

We Accomplish More Together

March provided me the **opportunity to participate** in the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association (RVBA) mission trip to Southwest Virginia that is sponsored by the Women's Missionary Union of the RVBA. One of the things that makes this trip unique is that it is not just a Mill Creek trip, but one we do in **cooperation with other Baptist churches** that identify with the RVBA. You will have the opportunity to read about the various ways in which we ministered to others through Book Net, construction projects and the Gate City Food pantry later in this newsletter. It is amazing to see all that God did through our efforts while on mission that week! While I was one of seventeen people from Mill Creek and one of the forty-three people who participated, these numbers do not reflect the total number of people who actually contributed to the trip.

- If you gave books or helped to organize books, **you participated in this trip.**
- If you helped to make ditty bags for hygiene supplies that were given to each student, **you participated in this trip.**
- If you gave financially on our "Ditty Bag Sunday" to provide the items for the bags, **you participated in this trip.**
- If you prayed for our team and the others who were ministering to those whom we went to serve, **you participated in this trip.**

Some churches helped in these ways without someone from the church going on the trip. When you combine these efforts with those of the people going on the trip to Southwest Virginia, you can begin to get a clearer picture of the cooperative aspect of this trip.

One of the beautiful aspects of our church is that we not only support the Cooperative Program through our giving, but we also cooperate with others through our actions. When we give financially to the Cooperative Program, we support a variety of missions and ministries that are a part of the RVBA, the Baptist General Association of Virginia and the Southern Baptist Convention. Other churches also support financially and as a result of our "cooperating", we are able to do so much more than Mill Creek could on our own. When we "cooperate" through our physical participation in things like this trip, we are able to accomplish more than we could on our own.

As I reflect on this mission trip and the spirit of cooperation that helped to make the trip successful, I am reminded of the early church in Acts 2. They worked together. They worshiped together. They shared what they had with one another and helped to meet the needs of one another. And as a result, the Lord added to their number daily those who were being saved. Everyone used the gifts God had entrusted to them to accomplish what the Holy Spirit was desiring to do through them in reaching the world for Christ. **God has created us to be in community with one another and to work cooperatively with one another. This has been part of Mill Creek's DNA for over 222 years!** This church has been seeking to do this since her inception in 1804 and I pray we never lose sight of this calling to serve and minister in Jesus' name.

We closed out March with some beautiful handbell music, a baptism and Palm Sunday. Now we begin April by focusing on the death, burial and resurrection of Jesus. We will have our Maundy Thursday potluck dinner and worship service on Thursday, April 2 and our cross-draping service on the front lawn at 3:00 on Good Friday. The cross-draping is always a beautiful and somber time as we read scripture, sing some songs and meditate on that moment when Christ sacrificed Himself for us. Then we will gather on Easter Sunday to celebrate Christ's finished work of taking our sin and God's wrath as a result of our sin on Himself, conquering death and the grave, and making a way for us to be in a right relationship with our Heavenly Father. With Easter falling on the first Sunday of the month, we will also observe the Lord's Supper in our 8:30 and 11:00 worship services on that day. What a wonderful day of worship that will be!

