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Can I Get a “Praise the Lord!”?

What a wonderful week of Vacation Bible School we had last month! We spent the week deep in the Amazon for our **Rainforest Falls** VBS where children discovered the nature of God and what it means for them to be rooted in a relationship with Him as their Creator and safe place in life's storms. I am so grateful to **Danielle Tolley** and **Anna Clark** for guiding the way as our VBS Directors. I praise the Lord for the **112 volunteers** that helped lead in a variety of ways to make the week a wonderful success. What a wonderful army of servants we were blessed with! I am amazed that we had **133 children** participate in our fun-filled week of learning more about who God is! All of that is a huge “**Praise the Lord!**”

Vacation Bible School is A LOT of work that takes a volunteer army to make happen. It can be exhausting with many of our volunteers having worked all day to then come and help with VBS each night. It can be disruptive as the sanctuary, hallways, and Sunday School rooms are transformed with all kinds of decorations. For me what makes this such a wonderful and worthwhile week is that **Vacation Bible School IS our largest community outreach event every year**. Families who may never come to Mill Creek otherwise, entrusted their children to us for five nights. We did what we could to make them feel welcome and to plant spiritual seeds of faith in the kids that we know the Holy Spirit will grow and remind them of for years to come. Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to make this year's VBS a wonderful experience for all and a huge success! “**Praise the Lord!**”

As we head into August and our children prepare to return to school, I want to remind you about another mission opportunity that you can be a part of. Since the fall of 2020, we have sought to bathe our local schools in prayer at the beginning of the new school year by **prayer walking at each of our county schools and our Child Care Center**. This will take place on **Sunday, August 9**, and we are hoping to have two times of prayer. One following the Sunday School hour for our early worship folks to participate in **from 11:00-11:30** and then for our second hour worshippers from **12:30-1:00pm**. This can be a special time for families and even Sunday School classes to join together to pray for all who are involved in the education of our children at each of our school campuses in Botetourt County. What a meaningful time it will be as students, parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends come together in prayer! “**Praise the Lord!**” Prayer guides will be provided. We will need one or two people to commit to be “leaders” at each of the school locations during each prayer time. We will also need people who will commit to visit a specific school and pray for our students as they prepare to begin the 2026-27 School Year on Wednesday, August 12th. If your Sunday School class is looking for an outreach opportunity, this would be a good one! It would be really cool for classes to choose to go pray together at one or more schools. Please let Judy Deel (540.759.1914) or me (540.580.4476) know if you feel led to be a part of one of these prayer teams.

Have you seen our newly updated church web page? For several months, Pastor Brad has been working on revamping our website to freshen it up and make it more “user” friendly. Another thing we hope the new website will do is to give us better control when it comes to streaming our weekly worship services. For the past month or so, Facebook has been unstable and unreliable, and our audio wasn't consistent making it frustrating for someone to try and worship with us online. With the new website, we will begin streaming from our website to Facebook and YouTube hopefully alleviating some of the challenges we have been experiencing. Beginning this month, our Facebook page will have a link for worshipers to click that will take them to our web page to worship with us online. “**Praise the Lord!**” And be sure to check out the new website at www.millcreekbc.com.

“**Praise the Lord!**” we sent out mission teams to Alaska and South Dakota last month. Each team has returned from their travels with testimonies to share and in the coming weeks, we look forward to hearing about what they did and how God used them.

Grace and Peace,
Danny

Our Stewardship

8:30 Service Nursery

August 2 Debbie Rago & Erin Swortzel
 August 9 Debbie Rago & Lindsay Thompson
 August 16 Debbie Rago & Richelle Christian
 August 23 Debbie Rago & Teresa Witt
 August 30 Worship @ Limestone

9:45 Sunday School Nursery

August 2 Rene & Ned Jeter
 August 9 Don Epperly & Annette Shaw
 August 16 Kayla Anhold & Rachel Witt
 August 23 Kelly & Erik Olson
 August 30 Worship @ Limestone

11:00 Service Nursery

August 2 Jenna Humphries & Hannah Rogers
 August 9 Laura Epperly & Maribeth Martin
 August 16 Kelly Denison & Jill Ferguson
 August 23 Victoria Chocklett & Anna Clark
 August 30 Worship @ Limestone

