

Religious Freedom

Happy birthday to our Nation! This month marks 250 years since the Declaration of Independence was adopted. That document served to officially cut the “umbilical” cord between the original thirteen colonies and Great Britain. It was a “Dear John,” or in this case a “Dear George” breakup letter that spelled out specific grievances and differing philosophical views against King George III. I remember celebrating our nation’s bicentennial as a fourteen-year-old. Looking back, it's crazy for me to think about how quickly fifty years have flown by and how much change has taken place in our nation since then!

Since becoming the pastor at Mill Creek and learning so much about our church history, my mind reflects on the fact that it was just twenty-eight years after the Declaration of Independence that our church was established in 1804. The things this church has seen and experienced over her history! There was a moment in between the Declaration of Independence and the establishment of Mill Creek that I like to talk about in our New Discoveries class. That period of time in our early American history is when the Bill of Rights was being written, debated, and voted on. This document is a listing of 10 amendments to our constitution that protect our basic rights as citizens of the United States. The Bill of Rights was ratified and became law in 1791. The First Amendment to this Bill of Rights is very important because it protects our freedom of religion.

One of the reasons the Puritans came to America was to have religious freedom. They wanted to separate from the perceived corruption of the Church of England and form independent local churches. But when they arrived here, they ended up setting up the same kind of State Churches they had known in Europe. In Virginia, the State Church was the Anglican Church and the people of Virginia supported that church with the taxes they paid. It also meant the powers in the state gave the Anglican Church preferential treatment. Other denominations like Baptists, could not marry or bury people without permits or licenses from the state nor could they officially meet for worship without state approval. Everything was set up to give the established church, the Anglican Church, every advantage and to hinder all other religious expressions.

Baptists came to understand there would never be true religious freedom until there was **freedom of religion for everybody, and freedom from religion for everybody**. What that means is that Baptists want the freedom to witness and share their faith while at the same time fighting to protect the rights of others to disagree with our beliefs while also having the freedom to share what they believe. Baptists experienced first-hand the dangers of the state and the church being tied together.

One Baptist minister in particular sought change. This Baptist pastor was John Leland who had experienced the persecution that came along with being a Baptist in the mid to late 1700’s. Leland was a circuit riding pastor who would often hold revivals between Bedford County and Orange County. It was Leland who came up with the foundational ideas for what we now refer to as the separation of church and state. At one point, although not desiring to be in politics, Leland decided to run against James Madison for the House of Delegates. This Baptist pastor wanted to have the opportunity to introduce his platform of freedom of religion. At the time, Madison was opposing the Bill of Rights. As Leland gained in popularity and through conversations with Madison, he ended up telling him that he would drop out of the race and would encourage his supporters to vote for Madison, if Madison would agree to support the Bill of Rights. And as they say, the rest is history!

As we prepare to celebrate our nations independence and freedom this month, my mind also reflects on the freedoms we experience as a church and especially as Baptists. I wonder if Mill Creek’s founding families and pastor had any idea of the changing times they were a part of and the history they were making. The faithfulness of this congregation for the past 222 years is part of an even larger picture that we now have the opportunity to enjoy. As I think about all of this, I wonder, “If the Lord doesn't return before then, what will members of Mill Creek think fifty years from now when the US is celebrating its 300th anniversary? What kind of history will we be remembered for?”

Grace and Peace,
Danny

Our Stewardship

8:30 Service Nursery

July 5 Debbie Rago & Mary Bowser
 July 12 Debbie Rago & Kim Lawrence
 July 19 Jordan Kidd & Jennifer Simmons
 July 26 Candace & Ella Monaghan



9:45 Sunday School Nursery

July 5 Rene & Ned Jeter
 July 12 Annette Shaw & Sandra Kidd
 July 19 Kayla Anhold & Rachel Witt
 July 26 Erik & Kelly Olson

11:00 Service Nursery

July 5 Anna Clark & Sarah Hammond
 July 12 Brooke Mitchell & Kayla O'Bryant
 July 19 Melina Marshall & Ashleigh Kritzberger
 July 26 Victoria Chocklett & Sharon Ernest

