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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.*

# Millfield News

## Frankly Speaking

I recently read Luke 21:19 in my devotional time, and I had never really noticed it previously. *"By your patience possess your souls."* That's the New King James Version. It sounds as if patience is a means to keep oneself under control, to discipline and manage one's inner life. That would be a misunderstanding of this text.

In Luke 21:5, Jesus began a teaching about the end times. Included in the experience of believers in those final days will be persecution (v. 12), betrayal (v. 16), execution (v. 16) and hatred by all (v. 17). Although no one

can know with certainty, many leading Bible teachers and scholars believe we are in or nearing the end times of which Jesus spoke. At the very least, we are closer to them now than we have ever been. It seems to me that as Christians we should be aware of and prepared for this final epoch of earthly life in which we (you and me!) will be persecuted, betrayed, killed and hated.

Awareness and preparation are vital because of what Jesus said in v. 19. The translations vary slightly, but the New Living Translation hits the mark most accurately—*"By standing firm, you will win your souls."* Sticking with and remaining faithful to Jesus is the way to guarantee one's eternal life. (See Matthew 24:13, Romans 2:7, II Timothy 2:12, Hebrews 10:36 and Revelation 14:12, for the same idea.) Physical life may be terminated at the whim of angry opponents, but they cannot destroy the eternal life guaranteed through the blood of Jesus. The believer who remains true to Jesus can be confident in catastrophe, and expectant in execution.

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souls." Persevering in the faith is not an easy task. It takes great effort. Intention to remain faithful is the starting point, but the act of remaining faithful is an acquired characteristic through the Holy Spirit (Galatians 5:22, fruit of the Spirit) and through rigorous training (I Timothy 4:7, "...discipline yourself for the purpose of godliness..."). If we are going to make it all the way with Jesus in the face of ever-increasing opposition, we must train ourselves for the struggle.

And church is training. Bible is training. Prayer is training. Service is training. Right now, in the relative ease of our daily lives, we should be investing ourselves in the spiritual disciplines of corporate worship every week, scripture reading and prayer every day, ministry beyond self and family regularly. If we are



unable or unwilling to make these simple commitments to the Lord when life is easy and unchallenged, then what reasonable expectation can any of us have that we will remain faithful when the going gets really tough?

The Bible tells us that in the end times some will fall away (I Timothy 4:1). There is an on-going debate as to whether those who fall away are true believers or just pseudo-believers. Regardless, once they have fallen away, they are not believers, and they are subject to the eternal

penalty of hell.

Now is the time to train, before it is too late. Let your faithful perseverance continue each Sunday as we worship the Lord together. The time will come when you will be very glad that you did.



The next WMU meeting will be held Saturday, **July 10** at 11:00 am. This will be a covered dish event.

During the month of June, the WMU will be collecting supplies to assist the the new clothing closet/food pantry, Zoo-Nye Closet in their mission. Please see Sarah White with any questions. Items requested are food, hygiene items, baby wipes and diapers, and birthday cake kits. (These contain a disposable cake pan (~9"x13"), a box of cake mix, a bottle of vegetable oil, a can of icing, candles, and any decorative items you wish to include. Please put all items inside the cake pan and wrap the entire assembly in plastic wrap to keep it together.) Items will be collected through **July 4**. There is a box in the Fellowship Hall for donations.

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**Bland Ministry Center** is a multi-faceted ministry in Bland County, Virginia that Millfield has supported through the years. Through mission trips, sending supplies, and contributing funds we have helped spread God's love through their food bank, clothing ministry, and home repairs. Typically the Ministry Center receives about \$7,500 each year from the Alma Hunt Offering given by Virginia Baptists each fall but this year they were cut from the budget. They anticipate being added back to the budget this fall, but in the meantime they have a budget shortfall. During the month of June, we will collect a special offering for Bland Ministry Center. Our funds will go to help their back-to-school supply purchase and also their dental clinic which provides dental check-ups to students at their school. Please prayerfully consider how you might contribute.



**Margaret Simms.**

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

**Edith Barnes** has breast cancer.

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

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

**Laura Anne Goodrich**, Henry's mother, is in an apartment in the Memory Care Unit at Morningside of Williamsburg. Hospice will be helping with her care.

