

Winds of Change

The winds of change are beginning to blow and as they do it has caused me to reflect on the dedicated service of Cindie Hayden and other leaders at Mill Creek. Rev. A.C. Dempsey who served as the Pastor of Mill Creek from 1821-1867 is the longest tenured staff person that Mill Creek has ever had. Rev Dempsey's leadership defines so much of our early history and helped to shape Mill Creek's future as he was instrumental in relocating the church to our current property in the mid 1850's. Some one hundred years later, in 1957, Miriam Caldwell, became the Minister of Music at Mill Creek and served faithfully for thirty-six years. She provided the leadership and stability that was needed by our church during her lengthy tenure. In a similar way, Cindie has provided dedicated and reliable service to Mill Creek since May of 2006.

As I think about Cindie's tenure here, she has been a part of numerous changes during her time including several sanctuary stage modifications and our recent sanctuary painting. She has been a part of implementing changes for upgrades to our audio/visual systems to enhance our worship experiences. She was here during the construction of the new addition to our building in 2014. Between the adult choir and the children's choirs, the music ministry typically shares multiple special musical presentations each year. That's a lot of rehearsals! Whenever Cindie and I are discussing special services such as "Hanging of the Green," she is quick to reflect on and provide copies of previous years for us to look at. Cindie helped to move the church from one Sunday morning worship service to two. She has a heart for people and has been a pastoral presence with many of you during times of sickness, death, and uncertainty, as well as times of celebrations. There was at least one time when Cindie was the only ministerial presence when Mill Creek was without a pastor and she and Judy Deel implemented "42 Ways to Be a Blessing" as a way of encouraging the church through that time. She co-directed VBS for years and helped to implement numerous changes in all facets of our music ministry over the years along with a host of other things she has done.

Her pastoral presence is one of the things I have appreciated most during my seven years here at Mill Creek along with her desire to be a team player. Cindie isn't focused solely on the music ministry, she has helped me, along with other staff to be successful in things we do or were proposing. She has a servant's heart and wants nothing but the best for Mill Creek and those whom God brings here. Her flexibility during COVID when we went from our "normal" worship to "Drive-in" worship and her willingness to "change with the times" was a big part of the success and God being honored during those challenging months. Having served in my previous church for twenty-two years with a pastor who served over forty years in that same church, I can testify that long tenure in a ministerial position can help provide consistency, unity, and oftentimes, growth to a church body.

Cindie will be retiring at the end of this year, and we will celebrate how God used her here throughout her ministry. Her retirement means that Mill Creek will begin to search for a new Minister of Music for the first time in over twenty-one years. At our quarterly business meeting in May we voted on a team to begin to search for Cindie's replacement. These are new and uncharted roads as so much has changed over the two decades Cindie has been here. Although there are never any guarantees, my prayer is that God will lead someone to us who will be able to provide Mill Creek with long dedicated service and help lead us into the future, just as Rev. Dempsey, Miriam Caldwell and Cindie have been able to do. As I reflect on their tenure along with a few other ministers like Bob Thompson, Vernon Brooks, Tony Neal, Randy Daniels and J.R. Graybill who were here for a decade or more, I can't help but think about the story of Esther and how God placed her in her position, "for such a time as this". I am grateful for all of those whom God has brought to Mill Creek and used over our history and, as the winds of change begin to blow, I pray that we all will be found faithful as we allow God to use us here at Mill Creek.

Grace and Peace,
Danny

Our Stewardship

8:30 Service Nursery

June 7 Debbie Rago & Clara Holland
 June 14 Debbie Rago & Lindsay Thompson
 June 21 10am Worship @ Limestone
 June 28 Debbie Rago & Morgan Thorne

9:45 Sunday School Nursery

June 7 Rene & Ned Jeter
 June 14 Sandra Kidd & Annette Shaw
 June 21 10am Worship @ Limestone
 June 28 Kelly & Erik Olson

11:00 Service Nursery

June 7 Patricia Lightner & Kacey Bryan
 June 14 Anna Clark & Kayla O'Bryant
 June 21 10am Worship @ Limestone
 June 28 Victoria Chocklett & Danielle Tolley

8:30/11:00 Service Toddlers Workers

June 7 Kim Lawrence/Danielle Tolley
 June 14 Jennifer Ferguson/Mary Bowser
 June 21 10am Worship @ Limestone
 June 28 Marybeth Rush/Andy Shotwell

8:30/11:00 Service Preschool Workers

June 7 Sharon Ernest/Kayla O'Bryant
 June 14 Luke Winand/Rachel Witt
 June 21 10am Worship @ Limestone
 June 28 Chelsea King/Nikki Cook

8:30 Service Greeters

June 7 Mark Painter, Pat Shotwell, Dan Bowser, Nancy Epperly, Brian Stevens
 June 14 Judy Prease, Jimmy Brugh, John Plenge, Melissa Peery, Philip Christian
 June 21 10am Worship @ Limestone
 June 28 Debbie McAllister, Pat Shotwell, Carol & Robbie Theimer, Ronald Stevens