8:30/11:00 Service Toddlers

July 5 Kim Lawrence/Danielle Tolley
 July 12 Jennifer Ferguson/Hunter Thompson
 July 19 Melissa Peery/Mary Bowser
 July 26 Marybeth Rush/Andy Shotwell

8:30/11:00 Service Preschool

July 5 Sharon Ernest/Kayla O'Bryant
 July 12 Luke Winand/Rachel Witt
 July 19 Sharon Ernest/Melanie Thacker
 July 26 Chelsea King/Nikki Cook



8:30 Greeters

July 5 Nancy Epperly, Pat Shotwell, Dan Bowser, Mark Painter, Brian Stevens
 July 12 Judy Prease, Jimmy Brugh, John Plenge, Melissa Peery, Philip Christian
 July 19 Lesa Mabe, Jerry & Sue Sweet, Pam Gibson, Shawn Crist
 July 26 Debbie McAllister, Pat Shotwell, Carol & Robbie Theimer, Ronald Stevens

11:00 Greeters

July 5 Klayton Akers, Deacon Witt, Don Epperly, Melissa Peery, Hank Rogers
 July 12 Bruce Lightner, Wayne & Sandy Myers, Kelly Denison, Jonathan Simmons
 July 19 John Murphy, Brian Simpkins, Sidra White, Pam Morris, Adam Davis
 July 26 Donna Mack, Don Johnson, Fergusons, Harry & Curtis Akers, Bud Mack

8:30/11:00 Service Ushers

July 5 Mark Painter & Dan Bowser/Melissa Peery & Klayton Akers
 July 12 Judy Prease & Jeff Gibson/Wayne & Sandy Myers
 July 19 Jerry & Sue Sweet/John Murphy & Brian Simpkins
 July 26 Nancy Epperly & Pat Shotwell/Donna Mack & Don Johnson

Our Kingdom Giving

	SS	8:30am Worship	11:00am Worship	Regular Offering	Building Fund
May 31	220	182	127	\$12,436.00	\$790.00
June 7	224	195	146	\$13,903.00	\$2,055.00
June 14	211	199	133	\$15,528.00	\$350.00
June 21	Drive-In Service @ Limestone: 186				

Annie Mae Broyles Offering Total as of 6/14/26: \$1,400.00

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

Happy July Birthday!

- 1 Morgan Marshall
Carla Blevins
- 2 Hudson Kritzberger
Emily Galbreath
Molly Hamilton
- 3 Heather Burke
Jess Hayden
- 4 Liam Anhold
Sharon Ernest
- 5 Pat Shotwell
Brian Simpkins
- 7 Kimberly Sifford
- 8 Ruby Booze
Beth Jewell
Steve Swanson
- 10 Teresa Garrett
Scottie Campbell
- 11 Donna Crawford
- 12 Donald Short
- 14 Nikki Cook
Frankie Rosati
- 16 Kim Lawrence
Olivia Thacker
Abby Cook
Maisy Cook
Jackson Dooley
- 17 Annette Shaw
Robbie Theimer
- 18 Kathy Robertson
- 19 Ava Thacker
Sedley Jeter
Jeff Amos
James Ulma
- 22 Ralph McCampbell
Ann Huffman
Larry Vines
- 24 John Huffman
- 25 Anne Marie Wagner
- 26 Price Simpson
Jimmy Brugh
Ian Camper
Lottie Olson
Dylan Bryan
Brandon Garrett
- 28 Marybeth Rush
John Plenge
- 29 Blake Winand
- 30 Vera King
Charlie Rosati
- 31 Linda Gordon

**The church office will be closed
 Friday, July 3rd in observance of
 Independence Day.**



HAPPY
Independence Day!

MUSIC NOTES.....



Happy birthday America!! Thanks to everyone who participated in our celebration of America's 250th birthday! It is such a special time to remember how God has blessed our nation. Let's continue to pray for God's protection and grace in the days and years to come.

We can't wait for **Rainforest Falls** VBS! It is July 12-16 from 6:00pm to 8:30pm. The music is always so fun to sing and move to! Invite your family, friends and neighbors! It will be such an exciting week!

