



# God's Country Tidings

Blackwater Baptist Church

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## VBS. . . A Success!

Vacation Bible School was an awesome experience this year. It was put on by a lot of hard work of many dedicated individuals. If you missed VBS and our Friday night Family Night, you missed an awesome blessing. Everyone had a great time all week long.

Our theme this year was "Game Day Central" which allowed for lots of props and decorations, including a ticket booth, stadium, and baseball field right in the middle of the fellowship hall! The children made lots of sports-themed crafts, learned lots of cheers and songs, and ate lots of park snacks.

Game Day Central Started on Monday night at 6:30 pm. We had 30 kids that enjoyed songs, games, bible study, and lots of good food.

Tuesday night came with 31 kids who all had a great time, enjoying all of the above, with nachos and popcorn.

Wednesday night we had 36 kids and four unexpected visitors from the Fire Department. We all enjoyed corndogs and nachos.

Thursday night we had 39 kids and no unexpected visitors, thanks to Pat Riddick for fixing our light. We enjoyed ice cold watermelon.



Friday night was our VBS Family Night. I tell you right now it was AWESOME.

If you were not there on Friday night you missed a great performance by the kids...

They sang their hearts out for Jesus. They read Bible Verses and were given their VBS certificates. We had a total of 45 certificates to give to the kids that attended VBS.

After the ceremony in the sanctuary, we were dismissed by Pastor Greg to attend the ice cream social in the fellowship hall. We all enjoyed ice cream sundaes served by the Luta Tebault Circle. Then we had a raffle for the kids to win prizes from the souvenir stand. The souvenir stand had Tide's Clocks, frisbees, baseballs, hockey pucks, Riptide banks, t-shirts, hats. . . and so much more! Throughout the week, the kids received tickets for the souvenir stand by donating to our mission project for the soldiers in Iraq. The kids donated enough items to fill four big boxes.

Thanks to all the kids who brought items for our troops defending our Freedom.

We would like to thank the Tides organization for donating some of the items for our souvenir stand.

Everyone that was going to attend the Tides baseball game on



Saturday night picked up their tickets at the ticket booth located next to the souvenir stand.

Saturday night we celebrated our VBS success at Harbor Park with the Kids, parents, VBS volunteers and church members. We had a beautiful night and so much fun.



Three of the kids that attended VBS were chosen to dance the Chick-Fil-A dance off contest in front of 8,341 fans on the 3<sup>rd</sup> base dugout. They did a great job.

Before the game began, Rip Tide paid a visit to our section for the kids to get autographs. After the Tides won 3-1, the kids got to run the bases. Blackwater Baptist Church was on the score board and each time our name was displayed we cheered loudly.



Our theme was Game Day Central and we taught the kids how to play as a team on Jesus' Team.

Vacation Bible School could not have been successful without our Volunteers working on God's team and playing their positions.

We had our Craft Team of Laverne, Sarah and Debbie. The kids created picture frames, paddleballs and megaphones.

We had our Music Team lead by Rhonda, Jennifer and Don. The kids learned the following songs: Sign Me Up, Team Player, One, and Talk About Jesus.

They all did an awesome job with teaching these songs to the kids. These are the songs that the kids performed Friday night.

We had our Game Day GAMES led by Pastor Greg and Stephanie. The kids smashed bananas, threw water balloons, had lots of fun and got really wet.

Our Pre-K kids were lead by Kathy and she did an awesome job with the kids. Susan K Hollie, and Kathy's Mom helped. They had a bouncy game and t-shirts designed by Kathy with the Game Day Central logo.

Our Missions' Team was Larry on Monday night, Jeremy on Tuesday night, LaVerne on Wednesday night, and Pastor Greg concluded on Thursday night with his special message.

Our snack team was Kathy Sales and Pam Froman. Randolph helped each night with snacks too!

Andrea was our VBS photographer and she was fantastic! She took pictures for the frames that the kids made. She also made baseball cards for the kids and volunteers.

She took pictures of all of the activities that the kids participated in and also of our firefighters that came to our rescue on Wednesday night. She also took pictures

of everyone at the Tides game on Saturday night. I hope that you have an opportunity to see the pictures that were taken.

