



God's Country Tidings

Blackwater Baptist Church

Easter Reflections

What have you been doing with Jesus? That's a fair question to ask, especially at this Easter season. We are celebrating His resurrection, a claim that cannot be ignored. Jesus states that He was man and is God. A declaration that only grows bigger when we see the assertion of conquering death and being the only path to salvation. So the question, "What have you been doing with Jesus?", is not only a fair question, but a necessary one.

In Matthew 27:22 Pilate asked the same question, "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Christ?" No wonder Pilate was bewildered about what to do with Jesus. How can you possibly stand in His presence sensing who He is, while being pulled by the crowd and the gravity of the situation; at the same time being advised by a loved one, his wife, to leave Jesus alone? How can any of us be pulled in so many directions about making a choice of such importance and not sense a need to be decisive in what we do with Jesus? Pilate chose to give in to the crowd and satisfy their lust to crucify Him. What choice will you

make? Will you leave Him alone, will you give into the pressures of the crowd, or will you make Him Lord of your life. I recall the moment I made my choice about what to do "with Jesus who is called the Christ."

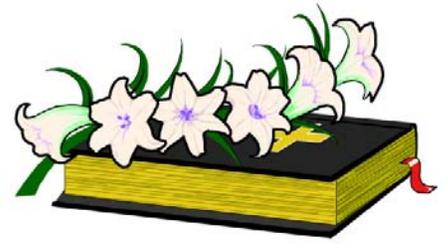
It was April of 1980; I was a teenager at a revival service. I knew of Jesus, and had even said a prayer of salvation numerous times. But something was different that night. As the evangelist gave the altar call, I went forward. It's not what you think. I went forward not to receive Christ, but to pray with others. A revival was breaking out! The altar call went on and on because the Holy Spirit was moving in the lives of so many. I prayed with numerous other teenagers as they made their one decision about what they would do with Christ. As I was praying with others, it became so clear to me that even though I had said the words many times before. They weren't real. That night, for me, without even saying word, I made a choice about what I was going to do with the One called Christ! Without speaking, I humbled myself and I

asked for His cleansing and forgiveness, opened the door to my heart and chose to allow the Christ, the anointed one to save me. I cried the purest tears of joy I ever cried. At times I wonder if my love for Jesus has ever been as authentic as it was that moment. Later, the evangelist asked all who had chosen to accept Jesus as Savior to stand. I, along with probably 50 others, stood. In Satan's desperation, he used my best friend at the time, who was sitting next to me, to reach over and pull me. Trying to physically pull me back into my seat and saying "that's not you, sit down." But there was no way I was not going to stand for my Lord! I pulled away from him in the same way Jesus pulled me away from the grips of death.

We all have to make a choice about what each of us will do with the One called Christ.

What's your choice?

In Christ,
Pastor Greg



EASTER EGG HUNT

(AGES 12 AND UNDER)

WHEN: SATURDAY, APRIL 7TH

TIME: 12:00 P.M.

WHERE: BLACKWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

6000 BLACKWATER ROAD

HOT DOGS/SNACK FOODS

BRING A FRIEND!

TO JOIN THE FUN!



INFO: DEBBIE KELLER 421-7728

Vacation Bible School

It is hard for me to believe, but Vacation Bible School 2007 is just around the corner. It is time to start making plans for "Game Day Central" VBS 2007.

I would like to thank everyone for their support and contributions for last year. An average of 40 kids attended each day of VBS last year. Regardless of where you served, VBS would not have been the success it was without you. I know it was hard work, but I feel confident that because of your desire to see kids learn about Jesus, it was well worth your time.

Luta Tebault Circle

On Tuesday, March 13 we held our monthly meeting at the church in conjunction with our circle feeding the Ruritans. The Ruritans had 40 present and our circle had 14 members and two prospects, Brooklyn and Meadow. Dinner was DELICIOUS! We discussed selling Easter Lilies to raise money for the

I know the Game Day Central theme will be perfect for this year. We will focus everyday on learning how to be heroes for God both on and off the field. We will play lots of fun games and eat lots of yummy food.