Grace and peace,
Danny

Our Stewardship

- 8:30 Service Nursery Workers**
 Debbie Rago & Kelly Focht
 Debbie Rago & Kate Lawrence
 Debbie Rago & Jordan Kidd
 Debbie Rago & Jennifer Simmons
- 9:45 Sunday School Nursery Workers**
 Ned & Rene Jeter
 Rachel Davis & Annette Shaw
 Kayla Anhold & Rachel Witt
 Kelly & Erik Olson
- 11:00 Service Nursery Workers**
 Sarah Hammond & Anna Clark
 Jess Hayden & Kayla O'Bryant
 Melina Marshall & Ashleigh Kritzberger
 Victoria Chocklett & Sharon Ernest
- 8:30/11:00 Service Toddler Workers**
 Kim Lawrence/Danielle Tolley
 Jennifer Ferguson/Mary Bowser
 Melissa Peery/Jess Hayden
 Marybeth Rush/Andy Shotwell
- 8:30/11:00 Service Preschool Workers**
 Sharon Ernest/Kayla O'Bryant
 Luke Winand/Rachel Witt
 Cindy Holland/ Melanie Thacker
 Chelsea King/Nikki Cook
- 8:30 Service Greeters**
 Mark Painter, Pat Shotwell, Teresa Simmons, Nancy Epperly, Brian Stevens
 Judy Prease, Jimmy Brugh, John Plenge, Melissa Peery, Philip Christian
 Jerry & Sue Sweet, Pam Gibson, Lesa Mabe, Shawn Crist
 Judy Deel, Pat Shotwell, Carol & Robbie Theimer, Ronald Stevens
- 11:00 Service Greeters**
 Klayton Akers, Don Epperly, Melissa Peery, Deacon Witt, Hank Rogers
 Bruce Lightner, Wayne & Sandy Myers, Kelly Denison, Jonathan Simmons
 John Murphy, Pam Morris, Sidra White, Brian Simpkins, Adam Davis
 Donna Mack, Donnie Johnson, Ferguson Family, Harry & Curtis Akers,
 Bud Mack
- 8:30/11:00 Service Ushers**
 Mark Painter & Phillip Simmons/Melissa Peery & Klayton Akers
 Judy Prease & Jeff Gibson/Wayne & Sandy Myers
 Jerry & Sue Sweet/ John Murphy & Brian Simpkins
 Nancy Epperly & Pat Shotwell/Donna Mack & Donnie Johnson

Our Kingdom Giving

	SS	8:30am Worship	11:00am Worship	Regular Offering	Building Fund
March 1	239	202	141	\$16,088.00	\$1,620.00
March 8	225	174	147	\$19,593.00	\$1,643.00
March 15	238	201	149	\$18,316.00	\$780.00
March 22	212	NR	130	\$9,126.00	\$7,610.00

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering Total as of 3/22/26: \$6,257.00

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

Happy April Birthday!

- 1 Brandye Phillips
Cindy Wolfe
- 2 Allison Camper
Jay Gilliland
- 3 Dawn Watson
- 4 Catherine Amos
- 5 Lainey Bryan
- 7 Stan Strickler
Chloe Simpson
Michael Batsakis
- 8 Kelly Olson
Rebecca Meadows
- 9 Carol Winand
Debbie Quirin
Carol Kreklow
Dottie Kingery
- 10 Kyle Clark
- 11 Bekah Bisnett
- 12 Ashley Ulma
- 14 Sherry Boone
- 16 Tom Fowler
Jill Ferguson
Ella Monaghan
- 18 Paul Pannell
- 19 Rachel Davis
Jessi Fisher
Charlie Olson
Daxton Morris
- 20 Wesley Hayden
- 21 Cade Cook
Wayland Gilmore
- 23 Donnie Johnson
- 24 Lesley Batsakis
Chelsea King
Knox Edmonds
- 25 Bruce Lightner
- 26 Carrie Russell
Morgan Nichols
- 28 Bella Gilliland
Rachel Witt
- 29 Craig Anderson

Easter Parking

Just a reminder that we have overflow parking in the new lot beside Blue Ridge Turnpike. We also have extra parking available in the lot behind the apartments on the other side of the cemetery.

MUSIC NOTES.....



Our choir is singing a song for the Easter season that I can't get out of my mind. Some of the words are "Once again, I look upon the cross where You died, I'm humbled by Your mercy and I'm broken inside. Once again, I thank You. I marvel at this saving grace and I'm full of praise once again. Thank You for the cross, Jesus." We can't wait to celebrate our Lord and Savior's resurrection on Easter Sunday!

Thank you to our Adult Handbell Choir who presented beautiful bell music in both services on Sunday, March 15th! We heard so many new and different techniques. Thank you to Marcia Neighbors, Susan Plenge and all the "ding-a-lings" for helping us worship God through handbell music.

