



September 2020

Volume 15, Number 8

*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

We are entering into the final quarter of the year 2020, starting with October. October is a fabulous month. The weather really begins to change with mild, pleasant days followed by crisp, cool evenings. Leaves begin their annual transformation from utilitarian sources of plant nourishment to elaborate palettes of breathtaking beauty. Harvest is in the process of being completed. Pray that the harvest will be unhindered by weather and mechanical failure, and that it would be abundant and profitable for our farmers. Despite COVID-19 restrictions, football season is underway in most locales, and

Halloween should still provide a whimsical night of fantasy and fun for children of all ages. And if that is not enough, shorter, cooler days remind us that winter, and Christmas, are just around the corner.

October is a time of celebration. The above mentioned elements of October are pretty nice, but there are even more reasons to celebrate October, and celebrate *in* October. Five different United States Presidents were born this month: October 4, 1822, Rutherford B. Hayes (19<sup>th</sup> President); October 5, 1830, Chester A. Arthur (21<sup>st</sup> President); October 14, 1890, Dwight D. Eisenhower (33<sup>rd</sup> President); October 27, 1858, Theodore Roosevelt (27<sup>th</sup> President); and October 30, 1735, John Adams (2<sup>nd</sup> President).

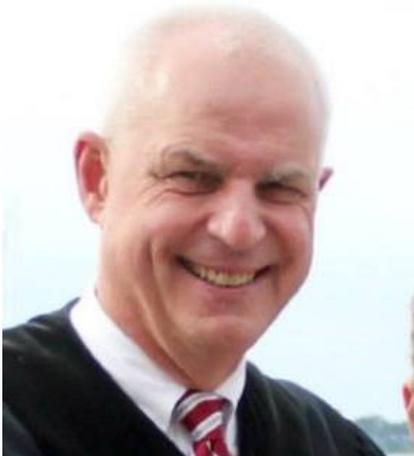
October also offers quite a few anniversaries of notable events in our American history. Here are four. On October 16, 1839, 181 years ago, the first American photograph was taken by Joseph Saxton, a mechanic at the

United States Mint in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The home-made camera was constructed with a cigar box and a magnifying glass. Rumor has it that Joseph's mother was not pleased that he had smoked all of the cigars from the box in order to build the camera, so she refused to be in the picture.

On October 20, 1944, 76 years ago, United States General Douglas MacArthur fulfilled his promise to the people of the Philippines. MacArthur was ordered to leave his army at Bataan and Corregidor, under siege by the Japanese, in the spring of 1942. His "I shall return" became an inspirational rallying cry for the Allied efforts against Japan. After two and a half years, MacArthur landed with his army on the Philippine island of Leyte with this simple declaration - "I have returned." Less than a year later, the empire of Japan surrendered to the Allied forces, ending World War II.

This October 23 will be the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the day in 1945 that Branch Rickey,

*Continued on page 2*





Next meeting will be Saturday, October 3 at 11:00 am in the fellowship hall. We are holding the meeting on Saturday so all ladies can attend. Bring a covered dish.

The WMU will be collecting school supplies during the months of September and October to be delivered to Nottoway in November. Collection boxes are located in the Fellowship Hall and the prayer room across from the pastor's office.

*Frankly Speaking continued from page 1*

general manager of the Brooklyn Dodgers, signed former U.C.L.A. athletic star Jackie Robinson to a professional baseball contract. Robinson became the first African-American player to be hired by a major league team since the 1890s. After he spent the 1946 season with the Dodgers' minor league farm team in Montreal, Robinson started at first base in the Dodgers' season opener on April 15, 1947, breaking the long-standing color barrier in major league professional baseball. His courage in that era, as well as his talent on the

field, gave him a well-deserved place in the Hall of Fame.

Last but not least, October 31, 1864 is the date that Nevada was admitted into the Union as the 36<sup>th</sup> state. Abraham Lincoln was particularly interested in this addition to the United States because it would make a positive impact on the necessary votes to pass a constitutional amendment banning slavery. Millions of others have been interested in Nevada for a variety of far less noble reasons, but our sister state is worthy of our

congratulations for 156 years with us.

October is a month for celebration. And here is the best thing to celebrate. Every single day in October is a day in which Jesus Christ is Lord! The Psalmist wrote *"This is the day the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it"* (Psalm 118:24). *"Praise the Lord. Praise the Lord, O my soul. I will praise the Lord all my life. I will sing praise to my God as long as I live"* (Psalm 146:1, 2). The Lord Jesus Christ is alive and present with you and for you.

## *New Librarian*

Carol Todd has stepped down as church librarian, and Josephine Tucker will be taking over. Please be sure to let them both know how much you appreciate all they do for Millfield.

If you have something you would like sent out in a text blast, or a message you would like posted on Facebook, please email Vicky Goodrich at [Goodrich.mbc@gmail.com](mailto:Goodrich.mbc@gmail.com) or send her a text at 757-647-9841.

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!

# October 2020

September '20							November '20						
S	M	T	W	T	F	S	S	M	T	W	T	F	S
		1	2	3	4	5	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
13	14	15	16	17	18	19	15	16	17	18	19	20	21
20	21	22	23	24	25	26	22	23	24	25	26	27	28
27	28	29	30				29	30					

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	1	2	3 11:00am WMU meeting
<b>SOME OR ALL OF THE EVENTS LISTED MAY BE POSTPONED OR CANCELLED DEPENDING ON WHERE WE ARE WITH THE COVID-19 CORONAVIRUS AT THAT TIME</b>						
4 10:00am Outdoor Worship	5	6 7:00pm Deacon's Meeting	7	8 7:00pm Quarterly Conference	9	10
11 10:00am Outdoor Worship	12  Columbus Day	13 10:00am Food Bank Truck Delivery	14	15	16	17
18 10:00am Outdoor Worship	19	20 7:00pm Bagging groceries	21 10:00am Bags of Hope Distribution	22	23	24 1:00pm Snyder-Hale Wedding
25 10:00am Outdoor Worship	26	27	28	29	30	31 Halloween 
1 October Birthdays: October 3: Everett Billingsly October 15: Claire Patterson October 21: Danny Felts October 23: Sarah Dowless October 25: Roger Burris October 29: Mattie Patterson Wezah	2					