



# God's Country Tidings

Blackwater Baptist Church

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## Reflections of You



### How do you see you?

Take a moment and just reflect on you. . . take your time. . . I'll be right here waiting. . .

It's hard, isn't it? It's hard because you're you. You can't see you without looking through you. Realize that the way you see you depends. You might have to go back and reread that.

When you took that moment to reflect on you, what did you think of first? Your age? Your looks? Your money or lack of? Your career? Your clothes? Your car? Your health? Your kids? Your family? Your church? Your Savior? What was first in your mind? You can be honest, no one else knows.

I'm going to suggest that the more you have in this world and the more you have going for you, the easier it is to have an identify problem. Because its easier to base your identity on the wrong things if things are going your way.

Perhaps the greatest barrier that you and I have to spiritual intimacy with God is you and I. Think of it like this. . . time after time, Jesus was in opposition to individuals who had position, money, status, and power. Those are things that if we put our identity in can undermine our

dependence on God and become a source of pride. So the more you have going for you in your life, the more potential there is for you to have an identity problem. I point this out because what I want for you is for you to see yourself the way God sees you.

Romans 12:3 says, "The only accurate way to understand ourselves is by what God is and what he does for us."

As a follower of Christ we all need to find our identity "in Christ." Our true identity is not based on who we are or what we can do. Our identity is based on who Jesus is and what Jesus has done for us. I don't know what you thought of first when I asked you to take a moment and reflect on you, but was it about you or about God? Do you base your identity on God or you? That choice determines who you are and who you'll become. If you're interested and you want to see yourself the way God sees you then you need to look in the mirror of Scripture.

Psalm 139:1 says, "O Lord, you have searched me and you know everything about me. You know when I sit down or stand up. You perceive my thoughts from afar. You chart the path ahead of me. Every moment you know where I am. You know what I am going to say

before I say it. I look behind me and you're there. I look ahead of me and you're there too. Such knowledge is too wonderful for me."

God doesn't just love you. He knows everything about you and still loves you! Now that's awesome! When somebody knows all your dirt, the worst that you've done and still loves you, that's truly breathtaking.

Consider this. . . God knows every thought, every feeling, every word, and every motive. God knows your past and your future. He knows you better than YOU know you! This means, if we want to get to know ourselves better, we need to get to know God better.

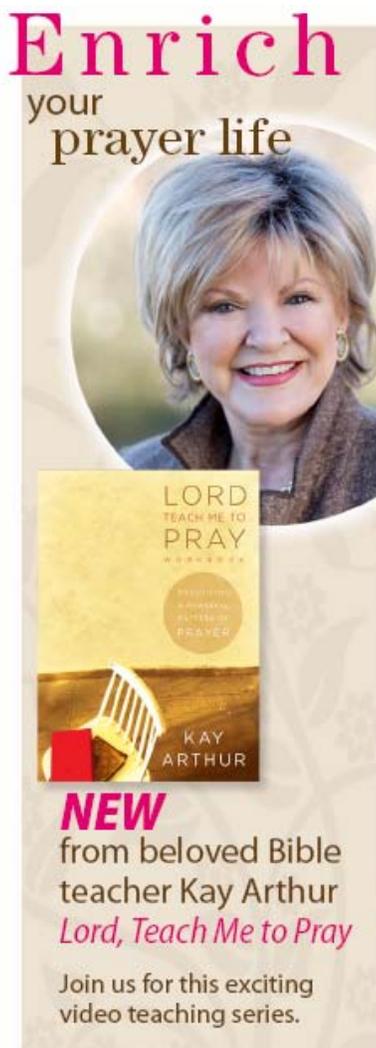
In Christ,

*Pastor Greg*

## Women's Bible Study

**Started September 25th!**  
**Kay Arthur's**  
**"Lord Teach Me to Pray"**

Lord Teach Me to Pray: Practicing a Powerful Pattern of Prayer. Adapted from the best-selling book, Lord, Teach me to Pray in 28 Days, this new five-session video teaching series focuses on key elements found in the Lord's Prayer. It is for any woman who may struggle with issues related to prayer, including making prayer a priority. This practical and encouraging study will lead participants to experience a richer, more fulfilling prayer life. Make plans to join us for this exciting new study.



**Enrich**  
your  
prayer life

**LORD TEACH ME TO PRAY**  
KAY ARTHUR

**NEW**  
from beloved Bible  
teacher Kay Arthur  
*Lord, Teach Me to Pray*

Join us for this exciting  
video teaching series.