Our Adult Choir and others will be presenting special music at both services on Palm Sunday and Easter Sunday. Our children will carry in palm branches on Palm Sunday to celebrate Jesus' triumphal entry.

Maundy Thursday is one of my favorite services of the year. If you've never come you should check it out this year on Thursday, April 2nd at 7:00pm. Our Adult Choir and our Whole-notes Choir will sing during the service. Join us as we prepare our hearts for Good Friday. Prior to the service, we will have a potluck dinner at 6:00pm. Bring a dish or two to share.

We will have our annual Good Friday service on April 3 at 3:00pm on the front lawn as we remember the last seven words of Christ before He died on the cross.

Our Easter Sunday begins at the Sunrise Service in the fellowship hall at 6:45am. We will have great music, share fellowship and have a devotional from Pastor Danny. A yummy breakfast will be served after the Sunrise service. We will have our 8:30am and 11:00am services with Sunday School in between. Come worship our Risen Savior!

Our Half-notes and Whole-notes choirs are singing on April 12th in both services. **Mission Possible**, our spring musical, is on May 3rd at 6:00pm. Our Half-notes choir will also present music before the musical as we finish out our winter/spring session. We had a wonderful crowd last year at the musical and the kids were very excited so **I'm going to ask you now to make plans to come to this musical. These children are our future at Mill Creek, and they need to know they are appreciated and that folks care about them and what they do.**

Psalms 86:9 ***"All the nations you have made will come and worship before you Lord; they will bring glory to Your Name."***

For His Glory,
Cindie

Congratulations to Hank & Hannah Rogers on the birth of their baby girl, Eva Joleen, on February 24. Eva weighed 8lbs 2.3oz. Proud big sister is Daisy and proud big brother is

congratulations!



Camden.



The church office will be closed on Monday, April 6.

Due to Mill Creek's supporters (50 households) who shopped at Kroger between 12-1-25 and 2-28-26, we will receive a **donation of \$202.51** from the Kroger Community Rewards program. This donation will go to our bus ministry.



If you have not registered your Kroger Plus card, simply log on to www.kroger.com/communityrewards. Click on "sign in/register" then click on "sign up today" as a new customer and follow the directions to select Mill Creek Baptist Church. Then when you swipe your card, we will get credit!

The Call to Devotion

Christians across the centuries have wrestled with what it means to love God with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to let that devotion shape everyday life. From the earliest days of the church to our time, believers have expressed this calling in diverse but deeply connected ways.

The first Christians, shaped by Second Temple Judaism and the ministry of Jesus, understood devotion as a response to the revelation of the triune God - Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. The Nicene Creed and early councils clarified the church's confession of one God in three persons and of Jesus Christ as fully divine and fully human. Writers of the early church emphasized the inner life by seeking God in prayer, simplicity, and solitude. Their focus on the heart laid the foundation for the monastic movements that would follow.

From the 5th to 15th centuries, monasticism offered a structured way of life centered on poverty, chastity, obedience, prayer, work, and charity. Monks and nuns ordered their days around Scripture and prayer, pursuing a life wholly oriented toward God. Lay Christians, inspired by this rhythm, embraced the *Book of Hours*, which brought elements of monastic devotion into the home. Medieval devotion emphasized holiness through being set apart for God and obedience to His commands.

The Protestant Reformation reshaped devotion by returning believers to Scripture and to the gospel of grace. Martin Luther insisted that devotion flows from Scripture alone and that justification comes by faith alone, not as a way to earn God's favor, but as a grateful response to salvation in Christ. His own struggle for assurance led him to the joy of knowing that righteousness is imputed to believers. John Calvin and other reformers highlighted God's sovereignty, the covenant, and the glory of God as the aim of all devotion. They sought worship centered on the Word as they read, preached, prayed, and performed the sacraments.