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

**Sonny Davis**, Marisa Cabell Davis' husband, is home recuperating from a leg injury from a farming accident.

**Bob Felts** is suffering from pinched nerves at the top of his neck and spine which will require surgery.

**Vicky Goodrich** is recovering from surgery on her right arm.

**Chehilo**, Zeko Wezah's nephew, is recuperating at home after a head injury which required surgery.

**Ronnie Parham**, a friend of Mark Chitwood, has a brain tumor.

**Beverly McQuarry** has a broken foot.

**Pastor Frank's mother** is recovering from an infection in her foot.

**Brooks Bryant**, Will Bryant's uncle, needs prayer for health recovery.

**Brad and Heather Barrett**, Keith's son and daughter-in-law; Heather has been hospitalized with premature labor at 31 weeks.



**Graduates:** If you know of any graduates needing to be recognized, please let Betty Garner or Patsy Warren know ASAP so no one gets left out. Thank you.

**Sunday School News: The Gathering** will begin the Bible study series "What Does It Mean to Be Chosen?: An Interactive Bible Study" Sunday, **June 6**. This is the official companion study to season 1 of The Chosen, the

groundbreaking television series about the life of Jesus. The lessons parallel each episode, connecting readers to the Bible in a brand-new way. Being chosen by Jesus has beautiful and far-reaching implications—although it says even more about the Chooser than those who are chosen. We are loved because He is love. We are saved because He is merciful. We belong to the family of God because Jesus invites us, making the Bible and all its promises as true for us today as it was for God's chosen nation. For the **Senior/Median Adult** class: Beginning on **June 6** and continuing through the month of June this class will study a series of lessons entitled "The Life of Paul." Come learn about a man who is believed to have authored fourteen of the twenty-seven books of the New Testament! (For Sunday School information or if you have ideas or suggestions please see the pastor or Franklin Dowless.)

**Deacon's Meeting:** Monday, **June 7** at 7:00 pm.

**Food Bank Truck Delivery:** Tuesday, **June 8** at 10:00 am.

**Bagging Groceries:** Tuesday, **June 15** at 7:00 pm.

**Bags of Hope Distribution:** Wednesday, **June 16** at 8:30 am.

**Vacation Bible School:** There will be a planning meeting Thursday, **June 17** at 6:00 pm. Dinner will be provided.

We are in need of volunteers for 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**.

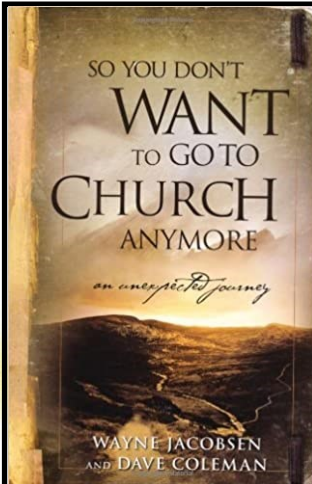
**Franklin Cooperative Ministries:** Current needs: crackers in sleeves, small bags of coffee, canned meats other than tuna, and empty egg cartons. For more information, call 757-516-6322. The main office (301 West First Avenue in Franklin) is open Monday-Thursday from 9:00 am-12:00pm and 1:00 pm-3:00pm, 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.

**HopeTree** If you are interested in becoming a foster parent, please sign up to attend one of the virtual Foster Parent Information Sessions offered this month. Please contact [abigails@HopeTreeFS.org](mailto:abigails@HopeTreeFS.org) or go to [www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org](http://www.HopeTreeFosterCare.org) for more information or to sign up for a session.

June sessions will take place on the following Thursdays: **June 10**, and **June 24** from 6:30 pm to 7:30 pm, and **June 17** from 12:00 pm to 1:00 pm.

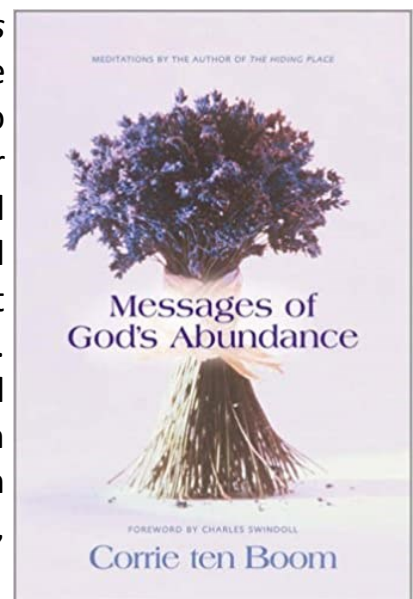
## The Book Nook



Jake Colsen, an overworked and disillusioned pastor, happens into a stranger who bears an uncanny resemblance (in manner) to the apostle John. A number of encounters with John as well as a family crisis lead Jake to a new understanding of what his life should be like: one filled with faith bolstered by a steady, close relationship with the God of the universe. Facing his own disappointment with Christianity, Jake must forsake the habits that have made his faith rote and rediscover the love that captured his heart when he first believed.