8:30/11:00 Service Toddlers

August 2 Melissa Peery/Danielle Tolley
 August 9 Marybeth Rush/Mary Bowser
 August 16 Kim Lawrence/Hunter Thompson
 August 23 Marybeth Rush/Andy Shotwell
 August 30 Worship @ Limestone

8:30/11:00 Service Preschool

August 2 Sharon Ernest/Kayla O'Bryant
 August 9 Luke Winand/Rachel Witt
 August 16 Cindy Holland/Melanie Thacker
 August 23 Chelsea King/Nikki Cook
 August 30 Worship @ Limestone

8:30 Greeters

August 2 Nancy Epperly, Pat Shotwell, Teresa Simmons, Mark Painter, Brian Stevens
 August 9 Judy Prease, Jimmy Brugh, John Plenge, Melissa Peery, Philip Christian
 August 16 Jerry & Sue Sweet, Pam Gibson, Lesa Mabe, Shawn Crist
 August 23 Debbie McAllister, Pat Shotwell, Carol & Robbie Theimer, Ronald Stevens
 August 30 Worship @ Limestone

11:00 Greeters

August 2 Klayton Akers, Don Epperly, Melissa Peery, Deacon Witt, Hank Rogers
 August 9 Bruce Lightner, Wayne & Sandy Myers, Kelly Denison, Jonathan Simmons
 August 16 Patricia Lightner, Brian Simpkins, Sidra White, Pam Morris, Adam Davis
 August 23 Donna Mack, Don Johnson, Fergusons, Harry & Curtis Akers, Bud Mack
 August 30 Sue Lee, Don Epperly, Lewis Sifford (10:00 @ Limestone)

8:30/11:00 Service Ushers

August 2 Mark Painter & Phillip Simmons/Melissa Peery & Klayton Akers
 August 9 Judy Prease & Jeff Gibson/Wayne & Sandy Myers
 August 16 Jerry & Sue Sweet/Patricia Lightner & Brian Simpkins
 August 23 Nancy Epperly & Pat Shotwell/Don Johnson & Donna Mack
 August 30 Worship @ Limestone

Our Kingdom Giving

	SS	8:30am Worship	11:00am Worship	Regular Offering	Building Fund
June 28	251	245	176	\$18,400.00	\$910.00
July 5	214	174	144	\$15,905.00	\$1,981.00
July 12	213	189	152	\$17,539.00	\$976.00
July 19	217	192	141	\$12,437.00	\$1,665.00
July 26	205	185	125	\$14,861.00	\$580.00

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

Happy August Birthday!

2 Jenna Humphries
 Donna Mack
 3 Lara Lee Strickler
 Bonnie Davis
 4 Truman Blair
 Betsy Fix
 Pam Gibson
 5 Kathryn Booze
 6 Courtney Peery
 Mike McGuire
 Lily Martin
 7 Keaton States
 8 Bradly Goad
 10 Ryan Kingery
 Calvin Campbell
 11 Lily Holland
 Millie Christian
 14 Forrest Rush
 Linnie Rush
 Pamela Simmons
 15 Janet Entsminger
 Holden Davis
 Teresa Witt
 16 Marcia Neighbors
 Lisa Ballard
 17 Andi Kreklow
 19 Wally Denison
 20 Cindie Hayden
 Addison Jones
 21 Gail Maxwell
 22 Laurel Bowser
 Alexis Chocklette
 Makiya Harth
 23 Linda Newcomb
 24 Samantha Gilmore
 25 Jane Huff
 27 Cameron Craighead
 Skylar Elkins
 Karen Lee
 28 Hailey Mack
 29 Donna Spencer
 Madison Sifford
 30 Brice Towle
 Sadie Holland
 31 Mary Lynne Harris
 Olivia Simmons
 Mary Painter

MUSIC NOTES.....



