



God's Country Tidings

Blackwater Baptist Church

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Memorial Day

Memorial Day is a day we honor those who have paid the ultimate price for our freedom. In times past and present, our nation has been blessed by the men and women who faithfully placed the security of our nation before their own safety. Thank you! America will be forever grateful for your service and sacrifice.

God truly has blessed our nation and we enjoy so much freedom because of the Soldiers, Sailors, Airmen, Marines, and Coast Guardsmen who bravely set a standard of valor and care for our nation. All of us who enjoy the blessings of liberty live in their debt. Remember those who have fallen in battle. I hope that you will continue to take time to pray for the soldiers who devotedly serve us now, and also for the families of our fallen heroes.

I remember, Cpl. Bradley T. Arms, 20, Charlottesville Virginia.



I remember, Lance Cpl. Brian E. Anderson, 26, Durham, North Carolina.



I remember, Sgt. Melissa Valles, 26, Eagle Pass, Texas.



*In Christ,
Pastor Greg*

It is the VETERAN, not the preacher, who has given us freedom of religion.

It is the VETERAN, not the reporter, who has given us freedom of the press.

It is the VETERAN, not the poet, who has given us freedom of speech.

It is the VETERAN, not the campus organizer, who has given us freedom to assemble.

It is the VETERAN, not the lawyer, who has given us the right to a fair trial.

It is the VETERAN, not the politician, Who has given us the right to vote.

And some of these have given life or limb that we can have these freedoms.

LET US NEVER FORGET

Author Unknown





Just a reminder, your next church business meeting is June 3rd. We will gather together for a fellowship meal at 6 pm and our meeting will begin at 6:30.



Church-wide Ice Cream Social

The Luta Tebault Circle invites you to attend an Ice Cream Social in honor/remembrance of Mrs. Luta Tebault's birthday on June 10 at 6:30 pm in the fellowship hall.

Thank You

Thank you to Irene Frost for her efforts to encourage participation in the choir. Thank you also to Sylvia Cliver for arranging the songs each Sunday.

Anyone who can hold a song book is invited to sing with us every Sunday morning. We meet in the choir room prior to the 11 a.m. service.

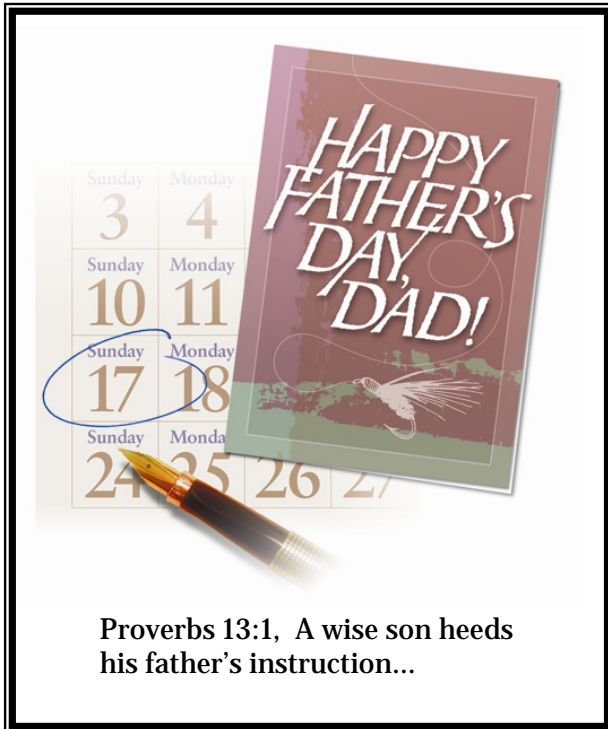
Congratulations!

Congratulations to Valentine Cortazzo and Samantha Passari who were married at Blackwater Baptist on Saturday, May 26.



Congratulations x Two!

Congratulations to Bill and Mandy Russo, who in the wee hours of the morning on May 8 became parents of two precious little boys. James was born at 1:19 a.m. and was 5 lbs, 11oz, and 19" long. Benjamin was born at 1:46 a.m. and weighed in at 6 lbs, 5oz and was 21" long. Congratulations Bill and Mandy!



Greater Hampton Roads
Franklin GRAHAM
FESTIVAL

Thank You

Thank you to all who participated in the Franklin Graham Festival through your volunteering, singing, serving, ushering, counseling, bringing, supporting, and praying for this event! God bless you all!

Congratulations Graduates!



The following graduates will be honored at church on June 10th during the early service (8:45 a.m.).

Lisa Anne Kovacs

Master's in Extension Education
from North Carolina State University

Ashley Lauren Scott

Bachelor's in Occupational/
Technical Studies from Old Dominion
University

Jessica Lynn Williams

Bachelor's in Physical Education
from Old Dominion University

Skylar Kathleen Wyatt

Floyd E. Kellam High School

New "20-Something's" Group

For those in their 20's: college or career, single or married, with or without kids. . .

We're just like you. We're sons, daughters, sisters, brothers, friends, roommates, mates, and dates. We're piecing life together, mending the torn places, patching the holes & ironing things out. Every aspect of who we are hinges on one thing: relationships. Truth is, we're wired for relationships. We want to belong to a community where even when things like faith get messy we know we're not alone. We want to use our time to make a difference in this world. While there's a lot we haven't figured out, we know this much is true: we need God and we need each other.

Join us every Sunday at 10 a.m. in the classroom down the hall behind the Church office.

May God's blessings guide you in accomplishing your goals throughout the coming years.

Wishing you a future filled with great hopes, great things, for great are the plans of God.

