

# Millfield News

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*Millfield is a welcoming, loving and accepting church, working to meet the physical and spiritual needs of our church family, our community, our state, our country, and the world in the name of Jesus Christ.*

## Frankly Speaking

*"Follow my example, as I follow the example of Christ." (I Corinthians 11:1)*

*"...but set an example for the believers in speech, in life, in love, in faith and in purity." (I Timothy 4:12)*

*"In everything set them an example by doing what is good." (Titus 2:7)*

In the last quarter century of the 1800s, Dr. Joseph Bell was a professor of medicine at the University of Edinburgh. A respected practitioner and teacher, Dr. Bell became best known on campus for his extraordinary skills relating to observation of details that led him to surprisingly accurate conclusions. He

seemed to have an uncanny sense for being able to recognize a patient's ailment, or determine the patient's vocation, by a simple, momentary glance. Purely by noticing what others would overlook, he was able to amaze people with his correct judgments. One time he was able to determine, without the aid of an oral interview, that his patient had once served in the British army, and he was even able to identify correctly the regiment in which the patient had served.

All of the students were impressed with Dr. Bell's observation and reasoning skills. One student named Arthur, however, was particularly in awe of the man's genius. In addition to his copious medical notes from Dr. Bell's lectures, Arthur filled several notebooks with examples of what he called Bell's "eerie trick of spotting details." After graduation, Arthur established his own medical practice outside of London.

Unfortunately, there were long spells in which Arthur would see few, if any, patients. To while away the time, Arthur began to imagine, and eventually write down, intriguing stories of mystery. His main character in these stories was a detective whose keen observation



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combined with clever deduction made the solution of a crime seem “elementary.” Arthur Conan Doyle used the example of his amazing medical professor, Dr. Joseph Bell, to create the legendary sleuth, Sherlock Holmes.

One can never overestimate the power of one’s example. The ways we live our lives will influence many, many people, and often in ways that are completely unexpected. One of the greatest values of church is that when believers gather together, we can observe one another. We can be influenced greatly by the examples set before us.

Keep that thought in mind as you worship. Someone is noticing how you do it. Remember your influence as you

serve in ministry. Someone will likely imitate you. And never forget that when you avoid worship, and ignore ministry, your example still has tremendous impact—but negatively!



You never know: your kindness and grace may influence someone to become a legendary minister for Jesus Christ. In the same way, your neglect of spiritual growth and disregard for spiritual practice may discourage someone else’s pursuit of Christ. The impact you have on future generations is directly related to how you live your life in the present.

“Elementary, my dear Watson!” Be a good example for Jesus.



**Margaret Simms**

**Wesley Garner** is recovering from heart and back problems.

**Edith Barnes** has breast cancer.

**Suzanne Buckingham** was unable to complete radiation treatment for sinus and throat cancer and is now on hospice care.

**Katie Snyir**, an acquaintance of Tracy Patterson, has stage 4 brain cancer. She is 14 years old.

**Frances Hardy** has been ill.

**Betty Rountree**, Frankie Carr's mother, has been diagnosed with cancer.

**Marindy Creef, Emerson Creef, and family**

**Laura Anne Goodrich**, Henry mother, was moved to a Skilled Care Rehabilitation & Nursing Center near St. Mary's Hospital in Richmond. The doctor will be monitoring the blood clot in her lung. Prayers are still needed that the medication and increased mobility will do its job.

**Michelle Allston** (Gunny's daughter) is recovering from major surgery.

**Sonny Davis**, Marisa Cabell Davis's husband, is in the hospital with a leg injury from a farming accident.

**Bob Felts** is suffering from pinched nerves at the top of his neck and spine, and had a fall.

**Vicky Goodrich** will be having the following surgeries on her right arm on May 4: ulnar nerve (elbow), carpal tunnel, and large cyst removal; the cyst is intermingled with nerves. Recovery time is expected to be several weeks.