One more time.....it's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!! We will debut our 2026 Christmas Cantata on Wednesday, August 26th at 7:35pm in the sanctuary. I invite anyone who would like to sing with us for Christmas to come on August 26th or let me know if you are interested! We also need some folks who are interested in drama to play an important role in our cantata this year. If you are interested in participating in the drama, please contact Shirley Holdren or me. We will be presenting the Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 13th at 3:00pm and 6:00pm.



Rainforest Falls VBS was a huge success! We had so many "WOW GOD" moments. The worship, songs, snacks, Bible story, sticky scriptures, crafts and recreation were all amazing! I was brought to tears a couple of times listening to 128 kids and almost as many adults worshipping God together with all their hearts. Thanks to ALL for a great week!!

We are looking forward to getting our Half-notes and Whole-notes children's choirs started back on Wednesday, August 26th at 5:30pm. Watch your bulletin for more details coming soon!

We are excited for our Worship/River Baptism/Potluck Lunch at Limestone Park on Sunday, August 30th at 10:00am for wonderful music, preaching, celebrating and eating good food! Bring your chairs, blankets, sunglasses and fans and join us for this very special day!

Psalm 99:3 "Let them praise Your great and awesome Name-He is holy."

For His Glory
Cindie

Summer 2026 was one for the books! Between Wednesday nights at Limestone, FUGE Camps, VBS, and Sunday Sundaes...some great memories were made! But, as they say...all good things must come to an end. Now it is time to kick off a brand new school year!

This month, we have some great events in store for our youth ministry. I certainly hope that our guys will plan to attend the **1613 Men's Conference at Mill Creek on**

8/14 & 15! Our teenagers are growing up in a world where the culture is at war with Biblical values and truths. Be sure to take this opportunity to get trained up and equipped for the battle by an all star list of men who know what it means to **"be watchful, stand firm, and act like men"** (1 Corinthians 16:13).

Josh Witt
Minister of Youth



Upcoming Events

8/2 - Sunday Sundaes @ The Tolley's
8/9 - Prayer walk at local schools
8/14 & 15 - 1613 Men's Conference
8/16 - Fall Parent/Youth Meeting
8/19 - Wednesday nights at church begin
8/30 - Church picnic & river baptisms



New School Year, New Spiritual Rhythms

Walk through any store this week and you'll see it: rows of notebooks, bright crayons, planners, lunchboxes, and all the signs that the back-to-school season has arrived. There's something hopeful about those shelves. They remind us that a new year brings a fresh start not only for students and teachers, but for all of us as a church family seeking to grow in Christ.

As routines shift and evenings become busy again, many households find themselves settling into that familiar wind-down rhythm of packing backpacks, finishing chores, checking tomorrow's schedule, and trying to catch a breath before bed. It's a busy time, but in the middle of all that commotion, there's space for meaningful discipleship.

This year, we want to offer a simple invitation: let evening wind-down become a place where faith conversations take root. Nothing complicated. Nothing overwhelming. Just small, formational moments woven into the rhythms you already have. One easy pattern can guide the way: gratitude for God's goodness, reflection on the day's moments, and formation through a brief connection to Christlike character. These conversations don't need to be long; even two or three minutes can help hearts turn toward the Lord.

Imagine families pausing for a moment and naming one thing they're thankful for. Or sharing where they saw God at work or where they struggled. Or gently connecting a moment from the day to be the kind of people Jesus calls us to be. These tiny practices, repeated over time, shape us. They help children and adults alike learn to see God's presence in ordinary life.

As the school year begins, may we embrace this fresh start not only in our schedules, but in our discipleship. May our homes become places where faith is spoken naturally, where conversations open doors to grace, and where the love of Christ quietly forms us day by day.

Brad Hamilton

Minister of Discipleship and Outreach

WORSHIP BY THE RIVER



Sunday, August 30 at 10:00am
at Limestone Park

Join us for a time of worship, river baptism, good food and fellowship. Bring **several of your favorite dishes** to share! The church will provide hot dogs, but other meat dishes will be appreciated. Drinks and paper products will also be provided. Bring a chair and join us for this special service and enjoy an afternoon at the pool! **No Sunday School or worship services at church.**

From the Deacons' Desk

Wow, July was hot! Too hot! And way too dry! The grass in the yard had the feel of crunchiness when we played with the grandkids outside and it is still too sweltering to stay out too long. For those who garden, you know if you are not watering, the cucumbers and the squash just aren't going to make it. July's heat dome, in combination with the lack of rain for the last eight months, has made for a drier than usual summer. You could see it and feel it.



