



God's Country Tidings

Blackwater Baptist Church

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March 2008

Jesus therefore,
being wearied with
his journey...

(KJV), John 4:6

Hebrews 2 says Jesus was made like unto His brethren — like you and me. Jesus knew exactly how it felt to be worn down and tired. I don't know about you, but I like knowing that my Savior had the same struggle that all of us face at times. We all have battles that seem like they will never end. We all experience problems that appear to have no solution. The struggles continue and weariness can set in. Yet, oftentimes, it is at this point of feeling weak, worn down, and finished that we can be used the most. Paul learned this very lesson, when we are weakest, we're actually strongest (*2 Corinthians 12:10*).

Jesus Himself demonstrated this principle of strength through weakness at the cross. In the moments that He was weakened physically and when it seemed like there was no way to press on, He did. The result was that



salvation was made available through Jesus' efforts when He was weary. *Hebrews 10:10 we have been made holy through the sacrifice of the body of Jesus Christ once for all.*

When we are tired and don't feel like pressing on, when it would be so much easier to quit, because of His love for us and our love for Him, we must press on!

Happy Easter!

In Christ, Pastor Greg



Easter Joy

Jesus came to earth,
To show us how to live,
How to put others first,
How to love and how to give.

Then He set about His work,
That God sent Him to do;
He took our punishment on Himself;
He made us clean and new.

He could have saved Himself,
Calling angels from above,
But He chose to pay our price for sin;
He paid it out of love.

Our Lord died on Good Friday,
But the cross did not destroy
His resurrection on Easter morn
That fills our hearts with joy.

Now we know our earthly death,
Like His, is just a rest.
We'll be forever with Him
In heaven, where life is best.

So we live our lives for Jesus,
Think of Him in all we do.
Thank you Savior; Thank you Lord.
Help us love like you!

By Joanna Fuchs



Congratulations
to the
Chili Cookoff
Winner!
Don & Phyllis Arth

Easter
Blessings



Next Business Meeting
March 30, 2008
Fellowship meal @ 6 pm
Meeting @ 6:30 pm



The Gideons International

The Gideons will be visiting our church
Sunday morning, March 9th.

Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, March 22nd @ 12 noon
Blackwater Baptist Church
hot dogs / snack foods

Bring a friend to join the fun!
(for ages 12 and under)

If anyone would like to donate individually wrapped candy for goodie bags, it would be greatly appreciated. There will be a box on the hall table for donations until March 16th. Also if you would like to donate a snack for the day of the Hunt, please contact Debbie Keller at 421-7728 or ddebbie340@aol.com.



Come meet and here SBCV representative, Doc Cokes, on March 16th at 6:30 pm.
www.sbcv.org



Centennial Jenny McClain Circle

Our January meeting was held at the home of Chrystal Frost on January 8, where eight members were present. Chrystal left all her Christmas decorations up so we could all see them. We welcomed Violet Jensen back to the circle – we're so glad to have her join us again!

Photos were shared of the couple from Argentina that we are sponsoring, along with the other circles in our church WMU.

We delivered a gift basket to Archie and Ella Silverthorne and goodies to the volunteers at the Blackwater Fire Station. Cards were also sent to shut-ins and those on our prayer list.

The decision was made to continue meeting at Irene Frost's home each month for the time being.

Luta Tebault News

On November 20, 2007 we held our meeting at the home of Kelli Whalen. We had 12 members present including our newest member Ashley (Kovacs) Boyett.

We discussed putting tissues in the book racks of the pews. To raise money for the Lottie Moon Offering, we planned poinsettia sales and Christmas card delivery. For the second year in a row, we decided to forgo a gift exchange and everyone donated \$10 to the treasury for charitable donations. We chose to send our donations to the Foodbank of Southeastern Virginia and Hope Haven.

THANKS Kelli for feeding us and letting us share your new puppy!

Our Christmas mini-meeting and dinner was at the Anchor Inn with 15 members present. We acknowledged our three December college graduates: Ashley Boyett, Andrea Scott, and Jena Williams. WAY TO GO! We enjoyed our dinner and fellowship.

Our January 2008 meeting was held at church on the 15th and was hosted by Terry Tebault Davis, with 13 members present. Thanks Terry for the food and drinks!

The Card Committee reported that 20 cards had been mailed. The poinsettia sales raised \$248.55 and the Christmas card delivery raised \$451.94, all going towards the Lottie Moon Offering. A SPECIAL THANKS to Sonny and Twylla Williams for all their time spent

picking up and moving the poinsettias each week! Our February plans discussed were helping to feed the Chowan Choir on the 12th during Winterfest, and the Senior Luncheon on the 24th.