11:00 Service Greeters

June 7 Klayton Akers, Don Epperly, Melissa Peery, Deacon Witt, Hank Rogers
 June 14 Bruce Lightner, Wayne & Sandy Myers, Kelly Denison, Jonathan Simmons
 June 21 Sue Lee, Don Epperly, Lewis Sifford (10am Limestone)
 June 28 Donna Mack, Don Johnson, Fergusons, Harry & Curtis Akers, Bud Mack

8:30/11:00 Service Ushers

June 7 Mark Painter & Dan Bowser/Melissa Peery & Klayton Akers
 June 14 Judy Prease & Jeff Gibson/Wayne & Sandy Myers
 June 21 10am Worship @ Limestone
 June 28 Nancy Epperly & Pat Shotwell/Donna Mack & Don Johnson

Our Kingdom Giving

	SS	8:30am Worship	11:00am Worship	Regular Offering	Building Fund
May 3	232	200	135	\$13,707.00	\$2,685.00
May 10	200	205	146	\$9,667.00	\$1,200.00
May 17	230	198	140	\$12,742.00	\$515.00
May 24	200	190	110	\$10,491.00	\$635.00

Remember that in order to meet our annual unified budget, we need \$12,988/week in offerings.

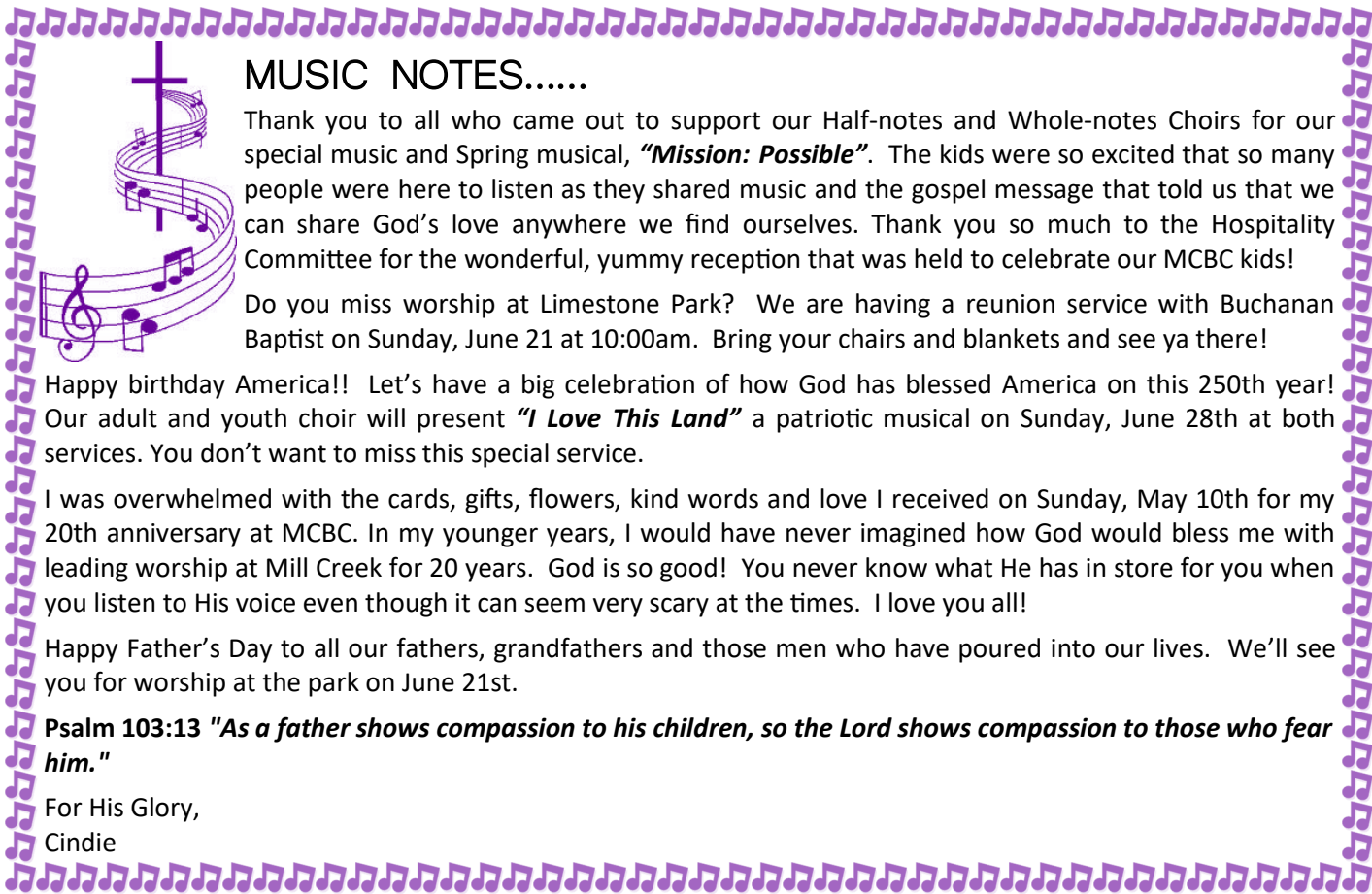


Happy June Birthday!