While you walk this new road, may God be your guide

As you follow His path and with Him abide.

Relay Update



Our Blackwater Baptist team is making plans for its participation in the Relay For Life at Chesapeake City Park on June 8-9. Once again we truly appreciate the groups and individuals who have made donations this year. Few families can say they haven't been touched by cancer. Your donations help others in our community in the fight against cancer and fund research for a cure. Anyone wishing to make a tax deductible donation to the American Cancer Society in support of this year's Relay please contact Sarah Scott at 421-2285 by June 7th. Anyone wishing to support the American Cancer Society and help others in our community fighting cancer please contact Sarah Scott, Team Captain, at 421-2285. Checks may be made payable to the American Cancer Society and donations are tax deductible.

Thanks again, Sarah Scott

Ruth Walden Circle

The Ruth Walden Circle entertained the 2007 Blackwater Baptist Church graduates at Pat Washington's home May 29 at 6:30 pm.

Bonnie Satterthwaite was our guest speaker. Her speech was very informative for the graduates.

This event honoring our graduates has been an annual Circle event since 1978.

Centennial - Jenny McClain Circle

The Centennial Circle-Jenny McClain Circle met recently with seven members present.

We participated in Relay for Life and the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We also delivered food to shut-ins and sent cards.

The Centennial Circle-Jenny McClain Circle is the only daytime Circle. Our next meeting will be at Sue Shirley's home on June 5th.

Luta Tebault Circle

Our May activities included passing out Blackwater Baptist Church pens and small bags of candy to the mothers present on Mother's Day.

The Card Committee sent out cards to church members and friends in the community.

Our last meeting was held on May 15th at church. We made plans for our annual Luta Tebault Ice Cream Social. It is scheduled for June 10th at 6:30 p.m. Invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us for a 'sweet' evening. We usually meet the third Tuesday of each month, come join us!

**The Game Begins
June 25th - June 29th
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.**



...and excitement is in the air! VBS 2007, Game Day Central: Where Heroes Are Made, will get kids in the game and help them learn how to become heroes both on and off the field by focusing on Jesus and following God's plan for their lives.

VBS will be five nights this year. Friday night will be our commencement ceremony followed by an ice cream social. Then on Saturday night, June 30, we will celebrate our success with a trip to beautiful Harbor Park to watch a Tides game.

We are still looking for a few volunteers to help make VBS 2007 the best. Please pray about being a part of this year's VBS. You will be helping our children learn about Christ and what wonderful things he can do in their lives. Our children are the future of Blackwater Baptist Church. We have two very important volunteer opportunities that need to be filled. If you love music and love kids then I have just the job for you. . . **Music Pep Rally Leader.** If you are handy, dandy with crafts and love kids then please help by volunteering to be our **Craft Leader.**

Please look for the insert in the bulletin each Sunday for updates on VBS and donations that are needed.

Please sign up on the sheet in the hallway or call Suzanne or Robert at 426-6066.

I know that the Game Day Central theme will be perfect for VBS this year. We will focus everyday on learning how to be heroes for God both on and off the field.

VBS Scripture: ***"Run with endurance the race that lies before us, keeping our eyes on Jesus, the source and perfecter of our faith."*** Hebrews 12:1-2 (HCSB)

VBS Cheer:

**Run, run, run the race!
Keep, keep, keep the pace!
Run the race.
Keep the pace.
Keep your eyes on Jesus!**

VBS & Tides Game - June 30th

In conjunction with VBS Game Day Central, our annual Tide's night out will be **June 30th at 8:00 pm, with a Beatlemania Concert at 6:00.**

We currently have 100 tickets on hold and need a count by **June 20th**. We urge you to sign up on the board in the hallway or call Robert at 426-6066. If handicap seats are required, let us know so we can arrange for them.

Volunteer for VBS and get a FREE Ticket to beautiful Harbor Park to watch the Tides Play.

June 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
3 Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11 BUSINESS MEETING, Dinner @ 6 p.m. & Meeting @ 6:30 p.m. Tim & Ruth Edney	4 Melissa Frazier	5 Centennial Circle-Jenny McClain Circle	6 Praise Team, 7 pm Jason Bishop Ashley Kovacs Carolyn Tebault Marty & Debbie Hughes	7 Women's Bible Study, 7 pm Jimmy Kovacs Red & Catherine Dailey	8 Jimmy Askew	9 Samantha Falls Jack Savage
10 GRADUATION SUNDAY Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11 ICE CREAM SOCIAL @ 6:30 p.m. Larry Bearden	11	12 Luta Tebault Circle Mtg John Swan Earl & Doris McClain	13 Praise Team, 7 pm Elaine Bigelow, Don & Diane Horsley	14 Women's Bible Study, 7 pm Betty Shirley	15	16 Walter & Sandra Barcroft
17 Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11	18	19 Gaye Hammer Thomas & Nancy Daniels	20 Praise Team, 7 pm Jimmy Falls	21 Women's Bible Study, 7 pm Ronnie Meiggs	22 Jordan Sale	23 Kristy Coley Buddy Gilbert
24 Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Kyle & Lauren Anderson Bill & Chris Cole Pat & Adabelle Riddick	25	26 Will Moreman	27 Praise Team, 7 pm Audra Gilbert Bonnie Satterthwaite	28 Women's Bible Study, 7 pm	29 Stephanie Highsmith LeRoy Jensen Forrest & Teresa Bishop Walter & Mary Cardwell Anthony & Cindy Cutrell	30
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL - 6:30-8:30 p.m.						
						TIDES NIGHT

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