In the 16th and 17th centuries, the Puritans pursued practical godliness, a life transformed by grace and lived in gratitude and obedience. Their rich devotional writings encourage believers to cultivate disciplined, heartfelt faith. Then the Great Awakening of the 18th century carried this forward through the ministries of John Wesley, George Whitefield, and Jonathan Edwards. Their emphasis on personal piety, heartfelt religion, and the pursuit of holiness continues to shape small groups, Sunday schools, and discipleship pathways today.

To be devoted to God is to live with an undivided heart that is turned toward Him in faith, love, and obedience. Across the ages, Christians have expressed this devotion through prayer, worship, service, and daily disciplines. Devotion is not a checklist but a relationship. As Augustine prayed, "You have made us for yourself, O Lord, and our heart is restless until it rests in you." May we find our rest, joy, and purpose in wholehearted devotion to God.

Brad Hamilton

Minister of Discipleship and Outreach

Dear Prayer Warriors,

Thank you on behalf of Judy & I for all the cards, visits, flower and dedicated prayers for Annie Lee during her recovery from her fall. She is home and looking forward to returning to church.

Fondly,

Anne Marie Wagner
& Judy Lee



Mill Creek,

Thank you all so much for the beautiful prayer blanket. It means so much and your love and prayers are being felt each day. I know God is watching over me and I truly appreciate you all thinking of me

Blessings,
Katie Craig





Happy Easter, Mill Creek family! As followers of Jesus, we are gearing up to celebrate the single greatest day of the year, Easter Sunday! We all know that you had better show up early to church on Easter if you want to get your usual seat (or any seat at all). There is just something about Easter Sunday that makes folks who don't normally attend church decide that they need to come to church.

On Wednesday nights, the youth ministry is in the middle of a series on how to share our faith. We have been studying **3 important aspects of sharing the gospel: prayer, care, and share.**

-Students have written down the names of people in their life who need to respond to the gospel and are actively praying for those names. Shane Pruitt often says, "before we talk to people about God, we need to talk to God about people." **Praying for people** is a way of preparing the soil to receive the Gospel seed.

-The next step is to actively **care for people** by meeting their needs. We have probably all heard the phrase, "people don't care how much you know until they know how much you care." Our youth are praying for those names AND actively trying to show those people that they genuinely care about them on a daily basis.

-Finally, we have to be willing to **SHARE the Gospel.** One way we can do this is through inviting people to church (remember...Easter is the time people are willing to give church a try). BUT...we also need to be able to share the plan of salvation and the good news of the Gospel whenever the Holy Spirit prompts us to do it! Do you know how to do that? Are you comfortable sharing the Gospel? If not, feel free to join us in the youth room and get equipped and confident to share the good news!

Blessings,

Josh

Minister of Youth

540-521-9266

Upcoming Events:

April 1 - No Wednesday Night Activities

April 17-19 - Jamarama @ Camp Eagle

Youth Culture Corner:

Today's Teens Are Sleeping Far Less Than You Did

The following is excerpted from an online article posted by MedicalXpress.

Eight hours of sleep used to be the norm, and all-nighters with only a few hours of rest were rare among teenagers. In recent years, however, there has been an alarming decline in sleep duration. It has reached a point where insufficient sleep among teens is considered a major public health problem in the US.

The analysis revealed that rates of insufficient sleep rose equally, or even more, among students without behavioral risk factors compared to those with them. The trend of rising sleep deprivation was nationwide. They also found sleep loss to be much more common among students struggling with depressive symptoms or suicidal thoughts.

What can parents do to help?

-Set a bedtime and stick to it.

-Let teens sleep in when they can.

-Take kids to school late on occasion if their schedules have been unusually busy.

-Don't allow cell phones in teens bedrooms at night. (Buy an alarm clock off Amazon).

-Have students go to bed early one night each week.

