 or 10:45 for our patriotic services that will include pledges, narration and beautiful special music.

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# Christmas in July Sunday, July 31

Join us at 8:30am or 10:45am and help us celebrate Christmas in July! We will sing Christmas music and you can even wear your Christmas attire!

#### Rugging

It is time for porch sitting and ice cream eating--- and maybe crocheting! The Ruggers will meet on the porch at Brugh's Mill Store on Thursdays, July 7

& 28, at 6:30pm for rug-making fun. Come join us!



## The Lampstand

be a light in the darkness

"No one lights a lamp and puts it under a basket, but rather on a lampstand, and it gives light for all who are in the house" -Matthew 5:15

On Tuesday, June 7<sup>th</sup>, Melissa Gaona, well known WDBJ News reporter, came to Mill Creek to speak about a growing problem in our society --- sexual exploitation and human trafficking. In addition to working as a news anchor, Melissa is Communications Coordinator for the Lampstand, a faith based safe home for children who were born female. It is the only safe home for girls between the ages of 12 and 17 who have been exposed to sexual exploitation in the state of Virginia. This





facility is under the umbrella of the Christian organization, Straight Street. Straight Street began working with youth in inner city Roanoke in 1994 and is led by Keith Farmer.

The Lampstand's purpose is stated on their website: "Our residential program provides a safe space and comprehensive trauma-informed care for girls who have experienced sexual exploitation. We exist to support survivors as they begin their journey of healing. We focus on safety,

stability, therapy, spiritual growth, goal setting, life skills, and education." Those who are involved with this safe house recognize that they/this program is not the healer--- God alone can heal.

In addition to the shelter for those who have been abused, the Lampstand seeks to raise the community's awareness about these crimes of exploitation and to work with teens to help prevent them from falling prey to an abuser. Melissa recently spent time at James River High School with 9th graders leading them through a prevention program. Plans are to expand this type of educational program to other high schools.

This Tuesday morning gathering to discuss human exploitation was attended by over 85 people and an offering of over \$2000 to help with the Lampstand ministry was received. For more information, visit the Lampstand website at <a href="https://thelampstandva.org/">https://thelampstandva.org/</a>. Contributions may also be made online.

# Recommended Books for Youth and Children on Human Exploitation

- <u>Finding Sierra</u> by Derrica Wilson (recently published in January 2022). Wilson is a former Virginia police
  officer and wrote the book to educate parents and children about human trafficking and the importance
  of online safety.
- <u>The Slave Across The Street</u> by Theresa Flores. Flores shares her powerful true story, and how her life as an all-American 15-year-old teenager became enslaved into the dangerous world of sex trafficking all while living at home with unsuspecting parents in an upper middle-class suburb of Detroit.
- Mommy, What's A Safe House? by M.F. Renee. This one might be for kids a bit younger, but still a great way to introduce the topic of trafficking. This story brings a difficult, global topic to a child's level in a heartfelt conversation.

## **Appalachian Trail Ministries**

#### **Troutville Trail Days**

The first weekend of June 2022, Troutville Trail Days returned after a 2 year hiatus. Restrictions that were put in place due to the pandemic forced many to delay their 2,190 mile trek from Georgia to Maine along



the Appalachian Trail. Troutville Trail Days is sponsored by the Outdoor Trails Store in Daleville and this year was a "low key" event with the hiker dinner at Town Hall being the main attraction.



Twenty-five hikers were welcomed and fed a home cooked meal. The hikers came from as far away as Australia and Dublin, Ireland and all across the United States. The meal was prepared by the members of 6 local congregations. Three area Baptist churches (Cave Rock, Troutville, and Mill Creek), one Methodist church (Ebenezer), and two Brethren churches (Troutville, Trinity) served fried chicken, macaroni and cheese, green beans, tossed salad, rolls (Miss Becky's!), cookies and ice cream sundaes to 25 hungry





hikers. The meal was enjoyed and the ice cream sundae bar was a highlight! The toppings ranged from fresh fruits and nuts, to chocolate and caramel syrup, homemade pound cake and Double Tree chocolate chip cookies! Yum!

Two faithful volunteers from the Nansemond River Baptist Church in Suffolk, Virginia provided the paper goods for the meal and also offered resources, snacks and transportation to hikers on Friday and Saturday. This congregation,

located near Virginia Beach, ministers to hikers along the Appalachian Trail each hiking season and sends teams as far south as North Carolina and as far north as New York.

Just in the nick of time, Troutville Park installed a shower facility for the convenience of hikers and bikers who camp at the park. This special addition of two restrooms (toilet, sink, shower) and a large sink for laundry was a blessing to those who stayed at Troutville Park. We were able to provide toiletries and towels for the 20 some hikers who utilized these new facilities.

Please note: The 2023 Troutville Trail Days will mark the 10 year anniversary and will be scheduled for May 26-28. This date falls two weeks after Damascus Trail days and it is hoped that the earlier dates will draw more hikers to our Troutville event.

#### **AT Blessing Bags**

This 2022 hiking season has brought MANY Appalachian Trail hikers to our area and MANY of YOU have been generous in giving items for the blessing bags that have been given to these hikers. The majority of the quart sized bags filled with treats and needed items are picked up by hikers at the Daleville Post Office. Others have been given away in and around the Daleville Kroger. Some of our faithful volunteers have been known to chase after hikers just to give them a blessing bag and offer a word of encouragement!