Life sometime feels the same way - like a dry and barren land. Maybe it starts with a failed garden, or a broken car. Possibly it comes as an unexpected controversy at work or misunderstandings that end a friendship or even worse, a sick child, or ailing parent, or both. Ultimately, what shrinks our world is usually our own health issues: a bad gallbladder or liver, a blood disease that leaves you sick and exhausted, or the dreaded "c" word – cancer. The battles of life can leave you feeling spiritually and emotionally exhausted. It can make us feel like David in **Psalm 63:1** *"my soul thirsts for you, my flesh faints for you, as in a dry and weary land where there is no water."*

Fortunately for us, regardless of our situation, God doesn't leave us or abandon us. He **"will satisfy the weary soul, and every languishing soul I will replenish."** (Jeremiah 31:25) The familiar poem of David says in the **23rd Psalm**, **"... He leads us beside still waters."** We have a God who cares so much for us that as believers, we have the Holy Spirit within us, the Helper, the gift of a risen Savior and forgiving God. Jesus said, **"But the Helper, the Holy Spirit, whom the Father will send in my name, he will teach you and bring to your remembrance all that I have said to you."** Jesus said to the Samaritan woman at the well, **"but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him will never be thirsty again, the water that I will give him will become in him a spring of water welling up to eternal life."**

When the worst of living in this world has you feeling like dry bones, when pain, sickness, strife or unwarranted persecution seems to leave you in a wasteland, when it seems the powers of this world are holding you down, ask the Holy Spirit to help you **"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, Look full in His wonderful face; And the things of earth will grow strangely dim, In the light of His glory and grace."** (Helen Lemmel).

Grace to you,
Tracy Connor, Deacon

Welcome New Members

Abigail Browning joins by profession of faith and baptism. Her address is 2220 Haymakertown Road, Troutville, 24175.

Rylan Wilcher joins by transfer of letter. His address is 35 Burton Road Apt #4011, Daleville, 24083.

Hank Rogers joins by profession of faith and baptism and his wife, Hannah, joins by transfer of letter. Their address is 205 Chivas Drive, Roanoke, 24019.

David and Cindy St. Clair join by transfer of letter. Their address is 3357 Old Fincastle Road, Fincastle, 24090.

Our church family rejoices in their decisions.



Congratulations to Hannah and Russell Killian on the birth of their baby boy, Fletcher Wynn, on Sunday, July 19. He weighed 8lbs 15oz and was 55cm long. Proud grandparents are Ted and Debbie McAllister.



Prayer Meeting

Wednesday, August 5



5:45pm—6:20pm

In Room M-1

Mission Luncheon



Sunday, August 16
Hosted by the Greater
Outdoor Ministries
Menu: Chili & Soups
with Grilled Cheese
Sandwiches & Dessert
Eat in or take out.

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

Proceeds will help with
supplies for the Disabled
Sportsmen Deer Hunt and
the Fishing Rodeo.



Christmas Cantata Debut

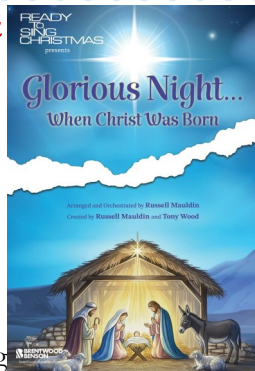
**"Glorious Night...
 When Christ Was
 Born"**

August 26 at 7:35pm

Childcare provided.

Music, Fun and Fellowship!

We welcome everyone to sing
 with us for Christmas even if you don't sing with our
 adult choir on a regular basis.