- 1 Silas Witt
- 2 Patsy Potter
Haley Shotwell
Allie Craighead Williams
- 3 Sarah Hammond
Presley Russell
- 4 Kitty Ailstock
Laura Barrett
Everett Chocklett
- 5 Jim Maxwell
- 8 Roger Gibson
Wayne Adkins
Anne Simmons
Kacey Bryan
- 9 Ainsley Simmons
Susan Johnson
Danielle Tolley
- 10 Alexis Andrews
- 11 Sheila States
Steve Spencer
Deacon Witt
- 13 Don Epperly
Wayne Myers
Rebecca Taylor
- 14 Melissa Peery
Morgan Rago
Graham Gilmore
- 15 Jim Sifford
- 16 Jeffrey Firebaugh
Jimmy Henderson
- 18 Barbara Zahl
Lee Hamilton
Rose Jeter
- 19 Jake Bryant
- 21 Camden Rogers
- 22 Lorie Holter
Aileen Robinson
- 23 Brady Stevens
- 24 Chad Epperly
Betty Fink
Randy Barnard
Hazel Kritzberger
- 26 Nancy Adamson
Jack Bowyer
Bruce Fix
- 28 Philip Ashwell
- 29 Debbie Miller
- 30 Jordan Kingery
Jesse Witt



If you would like for a prayer request to be sent out by email and/or to be on the printed prayer guide, please email your request to prayer@millcreekbc.com or call the church office at 540-992-3474. If you have an emergency prayer request after office hours, please contact a pastor on staff.



MUSIC NOTES.....

Thank you to all who came out to support our Half-notes and Whole-notes Choirs for our special music and Spring musical, **"Mission: Possible"**. The kids were so excited that so many people were here to listen as they shared music and the gospel message that told us that we can share God's love anywhere we find ourselves. Thank you so much to the Hospitality Committee for the wonderful, yummy reception that was held to celebrate our MCBC kids!

Do you miss worship at Limestone Park? We are having a reunion service with Buchanan Baptist on Sunday, June 21 at 10:00am. Bring your chairs and blankets and see ya there!

Happy birthday America!! Let's have a big celebration of how God has blessed America on this 250th year! Our adult and youth choir will present **"I Love This Land"** a patriotic musical on Sunday, June 28th at both services. You don't want to miss this special service.

I was overwhelmed with the cards, gifts, flowers, kind words and love I received on Sunday, May 10th for my 20th anniversary at MCBC. In my younger years, I would have never imagined how God would bless me with leading worship at Mill Creek for 20 years. God is so good! You never know what He has in store for you when you listen to His voice even though it can seem very scary at the times. I love you all!

Happy Father's Day to all our fathers, grandfathers and those men who have poured into our lives. We'll see you for worship at the park on June 21st.

Psalms 103:13 "As a father shows compassion to his children, so the Lord shows compassion to those who fear him."

For His Glory,
Cindie



Welcome New Members

Everett Chocklett joins by profession of faith and baptism. His address is 7466 Lee Hwy, Troutville, 24175.

Welcome To our Church

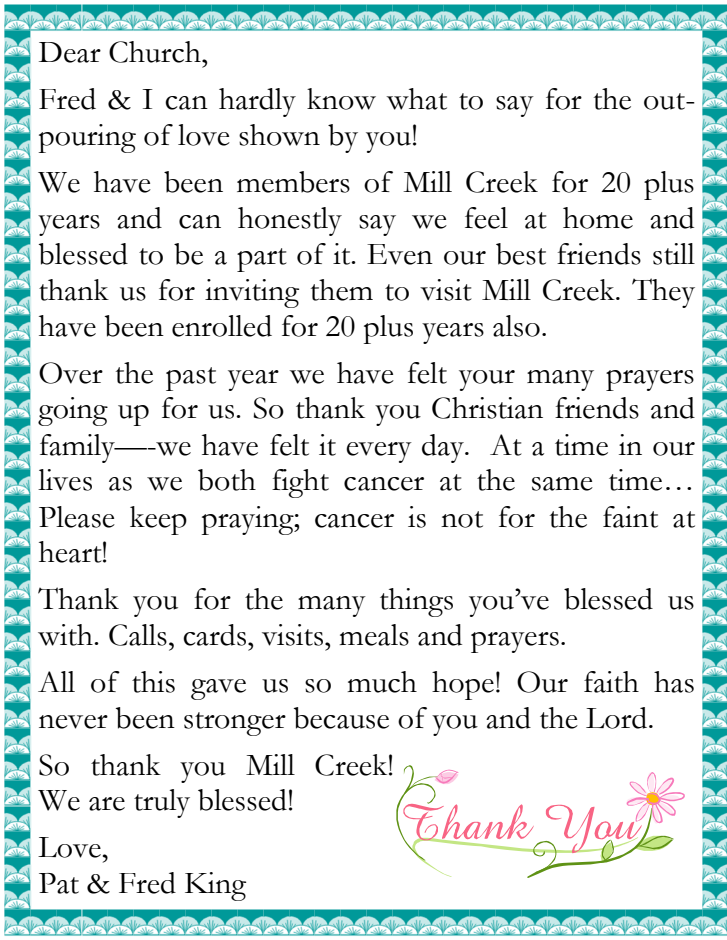
Carson Cook joins by profession of faith and baptism. Cade Cook, also joins by profession of faith and baptism. Their address is PO Box 511, Daleville, 24083.