Compelling and intensely personal, *So You Don't Want to Go to Church Anymore* relates a man's rebirth from performance-based Christianity to a loving friendship with Christ that affects all he does, thinks, and says. As John tells Jake, "There is nothing the Father desires for you more than that you fall squarely in the lap of his love and never move from that place for the rest of your life."

At the height of Nazi power, amid the horrors of a concentration camp, the seeds of faith and forgiveness grew to fruition in the heart of a young Dutch woman named Corrie ten Boom. Outlasting Ravensbruck and Hitler's regime, Ms. ten Boom went on to accomplish what brute power never could: conquer hearts across the world with healing words of hope, forgiveness, and trust in God. Broadcast across Europe using the very radio equipment the Nazis had built to spread their propaganda, the inspirational messages of Corrie ten Boom appear at last in print. As in this book's predecessor, *Reflections of God's Glory*, the twenty-six sermonettes in *Messages of God's Abundance* are first-ever English translations of the scripts for Ms. ten Boom's Trans World Radio broadcasts from the Netherlands. Emerging after many years, these jewel-like writings reflect the broad experiences of a woman who preached the gospel around the world, yet who found her greatest adventure exploring the endless riches of God's Word. In 1983, Corrie ten Boom went to be with her beloved Jesus, but the timeless truths of Scripture spoken through the lips of this remarkable woman remain alive, vibrant, and as able as ever to touch, convict, and encourage our hearts.



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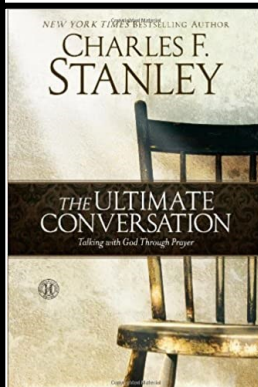
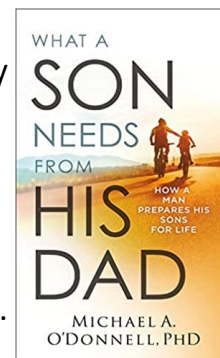
He may be a little boy asking you to play catch today, but what about the years to come? Will you still be an important influence, helping him realize the potential God has given him?

As a man, you know a lot of what your son will face, and no one is in a better position to prepare him for life. Michael O'Donnell's insights offer simple but powerful techniques to start your son on the road to maturity. You can build the father-son bond you want and lead him into healthy, well-balanced manhood.

*What a Son Needs From His Dad* will give you proven day-to-day strategies to

- model what it looks like to be a disciple of Christ
- teach responsible habits toward work and money
- dialogue about sexuality and prepare him for marriage
- encourage godly friendships with other boys and men

Your attention, your values, and your opinions matter to him--for now. Don't squander your chance to impact your son for life.



**(Originally published as *The Ultimate Conversation—Talking with God Through Prayer in 1805*, this book was reprinted with the title *Prayer, The Ultimate Conversation* in 2013.)**

Have you ever considered what it means to talk to God? Is it really possible to communicate with the Creator of all that exists and be able to understand His plans and purposes for your life?

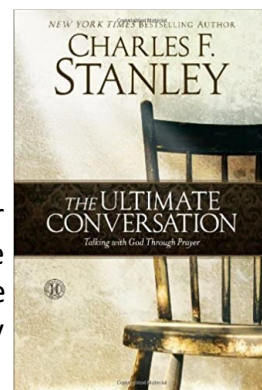
Perhaps there are questions you desperately need answered. Maybe you are facing a trial that is too large or difficult to face on your own and you yearn for divine direction. Or it could be you are simply curious about what He would say to you.

In *Prayer, The Ultimate Conversation*, which is based on a lifetime of walking with the Father and fifty-five years of ministry founded on prayer, Dr. Charles Stanley not only teaches the disciplines of intercession but also explains how to fight life's battles through intimate communion with the Lord. Dr. Stanley discusses how to truly know God through communication with Him.

He explores topics such as:

- Learning to recognize the sound of the Father's voice
- Recognizing how your perception of God shapes your prayer life
- Winning your battles through prayer
- Finding true peace and joy through intimacy with the Lord

No matter what confounding questions, perplexing circumstances, or seemingly insurmountable dilemmas you are facing today, the solution to them is absolutely obvious to God—and He longs to share His answers with you. Draw closer to the Father. Get to know God by engaging with Him in *Prayer, The Ultimate Conversation*.



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>20</b> Father's Day 9:30 am Fellowship 10:00 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship 11:00 am Communion	<b>21</b> June Solstice (GMT)	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
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