



# God's Country Tidings

Blackwater Baptist Church

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## Finding Rehoboth

...He named it

Rehoboth...

*Genesis 26:22*

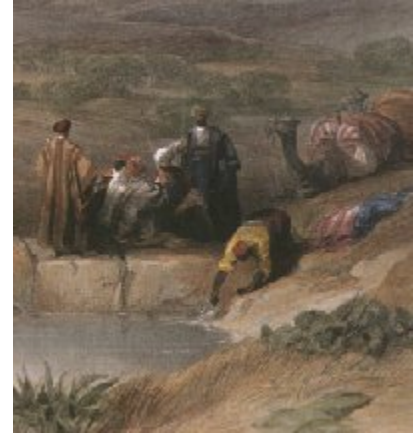
“What’s my calling in life?” or “What is it that God wants me to do?” seem to be questions that every Christian has asked themselves at some point. We see and hear about missionaries who travel all over the world and bravely live and share with other people in dangerous locations and risk their lives to tell others about Jesus. Then we ask ourselves “Is that for me?” Well, probably not, but if it is, GO!

All of us have our place in this world. So what’s yours? Perhaps your calling is in the heating and cooling business. . . or maybe it’s a math teacher (you can have that one). Perhaps you’re called to be a professional business person. . . or a construction worker. All of these callings are just as holy and just as important as answering the call to the mission field - **as long as you’re doing what God has opened up for you and you’re doing it for Him.** Whether you’re a mechanic, craftsman, banker, welder, or cook, yours is an important calling because of the need for Christian brothers and sisters to serve in all kinds of arenas and in all different locations.

Please don’t think you’re missing it if you’re not risking your life as a missionary in some far away land. If the Lord wants you in sales, be in sales and be at peace. If the Lord wants you in management, be in management and be at peace about it, saying, “Lord, if this is what You have for me, I’ll do it for **Your** glory. I’ll be the salt and the light wherever you want it scattered.”

It is absolutely true that God calls us each individually into different parts of our society. If you’re called to pour cement, then pour cement for God. That’s how it works in the Body of Christ. The Lord calls each of us uniquely, individually, and personally. So how do you know if pouring cement is your calling? Simple: what’s flowing from your life presently? What comes easy to you? What’s working out super-naturally for you?

In the book of Genesis, Isaac dug a well in order to water his flock. But the inhabitants of the land challenged his right to be there. So he called that well Esek, or contention, and he moved down the road, dug another well, and struck water once more. Well the locals came around again and said, “Hey, get out of here, this our territory!” So Isaac named the well Sitnah, or strife, and went down the road a little further. He dug a third well, and this time no one bothered him, so he named the well Rehoboth, or there’s room for me.



Life seems to follow a similar pattern. You dig and strike some water. There’s some refreshment and good things happen, but if it becomes strife or contentious, you move on and dig some more. Eventually, however, if you don’t give up, you’ll find your Rehoboth.

Isaac had the job of watering sheep. He didn’t agonize over it. He didn’t complain about it. He just tended to what was at hand, and he ended up at Rehoboth.

That’s the key to finding your calling. Do what’s before you. Say, “Lord, here I am. You have allowed me to do this, and I’m going to do it for You! And if there’s strife or contention, I’ll just move down the road and dig again until I find Rehoboth.”

God has a Rehoboth for every one of us. Don’t give up on seeking yours.

*In Christ,  
Pastor Greg*



## Happy Mother's Day!

"Happy Mother's Day" means more  
Than have a happy day.  
Within those words lie lots of things  
We never get to say.  
It means I love you first of all,  
Then thanks for all you do.  
It means you mean a lot to me,  
And that I honor you.  
But most of all, I guess it means  
That I am thinking of  
Your happiness on this, your day,  
With pleasure and with love

*Kay Hunt*

## With Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers go out to  
the family and friends of our  
brother, and fellow church  
member, Robert Whitehurst, who  
went to be with the Lord in March.

Our condolences to Ronnie Meiggs  
and family, whose mother, Beatrice  
Meiggs passed away in March.