**New Worship Schedule:** Beginning this Sunday, **May 2**, our worship schedule will be changing. Our new schedule is as follows: 9:30 am Fellowship Time; 10:00 am Sunday School, 11:00 am Worship Service. We look forward to seeing you.

**Sunday School:** Sunday school will resume on **May 2**. There will be two adult Sunday School classes, and classes will be available for all children. The Gathering will meet in the Fellowship Hall as usual. The Median and Senior Adult classes will meet together May 2.

**Meal Train for the Goodrich family:** We are planning to bring meals to the Goodrich family following Vicky's surgery on her right arm May 4, as she will be unable to use that arm for several weeks. A sign-up sheet with dates has been posted on the bulletin board in the education wing. Please enter your name and phone number on the date you wish to provide a meal. You can also sign up by contacting Janet Crawford (901-573-9814) for sign-up dates through **May 21**, and Sarah White (757-735-3407) for sign-up dates after May 21; or by emailing millfieldbaptist@gmail.com. The family has no food allergies but requests no broccoli, cauliflower, or collards.

**The Gathering** will begin a study **May 2** led by Carol Golla. The study is called "Guardrails," and is a DVD series by Andy Stanley. In this five session video-based small group Bible study, he challenges us to stop flirting with disaster and establish some personal guardrails in our lives.

**The Senior/Median Adult Class** will begin a five-part study **May 2** called "Ministries of Healing." The topic for May 2 will be led by Joy Branch, and covers Spiritual Healing. It is based on Matthew 12:22-30. The remaining sessions will be as follows. May 9: "Compassionate Healing" (Luke 8:40-56), May 16: "Showing and Telling" (Luke 10:1-12, 17-20), May 23: "Rekindling the Gift" (2 Timothy 1:6-14), and May 30: "Using Our Gifts" (1 Peter 4:10-11, 1 Corinthians 12:1-11)

**Cody L. Stallard Memorial Scholarship Applications** are on the back pew. Deadline for application is **May 15**.

**Vacation Bible School:** We are in need of volunteers for all positions in Vacation Bible School this year. Katie Magee will be the director. Please prayerfully consider volunteering for this worthwhile ministry. VBS will be held **August 16-20**.

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**National Day of Prayer:** Ivor Baptist Church is hosting a National Day of Prayer Event on Thursday, **May 6**, from 5:30-6:30 pm. Participants will be gathering at the Town's Flag Pole and lifting our Community, State, Nation, and Citizenry. All are welcome to join. Details and information can be found at [ivorbaptistchurch.org/ministries/national-day-of-prayer](http://ivorbaptistchurch.org/ministries/national-day-of-prayer).

**Golf Tournament to benefit HopeTree Family Services** on Friday **May 14** at the Birkdale Golf Club in Chesterfield, VA. Registration begins at noon, \$125 per person or \$400 for a foursome. Sponsor opportunities are available. For further information please go to [HopeTreeFS.org/Golf](http://HopeTreeFS.org/Golf) or contact Franklin Dowless. The mission of HopeTree: Through God's love, we foster hope by empowering families, youth and adults to lead fulfilling lives.

**HopeTree: May 16 is HopeTree Foster Care Sunday.** Please take time to acknowledge HopeTree's Foster Care Ministry by watching this video: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TU2\\_w5nam68&t=181s](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TU2_w5nam68&t=181s), and on May 16 by praying for our foster care ministry. Feel free to reach out if you'd like specific prayer points.

HopeTree will continue to hold virtual Foster Parent Information Sessions throughout the months of May and June. If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please sign up to attend one of the sessions. Please contact [abigail@HopeTreeFS.org](mailto:abigail@HopeTreeFS.org) or go to [www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org](http://www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org) for more information or to sign up for a session. May sessions will be held **May 13** and **May 27** from 6:30-7:30 pm and **May 20** from 12:00 to 1:00 pm.