Thank you for being a singing congregation! It is so beautiful when voices are lifted together in praise to our Lord. We don't know who might be listening, maybe it's someone who doesn't know the Lord yet and seeing you lifting your praise may inspire them to want to know more. We come to lift our voices as we sing to the One who is eternally worthy of our praise!

Summer is a little quieter around here, but it is a time to get ready for "all things music" that start in the fall. I'm listening to Christmas music as you read this article. Please consider singing with us this year for Christmas or if drama is more your thing, we need folks for that, too. You'll be seeing times for practices to begin in next month's Dove. It's beginning to look a lot like Christmas!

Psalm 144:9: "I will sing a new song to you, my God; on the ten-stringed lyre I will make music to You".

For His Glory,
Cindie



kroger community rewards

Due to Mill Creek's supporters (49 households) who shopped at Kroger between 3/1/26 and 5/31/26, we will receive a **donation of \$187.54** 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!

**Rugging
July 9
6:30pm**



It is time for porch sitting and ice cream eating--- and maybe crocheting!

Join the Ruggers on the porch at Brugh's Mill Store on Thursday, July 9, at 6:30pm for rug-making fun.

Share the Bounty Table



Are you a gardener who has an abundance of fruits and veggies? We have a **"Share the Bounty Table"** in the lobby of the fellowship hall where you can bring produce to share with others. If you don't have a garden, feel free to take some produce home with you!

**Wednesday Night
Bible Study
Resumes July 22
6:30-7:30pm**

All adults are invited to join us as we study the book of Jonah. The study meets in the Randy Daniels room.

Do you hear that? It's the sound of 100 kids having a BLAST worshipping and learning more about the love of Jesus. VBS is coming this month and it is always one of the best weeks of the year! I am looking forward to seeing over 20 teenagers helping to make VBS a successful week! If your teen hasn't signed up to help yet, but would like to, please reach out to me ASAP!

Josh Witt
Minister of Youth



July Youth Events:

7/5: Sundae Sundays @ The Roberts' House, 6-8pm
7/12-16: VBS, 6-8:30
7/18: Salem Ridge Yaks Game, \$15

Youth Culture Corner:

These are quotes from an article titled *"What 5 Techie Dads Wish All Dads Knew about Online Safety for Kids"* from defendyoungminds.com

I encourage you to check it out, it is a really great article!

- "In an increasingly confusing digital world, the greatest gift a father can give is his presence, his wisdom, his faith, and his guidance."

- "I think the best advice is to model what we want for our kids. We can't tell them no screen time, but then keep our face in our phones... It's about balance."

- "The most important thing we can do as dads is look at our own relationship with tech with more honesty."

- "Don't start with your kid's phone, start with your own. Tonight, put your phone on the charger outside your bedroom and tell your kids that's what you're doing and why. They copy what you do long before they listen to what you say, so the best parental control you've got isn't an app, it's them watching you live it."



Welcome New Members

Jack & Tammy Baker join by transfer of letter. Their address is 853 Hardbarger Road, Buchanan, 24066

Welcome To our Church

Lily Holland joins by profession of faith and baptism. Sadie Holland also joins by profession of faith and baptism. Their address is 748 Little Timber Ridge, Buchanan, 24066.

Our church family rejoices in their decisions.

Thank you so much for the card and gift! I appreciate you thinking of me!

Thank You!

Ryan Markham

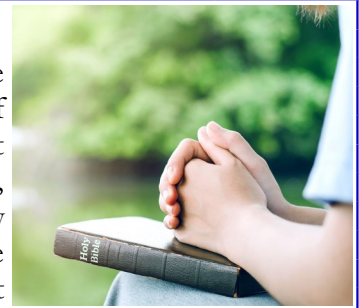
It's a **BOY**

Congratulations to Laurel & Adam Bowser on the birth of their baby boy, Levi Colten, on June 22. Levi weighed 6lbs 15oz and was 19 1/2 inches long. Proud grandparents are Dan & Mary Bowser.