Our church family rejoices in their decisions.



The prayers and awesome prayer blanket are very much appreciated. Also, many thanks to Cindie & the Lee's for visiting us at the hospital. We are forever grateful for our friends at Mill Creek Baptist Church.

Sincerely,
Randy & Lisa Wright



Dear Church,
Fred & I can hardly know what to say for the out-pouring of love shown by you!

We have been members of Mill Creek for 20 plus years and can honestly say we feel at home and blessed to be a part of it. Even our best friends still thank us for inviting them to visit Mill Creek. They have been enrolled for 20 plus years also.

Over the past year we have felt your many prayers going up for us. So thank you Christian friends and family—we have felt it every day. At a time in our lives as we both fight cancer at the same time... Please keep praying; cancer is not for the faint at heart!

Thank you for the many things you've blessed us with. Calls, cards, visits, meals and prayers.

All of this gave us so much hope! Our faith has never been stronger because of you and the Lord.

So thank you Mill Creek!
We are truly blessed!

Love,
Pat & Fred King

Hello, summer '26! This month, Wednesday nights at Limestone Park return. Every Wednesday during the summer, we will meet at Limestone from 5:30-8pm. The typical schedule (depending on weather) is 5:30-6:20 (food & games), 6:20-7:10 (swimming), and 7:10-8 (worship & Bible Study). We are looking forward to an awesome time at Limestone this summer. Be there...and bring a friend!



New for this summer...introducing Sundae Sundays! This event will happen on the FIRST Sunday of each summer month (June 7, July 5, August 2). It is simply a time of fun, food and fellowship. Will there be ice cream? 100% yes! On June 7, Sundae Sundays will be at the Witts house from 6-8pm. Bring a bag of chips or a snack to share. Ice cream will be provided. Reach out to me if you need our address!

And last but certainly not least...FUGE is happening this month! IF you would like to go but are not signed up, reach out to me ASAP and I will let you know if we can get you a spot. Church family, please be in prayer for our youth and adults who will be going to camp this summer!

Josh Witt, Minister of Youth

Adults:

Curtis Akers
 Carolan Deacon
 Dana Kreklow
 Meredith Roberts
 Josh Witt

Students:

Harry Akers
 Klayton Akers
 Katie Grace Barrett
 Abby Browning
 Cade Cook
 Carson Cook

Beahlen Deacon
 Gwyneth Farrar
 Sedley Jeter
 Andi Kreklow
 Nolan Linthicum
 Mackenzie Nichols
 Olivia Pierce

Elsie Roberts
 Jacob Simmons
 Rylan Wilcher
 Deacon Witt
 Grace Witt
 Charlotte Wright

Upcoming Events:

6/3: Wednesday Nights @ Limestone Resumes 5:30-8pm
 6/7: Sundae Sundays @ The Witts, 6-8pm
 6/22-26: FUGE Camps @ CNU



Youth Culture Corner

What Solomon Says About Leaving Our Children To Their Own Devices

The following is an excerpt from an article on rootedministry.com by the same title.

“The rod and reproof give wisdom, but a child left to himself brings shame to his mother.” Proverbs 29:15

Jarring, isn't it? The first part of Solomon's instruction focuses on the fruit of discipline when it comes to parenting, including corporal discipline at that. The second half of the proverb discusses how a child may bring shame to their mother. This is not a warm and fuzzy word from the wisest man in the world. In this proverb, Solomon calls us to be self-disciplined and active parents, creating the conditions for our children to grow in wisdom and honor.

Why would I need reminders to be involved in my children's lives? It seems to me that Solomon reminds me because, well, I need the reminder. Discipline and training (rod and reproof) are exhausting, ordinary, painful, and sometimes discouraging work. It's lovingly teaching my child again and again not to throw food off their highchair tray, to sit still, to say please and thank you, to be diligent with their studies and considerate to others, to be honest, to take care of their belongings, to respect authority...and the list could continue on and on.

Why is this so hard? Because I have to choose to do what is right too, even if it is not what I want. I have to put down the phone. Stop my conversation with a friend. Forgo the shower. Get up in the middle of the night. Restrain my words and use my own self-control to do what is right. Discipline, whether you are three or thirty, is hard work.

It is so easy to grow weary of doing good as a parent, particularly in the hard or exhausting seasons of life. However, in those seasons, we see the most fruit from the good work of parenting and engagement. Proverbs highlights two ladies who call aloud to us and to our children, beckoning us to follow them down one of two paths. Lady Folly leads her followers to destruction and death (Prov. 7). Lady Wisdom leads those who seek her to life, favor from the Lord, and blessing, riches far greater than gold or jewels (Prov. 8).