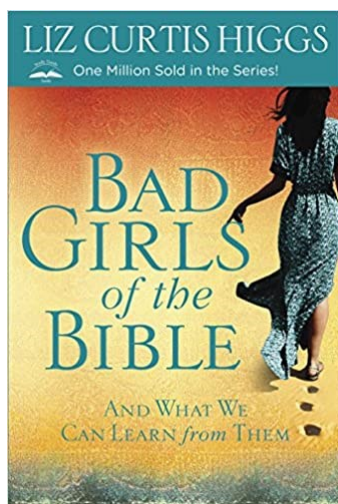
**Franklin Cooperative Ministries:** Current needs: crackers in sleeves, small bags of coffee, canned meats other than tuna, and empty egg cartons. For more information, call 757-516-6322. The main office (301 West First Avenue in Franklin) is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-12:00pm and 1:00 pm-3:00pm, and on Fridays from 9:00 am-12:00 pm. The FCM Clothes Closet accepts donations Monday mornings 8:00 am-11:30 am at 511 North Main Street in Franklin.



The WMU will be conducting a survey to determine when is the best time to hold quarterly meetings. Ladies, if you have not already done so, please contact Sarah White to complete this survey. The next WMU meeting will be held in July.

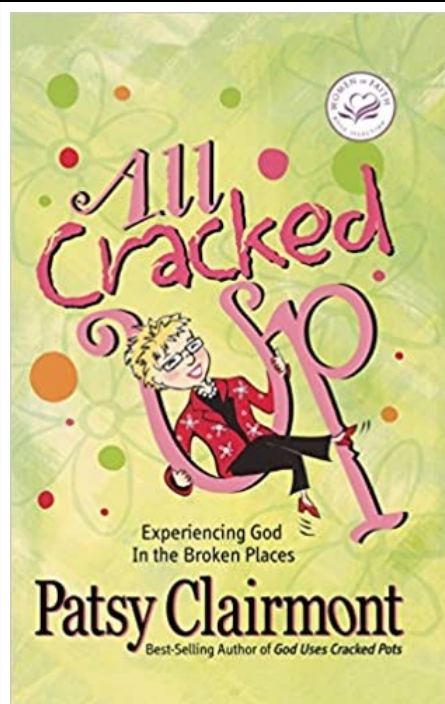


## The Book Nook



Women everywhere marvel at those “good girls” in Scripture—Sarah, Mary, Esther—but on most days, that’s not who they see when they look in the mirror. Most women (if they’re honest) see the selfishness of Sapphira or the deception of Delilah. They catch a glimpse of Jezebel’s take-charge pride or Eve’s disastrous disobedience. Like Bathsheba, Herodias, and the rest, today’s modern woman is surrounded by temptations, exhausted by the demands of daily living, and burdened by her own desires.

So what’s a good girl to do? Learn from their lives, says beloved Bible study teacher and speaker Liz Curtis Higgs, and choose a better path. Whether they were “Bad to the Bone,” “Bad for a Season, but Not Forever” or only “Bad for a Moment,” these infamous sisters show women how *not* to handle the challenges of life. With her trademark humor and encouragement, Higgs combines a contemporary retelling of the stories of these “other women” in Scripture with a solid, verse-by-verse study to teach us how to avoid their tragic mistakes and joyfully embrace grace.