Stay in the Word

For Steve Coleman, a retired youth pastor and friend of mine, “stay in the Word” is more than his catchphrase - it is his guiding ambition in life. One of the clearest marks of a growing disciple is a life shaped by Scripture. Yet according to new findings from Lifeway Research State of Discipleship study, fewer than **1 in 3 Protestant churchgoers read the Bible daily**. Most say they value Scripture, but many struggle to make consistent engagement a habit. The study shows that while **61%** of churchgoers read the Bible at least somewhat regularly, only **31%** open it every day. Even more striking: only **22% of Americans have ever read the entire Bible**, and even among those who attend church more than once a week, just **59%** have done so.



These numbers matter not because we want to “perform” spiritually, but because Scripture is the primary way God renews our minds, strengthens our faith, and forms us into the likeness of Christ. At Mill Creek, we want to be a people who don’t simply attend church; we want to be disciples who walk closely with Jesus. And that means becoming a church family **deeply rooted in the Word**.

Church, let’s be honest, life is busy. Routines slip. Days get away from us. But **discipleship doesn’t happen by accident**. It grows through intentional, steady habits that shape our hearts over time. Imagine what God might do in our congregation if even half of us moved from “occasional reading” to “daily engagement.” Imagine the unity, the spiritual depth, the renewed joy in worship, the boldness in witness, the wisdom in decision-making. Let’s be a church that doesn’t merely affirm the authority of Scripture but actually opens it, reads it, and lives it.

Here are some simple, realistic ways to stay in the Word:

1. **Start with a reading plan.** A great option is BibleRecap.
2. **Use a physical Bible.** It helps you slow down and removes distractions.
3. **Keep it simple.** Even one Psalm or one paragraph is better than not reading anything.
4. **Read with someone.** Accountability and encouragement are beneficial.
5. **Bring your Bible to church.** Engage with the text, make notes, highlight it.

Brad Hamilton

Minister of Discipleship and Outreach

Standing Rock Mission Trip July 20~24

The Standing Rock Mission Team is busy with last minute plans for their ministry to the families in Kenel, SD. All team members will be traveling by road this year and will begin the 1600 mile journey on Wednesday, July 15th. We thank you for



your generous support of our recent fundraisers. The April Mission Luncheon and the May Fish Fry were both very successful! Together these events raised over \$8,000! This financial support will help so much with expenses! Please pray for safety for our team as we travel and spend time with our Native American friends. Pray that as we share the love of Christ that many will come to know the hope that is found in Him. Team members include Bob and Beth Hetherington and Nancy Draper (Coopers Cove Baptist Church). Rose Barger (Springwood Baptist Church). They will be joined by Ruth Fix, Judy Deel, Jerry and Sue Sweet (Mill Creek Baptist Church).



From the Deacons' Desk

It's that time of year again when the days are hot and the nights are cool-ish. Most people spend time beating the heat in a pool, river, ocean, or in a tub. I personally look forward to those cooler nights when the sun goes down and I get to spend time on my porch reading a good book that relaxes and recharges me for the next day.



We all can appreciate different kinds of relief when the days get warmer and/or stressful. Our time with God should be similar spiritually. Spending the day having fun in the sun is great, but I need a daily refresher (usually at night when the chaos of the day ends) of just how awesome God's glory and splendor is in my life. I find reprieve in the promise that one day I will be refreshed and rejuvenated in eternity with Him in His house where there is no chaos and no stress, only good vibes!

So enjoy those days soaking up the rays and spending time with loved ones, but let God restore you each and every day to be ready to serve His purpose!

***"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest."* – Matthew 11:28**

God Bless You All,
Adam and Laurel Bowser

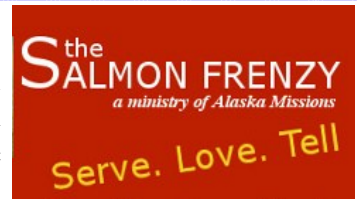
Prayer Walking our Schools

I know that it is crazy to be thinking about school starting back when it just ended but we are already beginning to think about Prayer Walking our schools at the beginning of August. On **August 9**, we will commission our students, teachers, and school faculty as they prepare to head back to their mission field for a brand-new school year on August 12. We will also be **prayer walking every Botetourt County public school campus on the 9th**. We **need prayer leaders** for each campus after Sunday School and after our second worship service. Would you please consider helping in this capacity or at the least, make plans to prayer walk at one or more of our schools? Contact **Pastor Danny if you can help or if you have any questions** about this wonderful opportunity to cover our schools in prayer. Tell your family, friends, and neighbors about this opportunity and let's see if we can get others onboard as we seek to cover our schools in prayer.