Our Coaches for each age group were:

- 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> grades Susan B and Sue S
- 3<sup>rd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> grades Terry and Sandy
- 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grades Gaye

A special thanks to the Luta Tebault Circle for sponsoring our Ice Cream Social for the kids, parents and Church members on Friday night.

I also want to thank Gaye, Sue and Susan B each night for helping at the registration table.

Without the dedication of the volunteers, this week could not have been possible. Thanks everyone for being such Team Player's on GOD'S TEAM! Making Blackwater Baptist VBS Game Day Central a success.

Once again we want to thank the Church for all of your donations and prayers. They were all appreciated.

*Suzanne and Robert*





Mark your calendar for **August 18** and make plans to join us for our **Church Picnic**. Following the picnic will be an outreach concert for the entire community.



## 2007 Scholarship Applications

Blackwater Baptist Church Scholarship application forms are available on the hall table. Eligibility for this award is limited to members of Blackwater Baptist Church. This award is a scholarship for full or part time students currently enrolled in a college or university program. Please return your completed application to one of the Scholarship Committee members by **August 19, 2007**.

## Some Messages from the Bible

When in sorrow, read John 14.  
When men fail you, read Psalm 27.  
When you have sinned, read Psalm 51.  
When you worry, read Matthew 6:19-34.  
When you are in danger, read Psalm 91.  
When you have the blues, read Psalm 34.  
When God seems far away, read Psalm 139.  
If you are discouraged, read Isaiah 40.  
If you are lonely or fearful, read Psalm 23.  
If you feel down and out, read Romans 8:38, 39.  
If you need courage, read Joshua 1.  
If the world seems bigger than God, read Psalm 90.  
If you want rest and peace, read Matthew 11:25-30.  
If you get bitter or critical, read I Corinthians 13.  
For a great invitation, read Isaiah 55.



## Relay-for-Life Update

Our Blackwater Baptist Church team total for 2007 was \$1086.60. Thanks to our team members Susan Barbee, LaVerne Benns, Neal Nosay, Andrea Scott, and Skylar Wyatt for all their efforts and fundraising. The money to support the American Cancer Society was raised through donations, luminaries (honor or memory), and raffles. Thanks again to the circles and individuals who supported our team this year.

*Sarah Scott*

Just a reminder, your next church business meeting is July 29. We will gather together for a fellowship meal at 6 pm and our meeting will begin at 6:30.



## Church Family News

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Louis Pecseck** who was injured in Afghanistan in June.

**Robert Hughes**, Associate Pastor at Virginia Beach Christian Church spent the week of June 16-24 in Salem, Virginia at a youth camp for music and art appreciation. Robert is the son of Gloria Biemesderfer and son-in-law to Roy and Chrystal Frost.

**Leui Emerson Frost** graduated 8th grade from Ghent School in Norfolk June 14th. He was one of five students in his class to receive a certificate from the President of the United States for Outstanding Academic Excellence. **Jacob and David Frost** also made the honor roll for the year in their second and fourth grade classes. They are the sons of Jack and Janet Frost and the grandsons of Roy and Chrystal Frost.

# WMU Focus Project : Eastern Shore Mission Trip Items Needed

The BBC WMU is assisting a team heading to the Eastern Shore for a mission trip to work with the migrant workers and their families. The team will work with the children during the day, and then in the evenings, will minister to the migrant workers. Some of the items needed for the Eastern Shore Mission Trip include:

School Supplies: paper, pens, pencils, glue, glue sticks, rulers, erasers, crayons, spiral notebooks, coloring books

Other Items for Children: (must fit in a 13"x16" bag) small toys, stickers, mini puzzles, small balls, card games, dominos, checkers

Personal Hygiene Items (regular or full size): shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant, brushes, toothbrushes (individually wrapped), bar soap

Mexican Food: rice, pinto beans, black beans, canned tuna, maseca flour (corn flour)

Sheets, Pillowcases, Towels and Washcloths

There is a collection box under the hall table to put these items. Please have your items in by **July 29**, as they will be delivered to Centerville Baptist Church on Monday, July 30.