Dominican Republic Team Golf Tournament

The DR Team will be hosting a 9 hole Golf
 Tournament at Brookside Par 3 on Saturday, August
 22. Hole Sponsors are \$100 each and \$25 per player.
 There will be door prizes for all golfers as well as a
 continental breakfast. Come join the fun while
 raising funds for a great cause! If you are interested
 in putting a team together, playing as a single or
 sponsoring a hole, please contact any DR Team
 member. (Chad & Laura Epperly; Dan & Mary
 Bowser; Melissa & Abby Cook; Judy Deel; Rene
 Jeter; Susan & Allie Beth Plenge, Gino & Peggy
 Arbogast)

1613 MEN'S CONFERENCE

BE WATCHFUL, STAND FIRM IN THE FAITH, ACT LIKE MEN, BE STRONG. 1 COR. 16:13

LIVESTREAM HOSTED BY MILL CREEK



AUGUST 14 & 15
FRIDAY- 7-8PM
SATURDAY- 9AM-3PM
COST- \$20 (INCLUDES
BREAKFAST & LUNCH ON
SATURDAY)

1613MensConference.com

JOHN LOVELL

BRIAN DAWKINS

ANTHONY MUNOZ

PASTOR JOBY MARTIN

NICK FREITAS

MATT EVERSMANN

BRAD GEARY

JEFF TIEGS

KRIS PARONTO



1613
ACT LIKE MEN



Save the Date!
Blood Drive
at Mill Creek Baptist
Saturday, September 12
9:00am-1:00pm

On Saturday September 12th, Mill Creek will
 host another Red Cross Blood Drive in our
 fellowship hall from 9:00am to 1:00pm. This
 will be our last blood drive for this year so
 hope to see many of you there. Please signup
 at the Red Cross donation website. Thank you
 again to all who help support this outreach
 mission.

 * Thank you so much for sharing your old VBS *
 * materials & decorations. We had a great *
 * week! God is good! May God bless your *
 * kindness & helping our small church. Thanks *
 * again for helping us spread God's love! *
 * Love & Prayers, *
 * JR & Karen Graybill *
 * & Mt. Olivet Southern Baptist Church *



ImPACT Virginia Comes to Botetourt!

Students from across Virginia came to the Roanoke area in mid-June to engage in hands-on missions. These high schoolers and their leaders put their construction skills to good use as they worked at four different locations. Two of these were in Roanoke City, one in Salem, and the fourth location was in Blue Ridge. It was at the Blue Ridge location that our Mill Creek folks gave support to the ImPACT group by providing lunch on three days. The youth team that was working there built a deck and ramp for a woman who is undergoing treatment for cancer. Thanks go to the Daytime Mission Group, the Baptist Women's Night Group and our Men's Group for supporting this important mission right here in our own community. Our church was not the only one to prepare lunch for the ImPACT volunteers. Six other churches participated, including Vinton, Green Ridge, First, Oakland, Enon, and Ridgewood.

Scott Hamilton, the Interim Missions Strategist for the RVBA, offered his words of thanks to all who helped with this year's ImPACT Mission Trip: ***I would like to extend my heartfelt gratitude to you and your church family for your generous support in providing lunch to the ImPACT Virginia Construction Teams this year. Your kindness and hospitality were a tremendous blessing to all the students, leaders, and homeowners and significantly contributed to the success of our mission.***

Ditty Bag Workday

We will have a Ditty Bag Workday on Saturday, August 8, in the fellowship hall from 9:00am to 12:00pm. A light lunch will be provided. We will be making ditty bags for the 2027 SW VA Mission Trip. In addition to our handmade bags being given to school children in our state, they have also brought joy to many in the Dominican Republic and have been given to ladies in Standing Rock. Bring your sewing machine and be ready to sew. We will show you how to make them! Even if you do not sew, we have other things you will be able to do. If you have any questions, please contact Donna Crawford at 540-798-3600 or Laura Epperly at 540-520-5768.



