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Church Member Profile Earl McClain



1. What is your name and how did you get it? Earl Woodrow McClain, my mother named me after the president at the time I was born, President Woodrow Wilson.

2. Age: 94, will be 95 on February 9th!

3. What is Home to you? It means everything to me. I have lived in Blackwater almost my entire life. My wife and I have lived in our house for 50 years. It's where we raised our children.

4. How long have you been with us at Blackwater Baptist Church? My family moved here when I was 9 months old, so I'm not certain when I first attended BBC. I do know that I became a member in 1927. I was baptized in the Blackwater River.

5. What is your favorite hymn? "Precious Memories" and "The Old Rugged Cross."

6. What has been your favorite event/activity at Blackwater Baptist? I really enjoy the Joyful Adult Sunday School Class and our monthly dinners at the church. I also have very special memories of the church picnics at the old Ocean View Amusement Park. We all would go in the back of my farm truck and we all had a great time with wonderful country food.

7. What are you most thankful for? Being blessed with good health, my wife, children, grandchildren and my faith!

8. When did you become a Christian? When I accepted the Lord and was Baptized.

9. Who has influenced you most in your Christian walk? Mr. Josh Baxter, who was a neighbor a long time ago. He was a very active member of BBC, he was a wonderful man. Rev. Ralph Horn was also a great influence for me, he is someone I will always admire.

10. What is something new or different you would like to see at our church? It would be a blessing to see more children in the church, they are our future.

Believer's Baptism

On September 12th, we were blessed with a believer's baptism service as seven professed their faith in Christ as their Savior.

Your love for Jesus Christ
Shines through in all you do
For there are many that will see
The hope of Christ in you

We thank the Lord for you
For bringing you to this place
To be baptized in His precious name
And to walk on in His grace.

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Nina Ambrose



Don Arth



Father & Son
Mark & Marcus Brink



Father & Daughter
Tom & Sarah Staab



Jimmy Slocum



Rockin' It!

On October 10th the BBC Youth enjoyed an exciting and arduous event at the Virginia Beach Rock Gym. The climbing was followed up with a devotion and pizza. Everyone met the challenge, testing their stamina and strength, as they pushed themselves to the top of this 32' realistically surfaced wall.

Trust in the LORD forever, for the LORD,
the LORD, is the **Rock** eternal. Isaiah 26:4

Trunk or Treat October 24 @ 6 p.m.

Get your crazy costumes and orange lights out. . . it's Trunk or Treat time!!! Grab your friends and neighbors to join us for this great night of fun!

Trunk or Treat will be Sunday, October 24th from 6 to 7:30 p.m.! We will enjoy s'mores, apple cider, and hot chocolate.

Besides our annual **Costume Contest**, we will also have a **Pumpkin Carving Contest**, so bring your amazing carved creation for voting!



Also new this year is a **Chili Cook-Off**, so bring your best, most mouth watering chili (we will provide a power strip to keep your delicious dish warm, as well as the sampling utensils for voters)!

We are also having a **Food Drive** so please bring a non-perishable food item for the Food Bank of Hampton Roads.

If you have any questions, please see one of our Luta Tebault Circle ladies. See y'all there!

Christmas Play Practice

Adults and children interested in helping with the Christmas play, please contact Debbie Bradshaw for more information.

Business Meeting

The next business meeting will be held November 14th in the Fellowship Hall. A fellowship meal will begin at 6 and the business meeting will start immediately afterwards at 6:30 pm.

Church Picnic

On September 19th we had our annual church picnic at Munden Point Park in Virginia Beach. It was a great afternoon!

Lots of wonderful food - hot dogs and hamburgers, sides and desserts - were enjoyed by many! The weather was perfect too!

Church members visited, played a little corn hole, and watched our kids run and play!

In celebration of Pastor Appreciation Month, Pastor Greg and his family were presented with a Baptist "Pounding!" Yes, they are all okay! Everyone brought a pound of a something. Items included gummy bears, nails, toilet paper, peanuts, and lots of other useful items!

A big thank you goes out to the Adult Discussion Class for organizing this much enjoyed event. If you missed the picnic this year, make sure you come next year! You're sure to have a wonderful time!





Join Us!

Sunday School ~ 9 a.m.
Service & Children's Church ~ 10 a.m.



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