Which one will we choose each day as we parent? Which path do we want our children to follow? Solomon points to Lady Wisdom – training children faithfully, creating margin to be “with them” as they develop, engaging with them in the everyday. Let us not leave our children to their own devices (literally or figuratively).

When Ordinary Feet Become Beautiful

When I ran cross country in high school, I learned quickly that the sport was less about speed and more about the willingness to keep going, to push harder, to run the course set before you even when it meant going through mud, hills, and uneven footing. My feet were not pretty by the end of the season, but they told the truth about where I had been. They carried the marks of movement, effort, and direction. When Paul writes in Romans 10:15, *“How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news,”* I can’t help but think of those worn-out runner’s feet and the story they told.

Paul isn’t celebrating perfect feet. He’s celebrating purposeful feet that go where God sends, feet that carry hope into places where hope has grown thin. In the same way a runner’s feet reveal the miles they’ve traveled, the feet of God’s people reveal a life that has stepped toward others in love, compassion, and truth. Beauty, in God’s eyes, is not found in polish but in participation. It’s found in the willingness to move toward someone who needs to hear that God sees them, knows them, and loves them.

Cross country also taught me that while each runner has their own race, no one truly runs alone. We trained together, encouraged one another, and pushed each other up the hard hills. The team’s strength came from its unity. God’s mission works the same way. We are sent people, but never solitary ones. The church is a community of runners, each taking their place on the course God has marked out, each step strengthening the whole body as we carry the good news into our neighborhoods, workplaces, and relationships.

As we move into the summer season, my prayer is that we would be a church with beautiful feet! We desire to become disciples who are devoted to God, connected to God’s people, and participating in God’s mission. May we be attentive to the Spirit’s nudges, courageous in small acts of obedience, and joyful in the privilege of joining God’s mission right where we are. The course is set before us. Let’s run it with faith, endurance, and hope.

Brad Hamilton
Minister of Discipleship and Outreach

From the Deacons’ Desk

Can You Believe It’s Already June?

How is the year already halfway over? I’ve always been told that time seems to go faster as you get older—and that truly is a fact!

With Father’s Day this month, I find myself reflecting on how incredibly blessed I am to have been raised by a great example of a Godly father and mother. They consistently showed me the importance of making church, serving God, and serving others a priority. Their example has shaped who I am today.

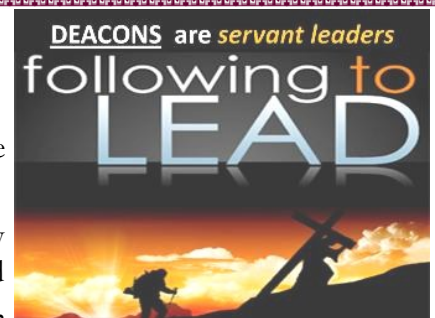
It is very important to me to set that same example for my girls.

I pray that, especially during this month, you take time to reflect on those who have made a positive impact in your life and celebrate them on or around Father’s Day—whether it is a biological father or a father figure. Most importantly, let us take time to thank our Heavenly Father.

“I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me.” Philippians 4:13

“This is my command- be strong and courageous! Do not be afraid or discouraged. For the Lord your God is with you wherever you go.” Joshua 1:9

Travis Holland
Deacon





The Prayer Blanket Ministry would like to extend our sincere gratitude to Josephine Powell for her 13 years of dedication and selfless service to this special ministry. Josephine began the ministry, with the support of her husband John, and developed it, through trial and error, to what it has become today. She has made certain the ministry is sound financially, and the inventory of blankets and fabric is plentiful. Over 13 years, she has completed the largest quantity of blankets, and has been the teacher and mentor to all who have wanted to learn about crafting prayer blankets. Never once has she taken credit for herself, but given God the glory for the success of the ministry. She has been careful to include prayer as the foundation of the blanket ministry. Many lives have been touched by the prayers said, as each knot is tied, and blankets are made to be given to those in need of comfort. Please express your thanks to her, when you see her, for how she has grown and maintained this unique ministry at Mill Creek.

Anyone interested in learning to make prayer blankets, and would like to be added to the group text meeting reminder list, contact Sharon Ernest, 540-874-5074. Text your name and Prayer Blanket Reminder to be added the group text to receive updates of upcoming meetings or changes. Typically, **the 3rd Thursday of each month will be our training time at 10am and 6:30pm** in the fellowship hall. We welcome new team members, and all supplies and fabric are provided. Hope to see you there!

Prayer Blanket Ministry Team

Dear Mill Creek,

Thank you all so much for your warm welcome on Sunday, May 17th! As I shared then, it is so good to come home.

I am incredibly grateful for your generosity toward both me and the VMI FCA ministry. The Lord continues to move in incredible ways in the lives of these college students, and that ministry would not be possible without your prayers and support.

Thank you again for your love, encouragement, and faithful partnership. I am so thankful to have you all standing behind me as we continue striving to reach every coach and athlete for Christ.