Rugging

The Ruggers will gather on August 20th at 6:30pm. Join us on the porch at Brugh's Mill Store for crocheting, chatting and ice cream eating! Contact Judy Deel for more information (540.759.1914)

Daytime Mission Group Planning Meeting

The Daytime Mission Group will meet on August 11 at 1pm at the home of Judy Deel (2136 Blue Ridge Tpke, Fincastle) for the purpose of planning for the 2026-27 church year. This will include mission topics to be discussed and mission projects that the group may want to support. If you are not already a part of this active group of mission-minded women, you are encouraged to come and join! The group meets on the first Tuesday of the month at 10am for learning about and participating in missions. A potluck lunch is then enjoyed. All are welcome! If you need more information, please contact Judy Deel (540.759.1914)

Wednesday Night Adult Bible Study

We will kick off our **fall adult Bible study on August 19** by diving into Paul's letter to the church at Ephesus. Paul spent two years evangelizing this city that at the time was dedicated to the worship of the goddess Diana. Ten years later, Paul wrote this letter that we call Ephesians while he was imprisoned in Rome. The letter is meant to encourage the believers toward unity within the church between the Gentile and Jewish believers. To get this point across, he uses a number of phrases and metaphors that imply unity: the "body of Christ" as a description of God's kingdom on earth, and marriage as a mirror of Jesus' relationship with the church. Paul reminds his readers that since they now belong to Christ, they must start living their lives differently. Come join us as we discover what this letter has to teach us today.



Please join us for Prayer Blanket training, prayer and fellowship on Thursday, August 20. Our blanket makers are making projects at church at 10am and 6:30pm. Anyone interested in learning to make prayer blankets is welcome, and all materials are provided. Also, thank you to all who are making blankets at home! For those that like to know calendar dates, we have set the meeting dates for the rest of 2026. We will meet September 24, October 15 and November 19. There will be no meeting in December due to the busy church calendar. As much as possible, we are trying to meet on the 3rd Thursday of each month. Hope to see you then! Please contact Sharon Ernest at 540-874-5074 with any questions, or if you'd like to meet privately for training!

Prayer Blanket Team

A New Way to Support Our Backpack Ministry

Turn your scrap metal into a donation to the Backpack Ministry. Items such as washers, dryers, lawn mowers, metal lawn furniture, grills, AC units, furnaces, dehumidifiers, water heaters, bikes or anything made of metal are accepted. When you have an appliance replaced, don't pay to have the appliance picked up. Have them set it outside and call me to pick it up! If you have any questions as to what you can donate, please contact Dwight Fix at 540-339-2975. All monies received will go to the Backpack Ministry!

Thank you for the beautiful, warm prayer blanket. I have enjoyed being covered by it. Most of all I want to thank you for all the prayers that were prayed over it. The ladies Bible study & Sword of the Spirit Sunday school class have kept me close to their hearts. May God bless each of you abundantly!

Thank you,
Ken Meadows



Mill Creek Family,
Thank you not only for the sweet prayer blanket but also for all of the love and prayers. I am on the fast road to recovery and can't wait to be back to full strength soon! God bless you all!

Love,
Maisy Cook




Child Care News

Happy August to everyone! As usual, our summer program flew by! Our last day of our summer program is August 7th. We are closed on August 10th & 11th for teacher workdays. We will open up on August 12th for the 1st day of our fall program!

We have had a busy summer with our preschoolers and our school-agers! Our children participated in many fun field trips, water play activities, and a lot of fun crafts and other exciting activities!

We have several of our Pre-K children who will be staying with us to move up to our after school program. They are looking forward to going to Kindergarten and being a "school-ager" here at Mill Creek! We will have over 100 children attending our fall program! We will miss those children who will not be staying with us, and we wish them all the best in school!

Miss Vickie (Red Room Teacher) is retiring, and her last day at Mill Creek will be August 4th. We are happy for her as she begins her retirement, but she will be missed by all of our staff, children, and parents! We have enjoyed having her with us for the past 7 years and pray that God will bless her retirement years!

See you in September!! Cherry





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We will have **two times of prayer** - one following the Sunday School hour for our early worship folks to participate in **from 11:00-11:30am** and then for our second hour worshippers **from 12:30-1:00pm**. This can be a special time for families to join together to pray for all who are involved in the education of our children at each of our school campuses in Botetourt County. Also, this would be a great opportunity for a Sunday School class to meet at one of the schools to pray! What a meaningful time it will be as students, parents, grandparents, extended family, and friends come together in prayer! Prayer guides will be provided.