Alaska Mission Trip

The Alaska Mission Team heads to Kenai, Alaska on July 11 to serve with Alaska Missions & Retreats. Alaska Missions' philosophy is to build relationships, meet physical and spiritual needs, breaking down walls while sharing the gospel. Alaska Missions sponsors sports camps, women's conferences in Nome, men's retreats and serves on the beaches during the salmon run. The first team from Mill Creek went in 2010 to be the hands and feet of Jesus on the beaches of Kenai. Each subsequent year, the team has served as the Cooking Crew for the volunteers. We will serve in this same capacity in July with the following team members: Justin, Nikki, Cade, and Carson Cook, Dawn Montgomery, Melissa Peery, Tommy Moore and Todd Wampler. We are the behind-the-scenes volunteers, preparing the meals for the other 100+ volunteers on the beach. This may seem like a small way to serve, but the body has many parts, and we become part of the one body. We specifically ask for prayers for each team member, for travel mercies and for the team to be His light unto others.



Appalachian Trail Ministries 2026

The Appalachian Trail, the world's longest hiking-only footpath stretches some 2,200 miles from Georgia to Maine, but only a short section of the trail is found in Botetourt County. Our Botetourt section spans a mere 37 miles of our countryside. Every year, an estimated 3000 folks walk the Appalachian Trail and many pass right through our midst. Since 2010, our church family has sought to minister to those who travel this path.

The articles below have been written by various members of our AT Ministry Team. You will be informed and inspired by the personal notes from Debbie McAllister, our AT Ministry Team Lead, Pastor Terry Johnson of TCOB, Blessing Bag recipients, BeeCh Hill B&B Hostel owner, Mill Creek's Blessing Bag and Packing Party Coordinator, and one of our avid AT day-hikers.

Blessing Bags

Many gave of their time and resources to help provide treat bags for hikers who come through our county and receive packages at the Daleville Post Office. Mary Hinman coordinates this effort and she writes: *A big thanks to the committee who assembled 230 bags, of which 115 went to the post office. Thanks to the Daleville post office for allowing us to share with the hikers. We gave some bags at the hiker's dinner on May 29th. The rest of the bags have been given to hikers by church members. From April to mid-June, Lois Crawford has given 62 Blessing Bags and is ready to be a "Trail Angel" to any remaining hikers that she may meet! She has given bags to travelers from as far away as Japan and Austria and as close as here in Virginia. She has also shared our Mill Creek blessings with hikers from North Carolina, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Wisconsin, Florida, Texas, Delaware, California, Missouri, Ohio, Rhode Island, Kentucky, Vermont, Michigan, Tennessee, South Carolina, Arkansas, Massachusetts, New Jersey, Colorado, New York, Georgia, Illinois, and Maine! Our church could not have shared so many blessings with so many people without all those who donated money to help pay for our Blessing Bag supplies. Thanks to all for participating in our Blessing Bag ministry!*

Thank You Notes

Occasionally, we receive thank you notes from hikers who receive our Blessing Bags. Here are a couple that we received in June:

Hi, Just wanted to say thank you for the care bags for AT hikers at the Daleville Post Office! My brother and I are out hiking and grabbed one when we were in. We appreciated what yall put in them so please thank who ever put them together. We appreciate your prayers as well. God Bless!

Grable Walls (Thru-Hiker)





My friends & I had stopped in Daleville to resupply while hiking on the AT last month. We each received a little goody bag from a kind member of your church. We wanted you all to know that we really appreciated all of the items in the bags as well as the words of encouragement we were given. Small gestures can make a big impact. Your thoughtfulness is appreciated & we will pay it forward.