I know you want to see the children of our community learn more about Christ, and I know you want to be a part of that. Please be praying about where God wants you to serve this year.

Please stay tuned for more details of VBS 2007. I will have the dates confirmed in the coming weeks.

Suzanne Whitehurst, VBS Director



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. We also firmed up who would do the set-up and clean-up for the March 25 business meeting. Our next meeting will be at church on Tuesday, April 17th at 7 pm. Come join us for missionary work, fun, fellowship and food.

La Verne Benns, Secretary



Come one, come all... it's time to RELAY!!!

Relay For Life is an event in which teams gather and raise money to support the American Cancer Society. It is an overnight event designed to spread awareness of cancer prevention, treatments and cures, celebrate survivorship and raise money for research to find more cures for cancer. Donations

made help support friends, families, and neighbors in our community fighting cancer. If you would like to help support or join our team, please contact Sarah Scott (421-2285).



FESTIVAL LOCATION

Norfolk Scope Arena
201 E. Brambleton Ave
Norfolk, VA

SEATING/ADMISSION

All seats are free. Tickets are not required. Seating will be on a first-come, first-served basis. A love offering for Festival expenses will be received each night, if needed.

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FESTIVAL SCHEDULE

May 18-20, 2007

Franklin Graham will speak at all programs except Saturday morning. Special guest musicians will be featured each evening, along with a mass choir on Friday and Sunday.

Friday, May 18

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Special Guests:

Israel Houghton & New Breed
Tree 63

Saturday, May 19

10:00 AM - 11:30 AM

KIDZFEST

Special Guests:

Lesha Campbell
"Go Fish"
Chaos on Wheels

Saturday, May 19

7:00 PM - 9:00 PM

Student Night

Special Guests:

Third Day
George Huff

Sunday, May 20

4:00 PM - 6:00 PM

Special Guests:

Charlie Daniels Band
Nicole C. Mullen

Message from Pastor Greg:

Make plans to attend and be a part of the Franklin Graham Festival in May. Start praying now about who God would want you to take to the festival.

REMI NDER:

If you plan to participate in the choir or serve as an usher, the deadline for sign-up is April 15. For more information please see Larry Bearden or Pastor Greg.

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 pm.



"In the minutes, should I record this as a 'vigorous theological discussion' or a 'serious ecclesiastical debate?'"

Men's Bible study will be meeting on Tuesday nights @ 7pm. Come join us for a study of the book of



April 2007

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 PALM SUNDAY Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11	2 Walter Barcroft Jr. Randy & Lynne Dozier	3 Centennial Circle - Jenny McClain Circle Mtg @ Irene Frost's home, 1:30 pm Kaleb Falls	4 Sherric Pecsek	5 Norman & Cindy Harris	6 Richard Dailey	7 EASTER EGG HUNT, 12 noon Gary & Nancy Jones
8 EASTER SUNDAY Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11 Grace Schratwieser Jim & Sandy Wilkins	9 Norman Harris	10 Men's Bible Study, 7 pm Jena Williams Jessica Williams	11 Praise Team, 7 pm Connie Dailey Charles Lewis	12	13	14 Tammy Johnson Johnny Savage Kelly Williams
15 Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11	16 Earl & Sheila Walker	17 Men's Bible Study, 7 pm Luta Tebault Circle Mtg @ Church, 7 pm	18 Praise Team, 7 pm Johnny Scott	19	20 Steve Lopes	21 Tom & Diane Cunningham
22 Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11 Roy Frost Sandy Landy	23 Margaret Holcomb Megan Kovacs	24 CLWC, leave church @ 6:45 pm	25 Praise Team, 7 pm	26	27 Dick Keller	28 Dick & Debbie Keller
29 Contemp Svc: 8:45 am Sunday School: 10 am Traditional Service: 11 NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Louis Pecsek Daniel Shirley	30					

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