We will need one or two people to commit to be "leaders" at each of the school locations during each prayer time. We will also need people who will commit to visit a specific school and pray for our students as they prepare to begin the 2026-27 school year on Wednesday, August 12. Please let Judy Deel (540-759-1914) or me (540-580-4476) know if you feel led to be a part of one of these prayer teams.

Prayer Warriors Needed

Calling all prayer warriors! We are looking for prayer warriors who will be committed to praying for a child this coming school year. Would you be willing to cover a child in prayer starting in August? If so, contact Peggy Arbogast at peggy@millcreekbc.com or 540-520-0107. Thanks so much for praying for our children.



Back to School Prayer Ministry

Our Back to School Prayer Ministry will be starting in August. If you have a child (preschool - college) and would like them to be covered in prayer during this coming school year, please contact Peggy Arbogast at 540-520-0107 or peggy@millcreekbc.com by Sunday, August 9. Be sure to provide the child's name, address, age, school and grade.



Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers



The Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers will start meeting again on Wednesday, August 19th. Mini Mill Creek Explorers are for children age 3 through older Preschool. Mighty Mill Creek Explorers are for children Kindergarten through 5th grade.

We will pick up any children from the Child Care who are planning to join the fun at 5:30pm for a movie. Supper for all children will be served at 6pm. Activities will begin at 6:30pm and the fun ends at 7:30pm.

We are super excited to see everyone and hope you had a great summer! If you have any questions, please reach out to Peggy Arbogast at 540-520-0107.



Operation Christmas Child

The suggested August donations for OCC are school supplies. August 7-8 will be a tax free weekend for those supplies. It is also a good time to donate clothes and small shoes. Thank you for your continued support of this mission that spreads the Good News of Jesus Christ to thousands throughout the world.





VBS 2026 Recap — "Wow, God!"

Mil Creek's Rainforest Falls VBS was a tremendous blessing this year. We had 138 children registered, with 133 attending throughout the week and 128 filling the sanctuary on our biggest night — a joyful, overflowing crowd of singing, laughter, and worship.

More than 112 volunteers served faithfully, along with many others who folded, labeled, prepared, and prayed. The unity and teamwork were remarkable, and God's presence was felt in every corner of the building.

The children's worship was unforgettable — from preschoolers singing before they even knew the words, to older kids lifting their voices in praise. One little girl captured the heart of the week perfectly when she ran to her parents saying, "We learned about God."

Because God blessed us with so many children and volunteers, our sanctuary simply couldn't hold a traditional Family Night. Instead of cancelling, we joyfully adapted and celebrated in a new way — including a special moment as the kids signed and sat inside Mark Painter's race car. It became a powerful reminder that you can show your love for Christ in whatever you do — from racing to daily life — because you truly can do all things through Him.

***"Train up a child in the way he should go: and when he is old, he will not depart from it."* — Proverbs 22:6 (KJV)**

Seeds were planted, hearts were touched, and Christ was lifted high. It truly was a "Wow, God!" week.

Danielle Tolley—Director
Anna Clark—Co-Director





August 2026



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1
2 8:30am Worship 9:20am - 9:55am Holy Grounds Coffee Shop 9:45am - 10:45am Sunday School 11:00am Worship 6:00pm Youth Sunday Sundaes at the Tolley's	3	4 8:30am Men's Breakfast @ Greenwood Restaurant 9:30am Women's Book Club in Fellowship House 6:00pm Women's Book Club in Fellowship House	5 5:45pm Prayer Meeting in Room M-1 6:30pm Adult Bible Study	6	7	8 9:00am - 12:00pm Ditty Bag Workday in the Fellowship Hall
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Wednesday Night Activities Beginning in August

The schedule includes the following:

- 5:30 Half-Notes Choir & Whole-Notes Choir (**begins August 26**)
- 6:00 Dinner for Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers (**begins August 19**)
- 6:30 Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers (**begins August 19**)
Youth Activities/Bible Study (**begins August 19**)
Adult Handbell Choir (**begins August 26**)
Adult Bible Study
- 7:35 Adult Choir Rehearsal (**begins August 26**)



Plan now to join us at church on Wednesday nights – and bring a friend along with you!