The Luta Tebault Circle will be selling Easter Lilies through March 9th. Please complete an order form in honor of or in memory of that special someone. Forms are on the tables in the front and back of the church. Each lily is \$10 with the money raised going towards the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Our next meeting will be at church on February 19 at 7 pm, hosted by Ashley Boyett. Come join us!



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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
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2 Services: 8:45 & 11 am Sunday School: 10 am	3 Dave Bryant	4	5 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 Wanda Howard	6 Wanda Howard	7 Diane Cunningham Lorri Fleming	8 Relay for Life Fundraiser Sylvia Cliver Donald & Joyce Shirley
9 Services: 8:45 & 11 am Sunday School: 10 am Daylight Savings Time Begins (turn clocks ahead 1 hour)	10 Don Arth	11 Lisa Kovacs	12 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30	13	14 Susan Creamer	15 Sonny Williams
16 PALM SUNDAY Services: 8:45 & 11 am Sunday School: 10 am Don Cokes, SBCV: 6:30 pm Randy Dozier Ryan Horsley Archie Silverthorne Mert & Betty Jean Whitehurst	17	18 Suzanne Vogefski	19 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 Kristy Harrison Chet Daniels Hayley Tatum Frank & Sherrie Pecsek	20 Spring Begins Caroline Buffington Rose Talbott Roy & Chrystal Frost	21 Ronnie & Susan Parsons	22 Easter Egg Hunt, 12 noon Wyatt Schratwieser
23 EASTER Services: 8:45 & 11 am Sunday School: 10 am NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Stuart & Catherine Ives	24 Ashley Marrow James & Susie Kovacs	25 Craig Creamer	26 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 Royce Leary Kaitlin Sales	27	28 Jenny Lewis	29 Ralph & Irene Frost
30 Business Meeting: fellowship meal @ 6 pm, meeting @ 6:30 pm LaVerne Benns Amos Lane	31 Arlene Lewis					



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Virginia Beach Rotary Club Special Achievement Award Nomination February 2008

It is with great pleasure that I nominate Randolph Whitehurst for the Virginia Beach Rotary Club 2008 Special Achievement Award.

Randolph Whitehurst loves to work. Randolph began working even before he graduated from high school. For quite some time, Randolph made the long trip from Creeds to his job at Fuddrucker's in Pembroke. Although he loved this job, he decided to look for other employment that would give him more work hours. Randolph was hired at the Food Lion on Sandbridge Road on December 7, 1992, and he has been there ever since. Randolph has seen many changes at his new store: new coworkers, new managers, more houses and businesses around, even a complete remodeling and new name, Bloom. But what hasn't changed is the dedication, work ethic, and sense of responsibility that he exemplifies. In the 15 years he has been with the company, Randolph has rarely missed a day of work. He is there when they need him, regardless of the weather or the season; and best of all, he is always there with a smile on his face and a wonderful service attitude that make him invaluable to his employer and a favorite of the regular customers at Bloom. As he is always looking to learn and become more valuable to his employer, Randolph has even set a goal this year to learn new duties, including stocking and working in the bakery or produce departments.

There is also an entrepreneurial side to Randolph. To make more money, he started his own business selling tomato boxes and other storage crates to Pungo farmers. Randolph uses this extra income to treat his family to eat out at Golden Corral and Wendy's. Better yet, with his side business, not only is he making more money, but he is also recycling. As if that weren't enough, Randolph also cuts grass for his brother and sister-in-law. . . for a price, of course!

As much as work is such a defining part of Randolph's life, his spiritual life is just as important to him. Randolph has attended Blackwater Baptist Church, where he has been an usher for 20 years. His sense of community lead him to become their unofficial attendance keeper, a task that he takes so seriously that when he notices a member is absent, he calls from home to make sure the person is not sick or in need of something. How many of us can claim to go that extra mile so willingly?

Randolph's caring personally extends to his family, as well. At home, he helps to fold and put away clean clothes, dusting, unloading and putting away clean dishes and deep cleaning when needed. He even makes his bed daily and keeps his room tidy! How many young men do we know who would do these things readily, out of love and a desire to help his parents?

Randolph also enjoys sports and social activities. For several years after graduation, he kept in touch with his high school buddies, going to the movies, outings, and to eat out with a group of graduates organized by his former teachers. Randolph recently attended his first meeting of the Young Life program at Kings Grant Baptist Church, to partake in their social activities and reinforce his Christian values. In addition, he has been involved in Special Olympics since he was very young. He currently plays basketball and bowling.

The Rotary Club's motto is "Service Above Self," thus, for his dedication to his job, involvement with his community, and exemplary conduct in his relationships with his friends and family, the Virginia Beach Department of Human Services nominates Randolph Whitehurst for the 2008 Rotary Club Special Achievement Award.

We appreciate your consideration of his nomination.

Sincerely,

Carmen I. Mendez
MHMR Supervisor II
Virginia Beach DHS

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