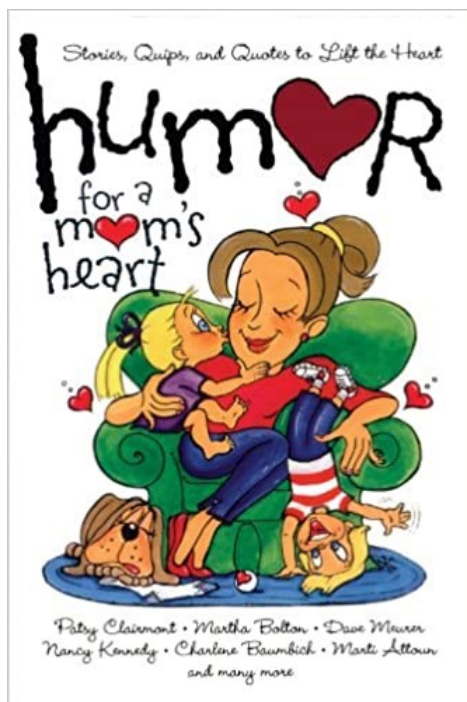


Sometimes if we try we can disconnect from tough problems around us, but eventually the network of fractures spreads to our front doors when a husband walks out, a loved-one is arrested, a friend betrays us, a church splits, a job is terminated, a diagnosis is bad, or a financial picture worsens. Suddenly with no place to hide from the reality we realize life is all cracked up. Through the lens of our pain everything seems broken, bruised, and battered. But, as best-selling author Patsy Clairmont points out, there's a redeemer of our pain—Jesus. The Redeemer of the broken and discarded who mends our hearts, and even gives us a reason to laugh again.

Telling inspirational stories of women's brokenness and healing, with tenderness and her trademark humor, Patsy Clairmont helps us realize that we're not alone in our struggles. Jesus buoys our spirits and refreshes our tired minds. As Patsy says, "life is so much easier to bear when its shared."

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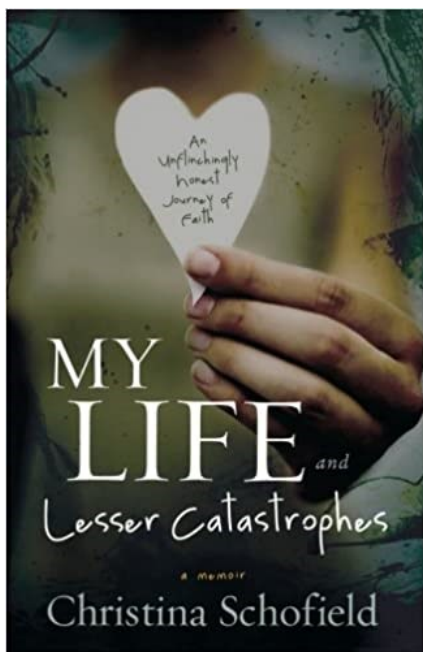
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Being a mom is a roller-coaster ride of exhilarating joys and pull-out-your-hair frustrations. Sometimes a sweet infusion of humor is just what you need to lift your heart to new heights, to heal the hurts of a bad day, or to instill your soul with inspiration.

Samplings from some of your favorite authors—including Patsy Clairmont, Martha Bolton, Dave Meurer, Nancy Kennedy, and many more—will energize any worn-out mom and remind you of the joys of motherhood.

Take a deep breath, inhale the joy, soak up the merriment, and you'll surely find that your heart is lighter, your day brighter, and your soul hilariously refreshed.



Just after her thirteenth wedding anniversary, Christina Schofield woke up groggy and disoriented, surrounded by nurses in a hospital. She and her husband had hit a gravel patch while on their motorcycle and crashed into a ditch. With the exception of a concussion, she was fine. But Allen had broken his neck. He was now a quadriplegic. With her entire life flipped upside down, she began an astonishing journey of tenacious faith amid increasing doubt. Full of dark, silent hours and a woman's honest questioning of the God she thought she knew, this is also a story full of miraculous answers to prayer and head scratching, awe inspiring encounters with her loving Lord. With candid warmth and transparency, Christina shows

readers that even in their darkest hours, God's goodness shines through.

Have an idea for the newsletter? We'd love to hear from you! Email details to [millfieldbaptist@gmail.com](mailto:millfieldbaptist@gmail.com). If you can, please include pictures!

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<b>9</b> Mother's Day 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> 10:00 am Food Bank Truck Delivery 7:00 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>12</b> 7:00 pm Choir Rehearsal	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Armed Forces Day
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