From the Deacons' Desk

As Spring approaches with the excitement of Easter, we begin to reflect on the crucifixion and resurrection of our Savior, Jesus Christ. It is not only a time of celebration, but of personal reflection.

This year I am reminded in one of my daily devotionals of Pontius Pilate and Edmund Burke's famous quote, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is for good men to do nothing". Pilate was a Roman politician who had been assigned to govern over the region of Palestine during a time when Jewish leaders were navigating how to deal with a new and popular "miracle worker", Jesus.

While meeting and talking to Jesus, Pilate had found nothing deserving death. During Jesus' trial it became apparent to Pilate that he could not change the crowd's demand for crucifixion without causing a riot. Mathew 27:24 tells us that "When Pilate saw that he could prevail nothing, but that rather a tumult was made, he took water, and washed his hands before the multitude, saying, 'I am innocent of the blood of this just person: see ye to it'".

This visual display of Pilate washing his hands was signaling that Pilate would do nothing and that he would allow the execution and crucifixion of a man he found innocent. How often are we tempted to refrain from getting involved because of potential consequences? Why are there times we remain silent and make excuses for not speaking up or sharing our faith?

In many ways we are just like Pilate, but we don't have to be. By asking God in prayer for courage, we can speak up and stand up for our faith, no matter the consequences.

God Bless and Happy Easter!

Chad Simmons
Deacon



Prayer Blanket

MINISTRY



The Prayer Blanket Ministry would like to welcome new team members! The response to our blanket-making training meetings has been fantastic. The renewed energy is most exciting! We are aware there are some folks who have expressed interest, but have not yet been able to attend. We plan to have training meetings on the third Thursday of each month, with the next **training meeting** on **April 16 at 10:00am and 6:30pm**. We look forward to praying, and working on prayer blankets for this unique mission at Mill Creek Baptist with new and old team members. We are grateful God has provided this opportunity to carry the prayer blanket mission into the future. Contact Josephine Powell at 540-588-2807 or Sharon Ernest 540-874-5074, if you have any questions, or if you would prefer individual instruction. Come join us!

Prayer Blanket Ministry Team

Then you will call on me and come and pray to me, and I will listen to you. Jeremiah 29:12



Church-Wide Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, April 8

5:45pm - 6:20pm

In Room M-1

Operation Christmas Child

Suggested donations for OCC in April are; hair accessories, jewelry, sunglasses, and sewing kits. Looking ahead, May's suggested items are quality crafts. Thank you for your continued support.



It's Time for a Field Trip!

Join the Daytime Mission Group on **April 7th** as we travel to Hardy and **tour the Missionary House sponsored by Cooper's Cove Baptist Church.** Our sister church has taken their empty parsonage and have furnished it for an international missionary family that may be in need of housing during their stateside assignment. The family will stay in the home rent free and will only be responsible for cost of utilities. Cooper's Cove has received donations from our Mill Creek Church family, Solomon's Mission, and others who have heard about this special project and offered to help. While at the Cooper's Cove Missionary House, the mission group will **learn about North American missionaries** who are serving in our own country and the influence of Annie Armstrong. Lunch will be enjoyed and then we will return home. **Departure from the church parking lot will be 9:15am.** Let Judy Deel know if you are interested in going. (540.759.1914)

Dear Prayer Blanket Team,

I can not thank you all enough for all the prayers and my beautiful prayer blanket. What a blessing you all are to so many!



I have felt God's presence throughout this difficult time in my life and it has given me such peace. You all are a huge part of that!

Another wonderful ministry of Mill Creek Baptist Church!

With love,
Angie Bryan

Mission Luncheon

Sunday, April 19

Hosted by the Standing Rock
Mission Team

Menu: Hamburgers, Hot Dogs,



**Baked Beans,
Macaroni Salad,
Chips & Dessert**

Eat in or take out.