## Centennial - Jenny McClain Circle

Our June meeting was held at Sue Shirley's new home. There were eight members present. Sue gave us a tour of her new home. We all welcomed them back to Blackwater.

We served the Ruritan Club at their meeting in May. We sent cards and carried food to the sick and shut-in. Our mission project for July and August is to support the migrant families on the Eastern Shore. We will not meet in July. Our next meeting will be in August.

We welcome any new members that would like to join our circle.

## Luta Tebault Circle

On Sunday June 10th, the Luta Tebault Circle hosted an Ice Cream Social at 6:30 p.m. in the church social hall to honor/remember Mrs. Luta Tebault's birthday. Approximately 55 people attended and ate ice cream with numerous toppings and cake.

Father's Day was June 17th and our circle presented the Dad's present with a bookmark, a #1 penny, and a Blackwater Baptist Church pen.

Our June meeting was on the 19th at church and was hosted by Terry Tebault-Davis, with lots of great food.

The card committee reported that 13 cards had been mailed.

Following the June 29th Friday evening Vacation Bible School program, our circle served ice cream with toppings to all the children, their families, and the VBS workers.

Our next meeting is scheduled for July 17th at Sandy Lugar's home. Come join us!

## Ruth Walden Circle

The Ruth Walden Circle had a fun month in June celebrating with the 2007 graduates and parents. We appreciate the thoughtful thank you notes from the graduates for giving them a party.

We had a delicious luncheon at Diane Horsley's home in memory of our namesake, Ruth Walden's, birthday.

We made plans for next month to visit shut-ins and participate in the WMU Focus Project.

# July 2007

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY                                 | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY  | FRIDAY                             | SATURDAY  |
|--|--|---|--|---|------------------------------------|---|
| 1<br>Chris Davis<br>Jeremy & Hollie<br>Schratwieser  | 2<br>Lynne Dozier<br>Robert Kovacs Sr. | 3   | 4  | 5<br>Kristy Brown<br>Louis Parsons<br>Wayne Scott | 6                                  | 7<br>Frank Pecsek<br>Donald Shirley                   |
| 8<br>Contemp Svc: 8:45 am<br>Sunday School: 10 am<br>Traditional Service: 11<br>Sonny & Twylla Williams  | 9<br>Gladys Brown                      | 10<br>Nominating<br>Committee, 7 pm<br>Montie Bigelow<br>Andrea Scott | 11<br>Finance Committee,<br>7 pm<br>Praise Team, 7 pm<br>Irene Frost | 12<br>Robert Kovacs Jr.<br>Helen Swan             | 13<br>Julie Keenan<br>Joyce Meiggs | 14<br>Laura Fleming<br>Chrystal Frost                 |
| 15<br>Contemp Svc: 8:45 am<br>Sunday School: 10 am<br>Traditional Service: 11  | 16                                     | 17<br>Luta Tebault Circle<br>Mtg @ Sandy<br>Lugar's<br>Chris Sales    | 18<br>Praise Team, 7 pm<br>Scott Meiggs                              | 19<br>Cindy Cutrell                               | 20                                 | 21<br>Rodney Foster<br>Doris McClain<br>Teresa Pecsek |
| 22<br>Contemp Svc: 8:45 am<br>Sunday School: 10 am<br>Traditional Service: 11<br>Chris & Terry Davis   | 23                                     | 24<br>Earnest Anderson<br>Thomas Daniels<br>Curtis Shirley            | 25<br>Praise Team, 7 pm  | 26<br>Carol Shirley                               | 27<br>Sharon Lopes                 | 28<br>Shane Riddle                                    |
| 29<br>Contemp Svc: 8:45 am<br>Sunday School: 10 am<br>Traditional Service: 11<br>BUSINESS MEETING,<br>Dinner @ 6 p.m. &<br>Meeting @ 6:30 p.m.<br>WMU Focus Project<br>Items Due<br>NEWSLETTER<br>ARTICLES DUE<br>Jason Harris<br>Pastor Greg Hammer | 30<br>Kenny Newton                     | 31<br>Tim Edney<br>Peggy Foster<br>Martha Goodman                     |  |   |                                    |   |

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