With gratitude,
Haley Shotwell



Rugging—On the Porch

The ruggers will meet on the porch at **Brugh's Mill Country Store on Thursday, June 18th at 6:30pm.**



All are welcome to join in for crocheting, chatting, laughing and ice cream eating! Everyone is welcome --- crocheting is optional! Brugh's Mill Store is located at 345 Brugh's Mill Road Fincastle. Contact Judy Deel (540.759.1914) for more information **OR JUST COME!**

The members of the Backpack Ministry would like to express our heartfelt thanks to the Monday Night Missions Group for the gift card that was recently donated. The gift card was used to help feed the 27 children we serve weekly.

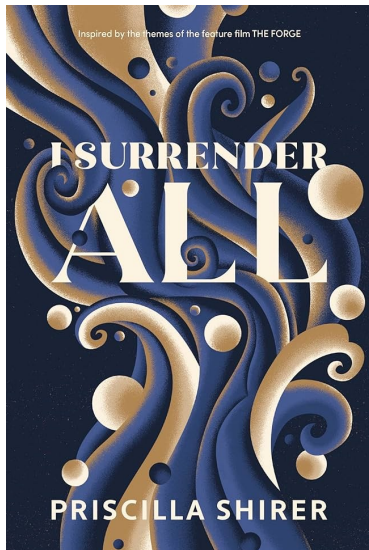
Thank you again for your generosity! God Bless.

Dwight and Betsy Fix



Nursery Workers Needed

Babies, babies & more babies! With an ever growing nursery, we constantly need more help! Serving only once a quarter, your snuggles would be much appreciated! Please contact Anna Clark at 540-798-0568 for more information.



Women's Book Club

“I Surrender All” by Priscilla Shirer

To follow Him not just as your Savior but as your priority, your first love, your Lord. To move beyond being a believer to becoming His disciple.

“I Surrender All” is about making that choice.

The choice that changes everything.

- * Beginning on **Tuesday, June 16 at 9:30am and 6:00pm for 8 weeks** in the Fellowship House unless our numbers outgrow it.
- * The book is available on Amazon for \$10.39.
- * The morning group will be led by Leigh Hamilton (540-204-6013) and Teresa Garrett (540-797-4037).
- * The evening group will be led by Leigh Hamilton (540-204-6013) and Laura Epperly (540-520-5768).

Let us know you're coming!

Daytime Mission Group June 2nd at 10:00am

The Daytime Mission Group will welcome Haley Shotwell, Collegiate Representative for the Fellowship of Christian Athletes at VMI, to be our guest speaker on June 2. Haley began her journey with FCA in 2022. Haley is a “daughter of Mill Creek” and her family has been a part of our church for generations. All are invited to come and hear Haley’s stories and learn how God is working in the lives of coaches and student athletes at VMI. The meeting will begin at 10am and a potluck lunch will follow.



Wednesday Night Bible Study

If you’ve ever wondered what God is doing in the world or in your own life, **Habakkuk is your book**. Come explore how to wait well, trust deeply, and rejoice boldly. Join us on **Wednesday nights in June at 6:30pm** in the Randy Daniels room led by Pastor Brad.

Thank you, thank you, thank you for cards and gifts I received for my 20th anniversary at MCBC. It has been my honor and privilege to serve the Lord here! Your many kindnesses made me feel very loved. Mill Creek is a very special place with very special people who love the Lord!!

Cindie Hayden



Mill Creek Prayer Blanket Team,

I have been very blessed by my sunflower blanket & each prayer that went into it. The warmth & meaning that it means to be thought of & prayed for by you ladies has meant more than I can express. I find that I reach for the comfort & peace it brings me to know that I have been prayed for during my illness, surgery & recovery.

I reach for the blanket now that I am convinced of the power of prayer & Jesus. For Him I am healing & walking in new life. Thank you to my cousin Sharon Ernest & her constant giving to others.

Your kindness & prayers will always be remembered. I am thankful for you!

Shaye Thomas



New Discoveries Class

Are you new to Mill Creek? Are you curious about who we are, where we've been, what we believe and how you can plug in and use the gifts God has given you? Then you will want to be a part of the New Discoveries Class. We will meet on Wednesday nights in June from 6:30-7:30pm. This is a great opportunity for new members or anyone interested in learning more about us. The class will meet in Room M-2. The class schedule is as follows:

June 3 – A Tour of Mill Creek and Her History

June 10 – What Makes a Baptist a Baptist

June 17 – Missions at Mill Creek

June 24 – Opportunities for Growth & Service

All are welcome to attend one or more of these sessions. Contact Judy Deel (540-759-1914) or Danny Quirin (540-580-4476) if you are interested.



June Mission Meal

Sunday, June 14

Menu: "Mill-Fil-A" Chicken Sandwiches, Choice of Salad (potato, macaroni or slaw) and Dessert



Lunches will be available after Sunday School and the 11:00 worship service. You may eat in or take out. All proceeds will go to support our Carpenter's Helpers Ministry.

Join us for

Drive-in Worship

With Buchanan Baptist

Sunday, June 21

10:00am

at Limestone Park

No services or Sunday School at the church.