**Meals will be available after
Sunday School and after the
11:00 worship service.**

**All proceeds will go to support our
mission trip to the Standing Rock
Indian Reservation.**

Church Cleanup



Join us for Clean-Up Day on Saturday, April 4th beginning at 8:30am as we prepare the church for Easter. Everyone is invited to come lend a hand and enjoy serving together! For more information, please contact John Plenge at 540-855-7761.

*With
Sympathy*

We extend our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of Eula Kanode in her passing.



Limestone Park Beef BBQ Saturday, April 25

Beef BBQ dinners will be available from noon until 5:00pm. The dinners will consist of 2 sandwiches, baked beans, slaw and a drink for \$15.00. Contact Nancy Epperly, Pat Shotwell, Tommy Moore, Richard Simpson or Dawn Montgomery for tickets. **Baked goods** will also be available. All proceeds from the beef BBQ and bake sale will benefit Limestone Park Ministries.

The Alaska Mission Team will be having their **annual flower sale** from 9am-12:30pm. All proceeds from the flower sale will go to Alaska Missions.

Sharing God's Love with Our Neighbors in SWVA

The 2026 SWVA Mission Team led by the WMU of the Roanoke Valley Baptist Association worked during the week of March 1 – 5 in the southwestern part of our state. There were **43 volunteers** from a **dozen of our local churches** who participated in the ministries that took place throughout the week. **Seventeen of those volunteers were from Mill Creek.**



There was a **lot of activity** during that first week of March! The **BookNet Teams** visited **8 schools** in Scott and Lee Counties and were able to **read to students and give over 6000 books** in grades Pre-K through 7th. They gave about **1500 cloth ditty bags filled with health supplies**



to the students they encountered. In addition to this, they dropped off books to 6 different schools for distribution to students that they were unable to visit in person. The **Construction Team** completed much needed improvements to two homes. In both homes, they removed rotten floors and replaced them. This was painstaking work at times. Workers at one home also built a small porch and steps at the front of a home. Often homeowners in this area wait for two years before volunteers like ours are able to help them with needed repairs. The **Food Pantry Team** worked at the pantry in Gate City for two days. They were able to pack **396 bags with canned goods. They bagged produce and frozen foods. Some were able to meet and pray with clients** as they came to receive food. During the two days



of work at the Food Pantry, 85 clients were served. Behind the scenes work was done by the **Prep Team** that worked at the Nickelsville Baptist Church Family Life Center to fill all the ditty bags that were given to students. Prep Team members also helped to make the work of the BookNet Teams run smoothly. All of our teams were well supported by the **Cooking Team** who provided delicious meals throughout the week. No one went hungry!



A team of 43 were the ones with “boots on the ground” that week in Southwest Virginia, but hundreds more were a part of the team. **MANY, MANY** from our churches and community **donated the children's books** that were given away. Mill Creek has become the “home” for the BookNet ministry and is the drop-off location and work center for processing the donated books. **Countless hours were spent by volunteers sorting, labeling, counting and boxing books** in preparation for the trip. In addition to our own seamstresses, women throughout the valley used their **sewing skills to create beautiful handmade ditty bags**. Our church and others generously supplied the **funds to purchase the toiletries** that were packed in those cloth bags. Our Mill Creek Rugging Group provided **handmade rugs that were used as gifts** for school personnel. **Prayer blankets** were given to the homeowners and **crocheted dishcloths with kitchen utensils** were given as a token of appreciation to cafeteria staff members in the schools.



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Funds raised from a recent third Sunday lunch and a generous donation from the Mission Development Team provided over \$2200 to help with the cost of supplies for the home repairs that were made. The Mission Development Team also provided money that was used to help with transportation costs for the team.

Our Mill Creek team is grateful for the prayers that were offered for our safety and witness. This has been a wonderful ministry to our neighbors in southwest Virginia for over 20 years and many have been blessed. To God be the glory for the great things He has done!