## Thank You!

Thank you to P.J. and Gloria Whitehurst for donating eight cordless microphones for the church. They sound great!

## New Members

Welcome to the Russo's! Bill and Mandy Russo and twins joined Blackwater Baptist Church on Sunday, August 26.

## Men's Bible Study

Men's Bible study began September 26th. This study will meet for six weeks on Wednesday nights at 7 pm. Workbooks are \$8. For more information contact Pastor Greg.

**Nothing can separate you from the Love of Christ.**

Each day people suffer the consequences of living in a fallen world. Natural disasters bring devastation and death. Disease ravages health and peace of mind. Sin breaks hearts and lives. Christians are not immune to these forms of suffering. And as evil intensifies in our day, believers increasingly face threats of persecution by pagan cultures and Godless governments. Yet God's Word says that in the face of evil and suffering, we are "more than victorious through Him who loved us" (Rom. 8:37).

Fear no Evil equips you with biblical truth to confront evil and suffering with courage and hope. This study will help you understand-

Reasons evil and suffering exist;

- God's relationship to evil and suffering;
- Ways God helps you respond to evil and suffering;
- What it means to suffer for Christ;
- Ways you can help people around you who suffer.

Jesus Christ, the Suffering Servant, conquered evil and will one day end all suffering. His presence and power give you victory over evil and strength to endure your trials. With Christ you never suffer alone.

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to the 2007 scholarship recipients:

- Melissa Frazier
- Jennie Jones
- Andrea Scott
- Sarah Scott
- Jena Williams
- Jessica Williams
- Skylar Wyatt



## Perfect Attendance

Congratulations to the following members who recently received perfect attendance pins:

Sylvia Cliver - 3 years  
Lettie Dozier - 18 years  
Pete Dozier - 20 years

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Doug Boyett and Ashley Kovacs who were married at Blackwater Baptist on Saturday, September 22.



## Annual Report

*(Sept 2006-Aug 2007)*

### Baptisms:

Val Cortazzo  
Parker Hammer

### Marriages:

Susan & Gary Barbee  
Samantha & Val Cortazzo

### Births:

Jake Wesson to Gary & Susan Barbee  
Ben & James (twins) to Bill & Mandy Russo

### College Graduates:

Lisa Kovacs  
Jessica Williams  
Ashley Scott

### High School Graduates:

Skylar Wyatt

## Luta Tebault Circle

Our July meeting was held at the home of Sandy Lugar. THANKS Sandy for hosting our group and all the GREAT FOOD!

On August 14th, we had our meeting at the home of Jennifer, Jena, and Jessica Williams. This has become an annual event where we are served a full course meal and desserts. We were treated to an OUTSTANDING dinner of homemade lasagna (meat and vegetable), fresh salad, garlic bread, a cheesecake variety, homemade chocolate layer cake, and homemade chocolate chip cookies. THANKS AGAIN Williams' Ladies for feeding us! (We had 16 members present).

After dinner we elected officers for the following year. They are:  
President - Twylla Williams, Vice-President - Jennifer Williams, Secretary/Treasurer - LaVerne Benns, Devotions - Samantha Cortazzo, Prayer Calendar – Jena and Jessica Williams, Cards – Stephanie Gwaltney, Sunshine Committee – Sandy Lugar and Samantha Cortazzo.

The Card Committee had mailed a dozen cards.

## Thank You!

Thank you to those that have held a weekly position that requires hard work and dedication each week:

Sylvia Cliver: Pianist  
Lettie Dozier: Church Clerk  
Phyllis McClain: Church Treasurer  
Teachers: Weekly Lessons

School supplies for Creeds and Moyock Elementary Schools were collected as a church-wide mission project. THANKS to everyone who donated the following items: 48 notebooks, 70 folders, 82 boxes of crayons, 16 pair of scissors, 35 packs of glue sticks, 14 packs of pencils, 12 packs of pens, 16 packs of paper, 1 hand sanitizer, 1 pencil box, 1 box of Ziploc bags, 1 trapper keeper, and an assortment of rulers, erasers, highlighters, colored pencils, etc. The school supplies collected were delivered to Creeds by Terry Tebault-Davis and to Moyock by Stephanie Gwaltney.

Our September meeting was held in conjunction with the Deacon (Pastor, Trustees, Ushers) Dinner on the 18th at church. There were 12 men and 14 circle members present.