Blood Drive

Saturday, June 27

9:00am-1:00pm

Buchanan Baptist Fellowship Hall

Mark your calendars for June 27. We will be sponsoring another blood drive between 9:00am and 1:00pm in cooperation with Buchanan Baptist Church at Buchanan Baptist. Please visit RedCrossBlood.org to schedule an appointment. Streamline your donation experience and save up to 15 minutes by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation reading and health history questions on the day of your appointment.

VBS Decorations Needed!

If you have any item or material that fits the VBS jungle theme and would like to donate it, please place it in the handbell room. If you are considering donating a larger item, contact Chelsea King at 540-266-2777.

Donations will be accepted thru Sunday, June 28.

"A Time to Pray"
Church-Wide Prayer Meeting



Wednesday, June 3
6:00pm in Room M-1

CONGRATULATIONS 2026 GRADUATES!

Ryan Markham

Lord Botetourt High School

Serenity Shearer

Lord Botetourt High School



Daniel Anderson

Old Dominion University

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

Minor in Engineering Management



Jonathan Anderson

Old Dominion University

Bachelor of Science in Electrical Engineering Technology

Minor in Engineering Management

Lesley Batsakis

Baylor University

Master of Business Administration

with a Concentration in Executive Communication



Jacob Berry

Virginia Tech

Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering



Morgan Marshall

Virginia Tech

Bachelor of Science in Animal and Poultry Sciences

Olivia Swortzel

Radford University

Bachelor of Science in Design Management

Dear Mill Creek Baptist,
Thank you for the Bible you gave me at the May 17th worship service. I enjoyed my time there. Thank you for honoring all the graduates. I would appreciate your prayers as I head to college.
Sincerely,
Serenity Shearer



Do you have a heart for young moms and their children?

We are exploring the possibility of offering child care during our Tuesday Women's Bible Studies. If you would like to know more or are interested in serving in that capacity for Tuesday morning or evening, please reach out to Laura Epperly at 540-520-5768.



OCC June Collection

Personal Care Items:

Combs, Brushes, Toothbrushes, Washcloths, etc.



Fishing Rodeo at Camp Bethel

For about 20 years, our Greater Outdoor Ministries team has offered a free Fishing Rodeo at Camp Bethel to children and disabled sportsmen. The ponds are stocked with 400 trout by Cedar Springs Trout Farm from Rural Retreat. Along with the trout, fishing gear, food for lunch, prizes, and helpers are all secured in advance. This year over 100 people participated and about 60 of them were children! Three disabled sportsmen also enjoyed fishing. For many years, inner city children and leaders from the Friendship House on Elm Avenue in Roanoke have found this ministry to be a special treat for their community. Luke Winand shared the story of Jesus and the Five Loaves and Two Fish and how God is faithful to provide for our needs. We are grateful for all those who contributed to making this special outdoor event a success! This free event is funded by donations from David Rader at Brugh's Mill Store, online donations to Mill Creek Church, and donations received during the third Sunday luncheon sponsored by the Greater Outdoor Ministries.



Back Pack Update and Thanks

Our Back Pack Ministry to the students at Buchanan Elementary has spanned thirteen years! Since 2013, many have given faithfully to assure that children in need have food to eat over the weekends and during holidays when school is not in session. Donations have been given by our church family and others who are dedicated to helping our community. Steve Thrasher has been instrumental in supporting the Back Pack Ministry over the years. In May, Steve and others sponsored a Fishing Rodeo at his pond in Springwood and we received \$7,415.25 for this ministry! Our thanks go to Steve Thrasher, Melissa Hutchens, the Buchanan and Lexington Moose Lodges and countless other people who donated money and time for the Fishing Rodeo. This event helps our church make sure that the children in need at Buchanan Elementary have food.



Again, our sincere thanks for what everyone has done for these students in our community! God bless.

Back Pack Ministry
Dwight and Betsy Fix

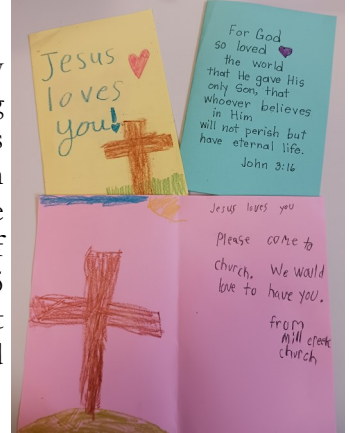
Go and Tell

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you, and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the end of the earth" Acts 1:8

Mission Trip To Royal Apartments and Senior Residences



If at first you don't succeed, try again! Dark clouds, rain, thunder and lightning postponed the Mighty and Mini Mill Creek Explorer's spring mission trip to visit our next door neighbors on April 29th. Thankfully, the weather conditions were just right the next Wednesday. So on May 6th, 51 of our children (ages 3 – Grade 5), accompanied by 25 adult leaders and family were able to walk the short distance to the apartments adjacent to the church and share the love of Jesus with our neighbors.