Thank you-

From Dry Socks, Collector, and Rock Flipper (Thru-Hikers)

Appalachian Trail Ministries 2026 (continued)

Hikers on the Trail

People hike the trail for many different reasons – the challenge, the beauty, the healing, the communion with God’s creation. This summer, some from our Mill Creek AT Ministry Team met a mother and her 17-year-old non-speaking autistic daughter who are on the trail for a very different reason. Their goal in hiking 250 miles of the trail is to promote awareness, spread love, and raise funds for those with disabilities. Ady communicates her experiences and poetry via a letterboard.

Debbie McAllister read about them on FaceBook. Dan Lucas encountered Ady and her mom Chrissy on the trail, and Beth & Steve Jewell hosted them at their hiker hostel.

Read about Ady and her AT journey.

In early May, Debbie McCallister shared an article about a mom and her daughter Ady with several people, and one of them was Dan Lucas. Ady has Apraxia, a form of autism. Her brain does not plan or sequence movements needed to perform tasks. They were getting ready to start a 250-mile trek on the Appalachian Trail and the first leg of the trek was going to be in Virginia.

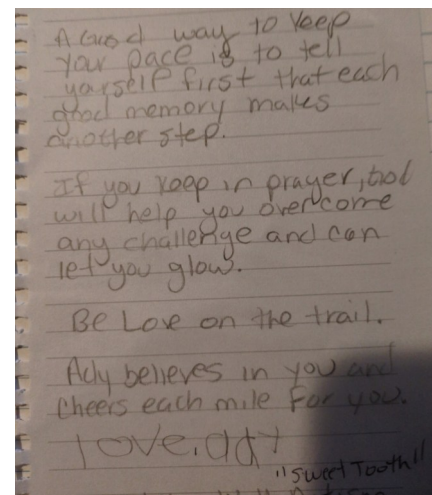
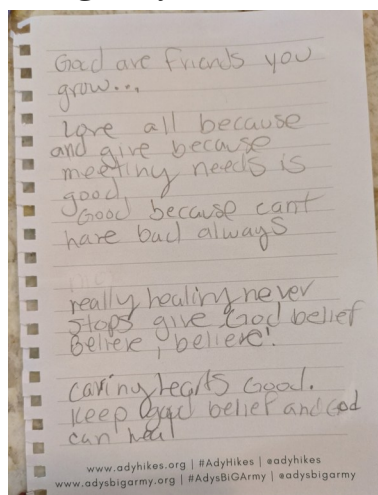
On May 30th Dan Lucas was hiking down from McAfee Knob, rounded a turn in the trail and who did he meet?? “Ady and her mom”!

He learned that this is a journey of faith for both of them. Her mom Chrissy is hiking with Ady to raise awareness and funds for Apraxia.

On Facebook, Chrissy wrote that there are times when the path is too steep and Ady would say “car”, meaning she wanted to turn back. Chrissy prayed for strength for them both to continue on the journey. As she opened her eyes a doe had appeared. Ady and the deer locked eyes for several minutes. After that experience, Ady continued to hike. When they reached the camping area, they met other campers that helped them set-up their tents and assisted in cooking.

In early June, this mother-daughter duo stayed at BeeCh Hill B&B Hostel on Valley Road in Troutville. You may have noticed all the worn out shoes that hikers have left behind hanging from poles near this hostel which is operated by our own Beth Jewell and her husband, Steve.

Beth shared that she welcomed Ady and Chrissy and made them feel at home. She also used the knowledge that she had gained from other hikers to help Ady find the correct shoes to help eliminate blisters. She encouraged Ady and her mom to make the trip a little easier by slack packing. Ady wrote several notes to Beth including these:



Pray for Ady and her mom Chrissy for strength and safety on the journey.

If you would like to follow Ady on Facebook, just type in Ady Hikes.

Appalachian Trail Ministries 2026 (continued)

Home-Cooked Meal for Hikers

For many years the churches in our community have helped to provide food for a community event that welcomes hikers for a home-cooked meal. Debbie McAllister writes of this year's Hiker Meal.