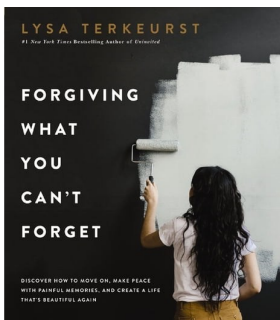
Maybe God will call you to be a part of the 2027 Team. Mark your calendars now for February 28th – March 4th of 2027!



1 Corinthians 12:4 *There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them.*

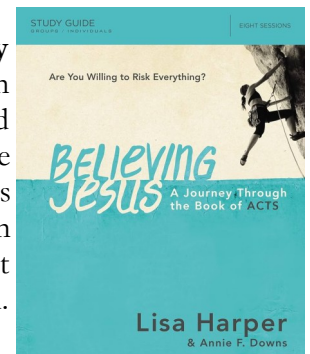
A big thank you for all who generously gave of their time and talents to assure there were enough Ditty Bags to be given to the children in Southwest Virginia. The children always appreciate and remember these unique handmade gifts. This task involves not only talented sewers, but many who donated material, cut them out, put strings in them, ironed them, counted them and loaded them into totes. Our workdays were productive and filled with great fellowship. Added with Ditties sewn at home by many and from sewers at other churches in the Roanoke Valley, we had more than enough to provide for this year's mission trip (and even have a head start for next year). It is a wonderful way to lovingly send a piece of yourself whether able to go or not. Keep an eye out in the Dove for our next sewing day and come join us—no training or skill required. God has blessed each of us with all kinds of gifts!

Two Bible Study Opportunities for Women



Do you struggle with forgiveness? If so, please join us for **“Forgiving What You Can’t Forget”** by Lysa Terkeurst. This **6-week study will begin on Tuesday, April 14, at 9:30am** in the fellowship house. In this study we will learn how to move on when the other person refuses to change and never say they’re sorry; walk through a step by step process to free yourself from the hurt of your past and feel less offended today; and discover what the Bible really says about forgiveness and the peace that comes from living it out right now. Whether you participated in this study a few years ago, are brand new and ready to connect, or somewhere in between... we’d love to have you join us!! The study will be led by Leigh Hamilton 540-204-6013 and Teresa Garrett 540-797-4037. For more information or to sign up, please contact Leigh or Teresa.

An 8-week study, **“Believing Jesus: A Journey Through the Book of Acts”** by Lisa Harper, will begin on Tuesday, April 14, at 6:00pm. What does it mean to believe Jesus? Not just believe in Jesus, but actually believe what He said—and shape our lives around that truth? How would that affect the choices we make? The way we see the world? The way we conduct ourselves with other Christians? In this study, Lisa Harper answers these questions by looking at the lives of the believers in Acts and how Jesus’ command to spread the gospel forever shaped their lives. Text Susan Plenge (540-588-4330) or Laura Epperly (540-520-5768) if you are interested. We would love to have you! Please order your book if you plan to join us!





Parent Child Dedication

Sunday, May 10

As a part of our Mother's Day service, we will have a Parent & Child Dedication service during both worship services. If your family would like to participate, please contact the church office at office@millcreekbc.com or 540-992-3474

Let the **LITTLE CHILDREN** come to me, and do not hinder **THEM**, for the kingdom of God belongs to **SUCH AS THESE**. Mark 10:14

by Tuesday, May 5.

Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers

Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers have had a great time learning about the Southwest Virginia Mission Trip and the upcoming Dominican Republic Mission Trip.

During Bible Study we have been exploring the true meaning of Easter and making various crafts for this special time of year.

As Spring arrives, our number of children will decrease as sports season will begin with practices and games on Wednesday nights but we will continue to share the Good News through the end of May.

If you know a child who would love to join us, please invite them to join us on Wednesdays at 6:30pm or at 6:00pm for supper!

Fishing Rodeo



Saturday, May 9th

@ Camp Bethel, 328 Bethel Rd, Fincastle, VA 24090

8:00 - 11:00am Children and Disabled Sportsmen may fish
11:00am - 12:00pm Door Prizes, Lunch
12:00pm - 3:00pm Everyone may fish!