Of the 20 apartments, we were able to greet ten residents and offer words of encouragement and hope to them and to pray for them. The older students were the ones to lead the conversations at some apartments. The younger ones were led to knock on doors, hand treat bags, sing and pray by echoing their leaders' words. All invited our neighbors to join us at church. For those not at home, treat bags and doorhangers were left behind.



As a follow-up, leaders relayed the prayer concerns of our neighbors and these shared with our church family. Using this list of concerns, the Mighty Mill Creek Explorers were able to pray for the residents by name the following Wednesday night.



The close proximity of the apartments to the church means that children can visit and return in the span of an hour. This allows time for the Wednesday night Bible study group to pray for the mission trip participants and the residents and then receive a very fresh report from everyone on their return. One four-year-old told Pastor Danny that the best thing that happened to him was going to "the brick place and telling them about Jesus".



May we be inspired by our children to step out of our comfort zones and "go and tell" even if it is just next door!

Child Care News



Summer is here!!! Our Summer program began on Tuesday, May 26th, and the children are so excited! We have a lot of fun field trips planned and the teachers have planned many summer crafts and summer learning experiences for our children to enjoy!



I wanted to also tell you all that we had our preschool graduation program on Friday, May 15th at 6:30pm. We had 15 children who graduated from our Yellow and Red Room Pre-K classes! The children sang songs, and did individual class performances for everyone. They all did such a great job showing everyone how much they had learned this past school year. The program ended with each child receiving their diplomas, Bibles and prayer blankets.

Many pictures were taken by their proud parents and family members. Everyone enjoyed refreshments and a wonderful time of fellowship in the church fellowship hall afterwards.

I want to send out a special thanks to the Prayer Blanket Ministry for making the beautiful blankets for our graduating children every year! The children absolutely love them!!

See you next month! Cherry



CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



The Children's Department wrapped up Wednesday night activities for the spring on May 20! May was busy as we made Mother's Day gifts, shared Jesus with our neighbors on our Mission Trip and learned about Jesus during Bible Study time.

As we start the summer, all of our children preschool through 5th grade are encouraged to join the fun at Splash for Jesus held at Limestone Park. Splash for Jesus starts June 3 with swimming at 5:30, a light supper around 6:20 followed by a Bible story. Pickup is at 7:00. **Please note that children ages 4 and under must have an adult stay with them.**

June is a big milestone for our Children's Department as Promotion Sunday has some of our littles moving on to the next class.

- Ages 2 and 3: Ms. Laura Epperly & Ms. Cindy Holland
- Ages 4 and 5 (not Kindergarten): Mr. Gino Arbogast & Mr. Luke Winand
- K & 1st: Ms. Kelly Focht & Ms. Peggy Arbogast
- 2nd & 3rd: Ms. Sissy Simpson & Ms. Patty Hamilton
- 4th & 5th: Ms. Ashley Ulma, Mr. James Ulma, Ms. Danielle Tolley

June will also find our up and coming Kindergarteners beginning to stay in worship service with their parents. They are growing up fast!

The Children's Department is bursting at the seams on Sunday mornings. We would love to have more hands to help in our Children's Ministry. Everyone is encouraged to pray about where God is calling you to serve. If seeing children grow and coming to the Lord is important to you and you would like to be a part of this valuable ministry, please contact Peggy Arbogast at 540-520-0107 for more information and opportunities.



June 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2 8:30am Men's Breakfast @ Greenwood Restaurant 10:00am Daytime Mission Group in Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts Study	3 5:30pm - 7:00pm Splash for Jesus at Limestone Park 5:30pm - 8:00pm Youth at Limestone Park 6:00pm Prayer Meeting in Room M-1 6:30pm - 7:30pm New Discoveries Class, Habakkuk Bible Study	4	5	6
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21 10:00am Drive-In Worship at Limestone Park with Buchanan Baptist	22 Youth at Centrifuge Camp	23 Youth at Centrifuge Camp 9:30am Women's Book Club in Fellowship House 6:00pm Women's Book Club in Fellowship House	24 Youth at Centrifuge Camp 5:30pm - 7:00pm Splash for Jesus at Limestone Park 5:30pm - 8:00pm Youth at Limestone Park 6:30pm - 7:30pm New Discoveries Class, Habakkuk Bible Study 7:35pm Adult Choir Practice	25 Youth at Centrifuge Camp	26 Youth at Centrifuge Camp	27 9:00am - 1:00pm Blood Drive @ Buchanan Baptist
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VBS
July 12-16
6:00-8:30pm

Step through the mist into "Rainforest Falls" where kids will plunge into a lifelong adventure of discovering the nature of God. They'll explore what it means to be rooted in relationship with God, their Creator, a safe place in life's storms. VBS will be held July 12-16 from 6:00-8:30pm.

Take the chill off VBS registration at "Popsicles on the Porch"! Join us on Sunday, June 7 after both worship services, or until 1pm, for free popsicles and get your children (age 3 - 5th grade) signed up quickly and easily. You can also register using the QR code or go to vbspro.events/p/c36506.

Contact Danielle Tolley at dtolley303@gmail.com or 540-798-7592 if you have any questions about VBS.