This year's Free home-cooked meal, with an abundance of food, fed a thankful group of hungry thru-hikers at the end of May. The annual community event held at Troutville Church of the Brethren allows the opportunity for local churches to share the love of Christ and southern hospitality in our area of Botetourt County. Much appreciation is extended to Mill Creek's faithful Appalachian Trail Ministry team who serve in various ways to reach the hiker community. The Night Women's Mission group supplied their delicious green beans. The Day Women's group offered up the sweet treats at the Ice Cream Bar along with Troutville G&G and Hershey's supplying the ice cream. Our Church congregation and participants on our Team provided additional carb entrees, Electrolyte drinks, Bottled Water, Blessing Bag contents, informational flyers about the meal, and monetary donations to supply items for the packing party. Also, many thanks go to each on the AT Ministry team who carried us through by attending the meal planning meeting, sharing details and keeping us fully informed during the progress of our outreach mission to the thru-hikers..

Troutville Church of the Brethren has opened their doors and provided a wonderful space for the Hiker Meal. Read below a thank you from host pastor, Terry Johnson:

Philippians 1:3 NKJV

I thank my God upon every remembrance of you.

I want to thank everyone who participated in this year's AT hiker meal at Troutville on May 29. From the list of volunteers I received, and one who didn't sign in, we had 31 help in this ministry. Seven congregations were represented and one outreach ministry. I believe we fed 23 not quite what we had planned for, however numbers in ministry are not important. This is a valuable ministry that we can offer as a community of believers to all who pass through Troutville on the trail. The important thing is that we are serving God with this opportunity and doing it joyfully. Lord willing, we will continue this joint outreach yearly as, the Lord allows. Each year is different with the hikers who attend and we can learn and adjust yearly in our planning. No service done in the name of Jesus is in vain. I encourage you to share stories from the meal that inspired you. God be with you til we meet again.

Pastor Terry Johnson, Troutville Church of the Brethren; Proverbs 3:5-6 (Host Pastor)

Join Our AT Team and Bloom Where You Are Planted

Because our community is located adjacent to the Appalachian Trail, we have a unique opportunity to bless hikers with the love of Jesus. If you have an interest in sharing your gift of serving with our AT Ministry Team, please contact Debbie McAllister at mcallisterdeb@yahoo.com or 540-580-0111.



There will be no prayer blanket training meeting in July due to VBS. Please contact Sharon Ernest 540-874-5074 if any questions, or if you have any interest in meeting at church individually for training. All supplies are provided!





Save the Date!
Sunday, August 30
@Limestone Park
More details to come!

OCC July Collection

Quality Toys :



Barbie Dolls and
 Clothes, Soccer
 & Basketballs with
 Pumps, Jump
 Ropes, Small
 Trucks, Travel



Yahtzee & Uno Games &
 other small travel games.

Mini & Mighty Mill Creek Explorers

Summer is here and that means there are no children's Wednesday night activities here at Mill Creek, but some of our Mini and Mighty Mill Creek Explorers are taking advantage of **Splash for Jesus** at Limestone Park. Swimming begins at 5:30 followed by supper at 6:15 and the Bible Story is at 6:40. The kids are having a blast!

If you would like to help at **Splash for Jesus**, please come on down to the Park we would love to have extra hands!



Child Care News



Happy 4th of July to everyone! The summer is flying by, and the children at the Center have been having so much fun. Some of our recent field trips have included visits to Firehouse Skate & Play, Prestige Gymnastics, Bounce Roanoke, and Limestone Pool.

Recently, Mark Painter brought his race car to the Center. Each class had the opportunity to see the car, sit inside, and even write their names on it. We also took group class pictures to commemorate the day. Additionally, every child received a freezy pop, a piece of candy, and a bracelet or cross necklace. We would like to extend a sincere thank you to Mark and his assistant, Priscilla Bailey, for making this such a fun and memorable event for the children!

See you next month!
 Cherry Ramsey





July 2026



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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.**

You can register children age 3 through 5th grade by using the QR code or by going to vbspro.events/p/c36506. We will be offering a free light dinner Monday - Thursday at 5:30pm for children attending VBS. Reservations for dinner need to be made when you register. Contact Danielle Tolley at dtolley303@gmail.com or 540-798-7592 if you have any questions about VBS.