Come and join the fun!!

Free for all!

Sponsored by:
Greater Outdoor Ministries
Mill Creek Baptist Church



VBS

July 12-16

Step through the mist into Rainforest Falls, overflowing with wild waterfalls, towering trees, and colorful creatures. Beneath a canopy of chattering birds and howling monkeys, 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. As you are planning your 2026 summer vacations, please remember to keep this week open! Please be in prayer about how you can participate in one of our largest community outreach opportunities.

Call or email Danielle Tolley at 540-798-7592 or dtolley303@gmail.com if you would like to volunteer!

VBS Commitment Sunday will be April 12th!



Happy Spring everyone! March was full of crazy weather days, so we had some warm Summer days that allowed the kids to be outside all afternoon and some really cold, snowy days that kept everyone inside for the entire day. We are thankful that the Spring weather is hopefully here to stay!

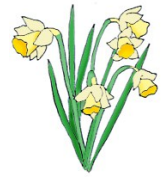
Our older preschoolers enjoyed a fun morning of climbing, sliding and bouncing at Bounce Roanoke on March 5th! They also went to the Buchanan Library on March 17th. They enjoyed story time with the librarian and they each picked out 2 books to bring back to enjoy reading at home with their parents until we return in April.

Some of our school-agers spent the week of March 23rd-27th at Mill Creek while they were on Spring Break from school. They had fun relaxing and enjoying time with their friends!

See you next month! Cherry



April 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 DR Mission Trip No Wednesday Evening Activities	2 DR Mission Trip 6:00pm Maundy Thursday Potluck Dinner 7:00pm Maundy Thursday Service	3 DR Mission Trip 3:00pm Cross Draping Service	4 8:30am Church Clean-up Day
5 6:45am Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast 8:30am Worship 9:20am - 9:55am Holy Grounds Coffee Shop 9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship	6	7 8:30am Men's Breakfast @ Greenwood Restaurant 9:15am Daytime Mission Group to Missionary House sponsored by Cooper's Cove Baptist Church	8 5:30pm Whole-Notes & Half-Notes Practice 5:45pm Prayer Meeting in Room M-1 6:00pm Supper for Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers 6:30pm Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers, Youth Activities/Bible Study, Adult Bible Study 7:35pm Adult Choir Practice	9	10	11 9:00am - 1:00pm Blood Drive @ Mill Creek
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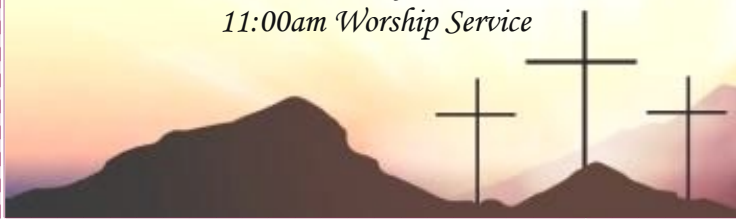
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Pianist.....Marcia Neighbors

Join Us for Easter at Mill Creek

Maundy Thursday, April 2
6:00pm Potluck in Fellowship Hall
7:00pm Service

Good Friday, April 3
3:00pm Cross Draping Service on the Front Lawn

Easter Sunday, April 5
6:45am Sunrise Service followed by Breakfast
8:30am Worship Service
9:45 Sunday School
11:00am Worship Service



Blood - The Gift of Life

On Saturday, April 11, Mill Creek will be hosting a Red Cross blood drive in the fellowship hall from **9:00am to 1:00pm**. Please consider making a donation. Each pint of blood can be used to save up to 3 lives. As always blood is urgently needed and each donation can be a life giving gift. To register in advance, please visit RedCrossBlood.org. On the day of the blood drive, save time by visiting RedCrossBlood.org/RapidPass to complete your pre-donation information. If you have questions, please contact Don Ditzler at 540-797-8417. Hope to see you on April 11th!