Thus far, over 235 bags have been packed and MOST of those have already been given to AT hikers!

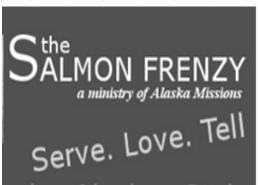


#### School Supplies and Toiletries Needed For Back to School Day at Solomon's Mission

School supplies, toiletries, clothing and shoes will be given to students who come to Solomon's Mission (592 Lowe Street, Buchanan) on **July 30th from 9am – 1pm**. Games provided by the Botetourt Sheriff's Department and other local groups will keep everyone entertained outside while they wait to select their items. In 2021, Solomon's provided these needed supplies to over 200 children in our community!

We can help by purchasing the following supplies: glue sticks, pencils and pencil pouches, crayons and colored pencils, composition books, wide rule paper, one subject notebooks, three subject notebooks, 1 ½" and 2" binders, dry erase markers, highlighters, book bags, lunchboxes, tissues, hand sanitizer, 2-gallon Ziploc bags, bottled water, small bags of chips. Toiletry items that are requested include: feminine hygiene products for girls, tooth brushes, tooth paste, shampoo, deodorant for girls and boys, soap, and body wash.

Please help with this local event that ministers to families right here in our community! Collection boxes are available at the front entrances. **Deadline for donations is Sunday, July 17th.** Contact Judy Deel (540.759.1914) if you have questions.



# Alaska Mission Team Trip July 16-25

The Alaska Mission Team will serve once again with Missionary Brenda Crim (pictured above) in Kenai, Alaska! The team will be cooking for the 170+ people (Volunteers, Alaska Mission staff and college students serving as summer missionaries)! They may also serve on the beaches (Kenai and Kasilof River banks) and at the boat docks where the native Alaskans dipnet salmon for subsistence. As in all mission trips, the team must be flexible

because we never know what we may be called upon to do (auxiliary policeman, fire builder, work in first aid station, lead kids club or whatever need arises). The key is to serve, serve, serve and to do it with a servant's heart!

Team members are Melissa Peery. Dawn Montgomery, Wayne and Pat Wertz, Michael, Brandye and Marshall Phillips, Justin, Nikki, Colin and Cade Cook, Mike Clements and Tommy Moore. The team thanks you for all your support and prayers!

Please pray for

- safe travels for the team.
- Brenda Crim and her Alaska Mission organization as they do God's work in Alaska.





# Directory Photos Make-up Session Sunday, August 7

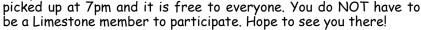
Did you miss all of our dates to have your photo taken for the new online directory? If so, photographers will be setup on Sunday, August 7. You may have your photo taken after the early service, Sunday School, or the late service. We would like photos of all Mill Creek members and friends of Mill Creek that may not be members but attend regularly.

#### Splash for Jesus

Wednesday night activities are over for the summer here at Mill Creek, but Preschoolers through 5th grade are invited to



Limestone Park on Wednesdays through the summer for Splash for Jesus! Swimming starts at 5:30, then we eat some supper and have a Bible story. Children must be





# Fishing Rodeo 2022

The first Fishing Rodeo sponsored by our Greater Outdoor Ministries was held nearly 20 years ago in 2005! This year, we welcomed 35 children and one disabled sportsman for our 2022 fishing event which was held in early May. Lots of fish were caught and everyone was delighted! Thanks to all the volunteers who assisted with hooks and lines and fish that were caught! The cost of stocking the ponds at Camp Bethel with trout increases every year and this year's cost was \$1,800. Luke Winand (540-798-7367) and Arron Cook (540-537-4863) invite you to join Mill Creek's Greater Outdoor Ministries by helping with 2023 Fishing Rodeo next spring. Help is also needed with the Disabled Sportsmen Hunt this fall, which will be held on November 12 and 13. You will be blessed as we reach out to our community and share God's love with them.

In their June newsletter, the Friendship House, located on Elm Avenue in Roanoke, shared:

The first weekend in May is always a highlight of our year, as that's when the annual "Fishing Rodeo" by Mill Creek Baptist is held! Each year, Mill Creek invites our After-School Program to come and get our fill of fishing. This year, 21 children from our program braved the wet, chilly weather to fish for trout! We ended up snagging approximately 150 total! (see photos)

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#### Mill Creek Baptist Church Ministers... the Congregation

Pastor	Danny Quirin
Minister of Music	Cindie Hayden
Minister of Youth & Discipleship	Joel Elmore
Director of Children's Ministry	Peggy Arbogast
Pianist	Marcia Neighbors
Administrative Assistant	Sandra Kidd



# Monumental VBS Sunday—Thursday, July 17-21 6:00—8:30pm

At "Monumental" VBS, kids will celebrate God's greatness. "Monumental" is filled with awesome Bible-learning experiences

kids see, hear and touch. Fun crafts, team-building games, tasty snacks and cool Bible songs are just a few of the standout activities that help faith flow into real life.

You may pre-register online by going to our website millcreekbc.com and clicking on the VBS link or scan the QR code with your phone. Pre-registration is strongly encouraged as it will help us be better prepared for the first night of VBS. All children who are pre-registered by Sunday, July 10 will be entered into a drawing for a door prize!

We will be offering a **free light supper** each evening at 5:30pm for children attending VBS. **Reservations are required**. Please sign your child up for supper when you register them.

We are so excited about VBS and know that the kids are going to have a "Monumental" adventure!