Five cards had been mailed since our last meeting and several members had made "sunshine" visits.

We discussed the menu for our October meeting when we will be feeding the Ruritans.

Come join the Luta Tebault Circle - we promise good food and fun mission work!

Thank you to the following men that worked so diligently at the parsonage for several weeks:

Pat Riddick  
Cecil Shirley  
Bob Goodman  
P.J. Whitehurst  
Curtis Shirley  
Mike Barnhardt



# Fall Fellowship

Fall Fellowship at the Frosts' Farm

Sunday, October 21, 4:30 p.m.

“Land of Promise”

3169 Land of Promise Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23457

Plans for this outdoor event include a:

Harvest hayride

Harvest games/relays

Hot dogs

Harvest desserts

Harvest drinks

Huge bonfire

Harvest vesper service

Please invite a friend and bring your favorite harvest dessert to share! Suggestions include: apple pie, apple cake, pumpkin pie, sweet potato pie, spice cake, etc.

Seating and all other “fall fixins” will be provided!

Please dress accordingly.

JOIN US FOR  
TRUNK OR TREAT

AT BLACKWATER BAPTIST CHURCH

A SAFE & FUN-FILLED

*One stop alternative to  
trick-or treating*

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28

*6:30 - 7:30 P.M.*





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<http://www.chilledponds.com/>

Join us for Christian  
Ice-skating at Chilled Ponds, in  
Chesapeake.

Sunday, October 14

5-6:50 p.m.

Cost is \$7

(including skate rentals)

For more information contact:

Gaye Hammer

# October 2007

| SUNDAY   | MONDAY  | TUESDAY   | WEDNESDAY  | THURSDAY   | FRIDAY                            | SATURDAY                |
|--|---|---|--|--|-----------------------------------|-------------------------|
|  | 1<br>Charlie Hughes Jr.<br>Georgie Shirley                | 2<br>Women's Bible Study, 7 pm  | 3<br>Men's Bible Study, 7 pm<br>Praise Team, 7 pm<br>Walter Barcroft Sr. | 4<br>Eddie Gilbert Jr.<br>Daniel Satterthwaite<br>Pete & Lettie Dozier | 5<br>Dot Joyner                   | 6<br>Charlotte Garris   |
| 7<br>Contemp Svc: 8:45 am<br>Sunday School: 10 am<br>Traditional Service: 11<br>Nancy Daniels<br>Betty Jean Whitehurst   | 8<br>Danny Jordan<br>Neil McClain<br>Danny & Linda Jordan | 9<br>Women's Bible Study, 7 pm  | 10<br>Men's Bible Study, 7 pm<br>Praise Team, 7 pm                       | 11<br>Amanda Skaggs  | 12<br>Marie Grubbs<br>Becky Tatum | 13<br>Kelli Whalen      |
| 14<br>Contemp Svc: 8:45 am<br>Sunday School: 10 am<br>Traditional Service: 11<br>Ice-Skating, 5-6:30 pm<br>Billie Groh<br>Cecil Shirley Jr.<br>John & Sandy Baum                       | 15  | 16<br>Women's Bible Study, 7 pm<br>Mikey Dobransky<br>Lance Gilbert<br>Charlie Hughes Sr. | 17<br>Men's Bible Study, 7 pm<br>Praise Team, 7 pm                       | 18<br>Mike Stafford  | 19                                | 20<br>Sarah Shirley     |
| 21<br>Contemp Svc: 8:45 am<br>Sunday School: 10 am<br>Traditional Service: 11<br>Fall Fellowship @ the<br>Frost's: 4:30 pm<br>Clinton McClain  | 22  | 23<br>Women's Bible Study, 7 pm<br>Larry & Connie<br>Bearden<br>Tom & Kelli Whalen        | 24<br>Men's Bible Study, 7 pm<br>Praise Team, 7 pm<br>Mert Whitehurst    | 25   | 26                                | 27<br>Gloria Whitehurst |
| 28<br>Contemp Svc: 8:45 am<br>Sunday School: 10 am<br>Traditional Service: 11<br>NEWSLETTER<br>ARTICLES DUE<br>Trunk or Treat, 6:30-7:30 pm<br>Cheryl Shirley<br>Rodney & Peggy Foster | 29<br>Joseph Gribbs                                       | 30<br>Women's Bible Study, 7 pm   | 31<br>Men's Bible Study, 7 pm<br>Alice Savage                            |  |                                   |                         |

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