## Thank You

A big THANK YOU to Joel Carey  
for building a beautiful cabinet to  
hold all the sound equipment in the  
sanctuary. Your hard work is much  
appreciated!

## Congratulations!

Congratulations to Richie and  
Mary Keller who were married  
April 25.

## NABA News

Blackwater Church messengers  
attended the Spring meeting of  
NABA on April 8th at Coastal  
Community Church. The report is  
on the hall table for review.

*Laura Tebault*

## Relay For Life

Relay for Life is an all night  
fundraiser where teams gather and  
walk to support the American  
Cancer Society while raising money  
and awareness. Our team,  
"Blackwater Baptist Church," is  
already in the swings of preparation  
for a great event this year at the  
Chesa. City Park, May 30-31.



Kicking off "Relay Season," team  
members Susan and Gary Barbee  
delivered donuts to the front door  
of many homes in Blackwater. We  
held a Sweet Sensation Donation  
Event on April 20th, which turned  
out to be a great success! Thank  
you to all that made the elaborate  
desserts and also to those that  
purchased them! The Annual Yard  
Sale on May 3rd on the church  
grounds is sure to be a success!

Everyone has been affected by  
cancer in some way or form, so  
please get involved! Anyone  
wishing to make a tax deductible  
donation may do so by making a  
check payable to the America  
Cancer Society. Join our team, or  
come out to the event and show  
your support. If interested, contact  
Sarah Scott, 421-2285.

## A Bit of Humor

*Those Wonderful Church Bulletins!*  
*These sentences appeared in*  
*church bulletins or were*  
*announced in church services*  
*across America.*

- The Fasting & Prayer Conference includes meals.
- Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.
- The peacemaking meeting scheduled for today has been canceled due to a conflict.
- Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our community.
- Next Thursday there will be tryouts for the choir. They need all the help they can get.
- Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.
- At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What Is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.
- Eight new choir robes are currently needed due to the addition of several new members and to the deterioration of some older ones.
- Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7 pm. Please use the back door.
- Potluck supper Sunday at 5 pm - prayer and medication to follow.

## Centennial Jenny McClain Circle

Our April meeting was held at Irene Frost's home. We had seven members present. We came up with our menu for when we will feed the Ruritan's on May 13th. In February, we took a gift basket to Thomas and Nancy Daniels. Nancy, in return, sent us back a very nice thank you note. We contributed \$25 to both the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering and to the Blackwater Baptist Relay for Life Team, which is to support the American Cancer Society. We also sent cards and carried food to shut-ins.

## Luta Tebault Circle

Ashley Boyett hosted our February 19th meeting at the church with 13 members present. THANKS Ashley for all the great snacks!

The Sunshine Committee made a visit to one of our church members and the Card Committee had mailed five cards. Our Circle, in conjunction with the Ruth Walden Circle, fed the Chowan Choir on February 12th during Winterfest. THANKS also to Doris McClain and Pat Washington for helping serve and clean up!

We went over our menu, game plans and prizes for the Senior Luncheon held on Sunday, February 24, after the second service. We sponsored the Easter Lily Sale to raise money for the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.

Our March 11th meeting was held at church after we fed the Ruritan's. Counting the 14 circle members present, we fed approximately 49 people. THANKS Val Cortazzo for cooking the DELICIOUS pork loins!

We discussed the success of The Senior Luncheon. We fed around 49 people, which included 26 seniors and guests, 15 circle members, our mascot Don Arth, and others by sending plates to those who were unable to attend. We played "Are You Smarter Than A Fifth Grader?" and gave out flowers and candy as prizes.

We sold 33 Easter Lilies and were able to make a donation of \$99.33 to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. THANKS AGAIN to Sonny and Twylla Williams for picking up and caring for the Lilies for the weeks prior to Easter!

We made a donation to the American Cancer Society to support Sarah Scott's Relay for Life Team, "Blackwater Baptist Church." Our April meeting was held on Tuesday, April 15th, at the home of Susie Kovacs. Join us at our next meeting for mission work and food!



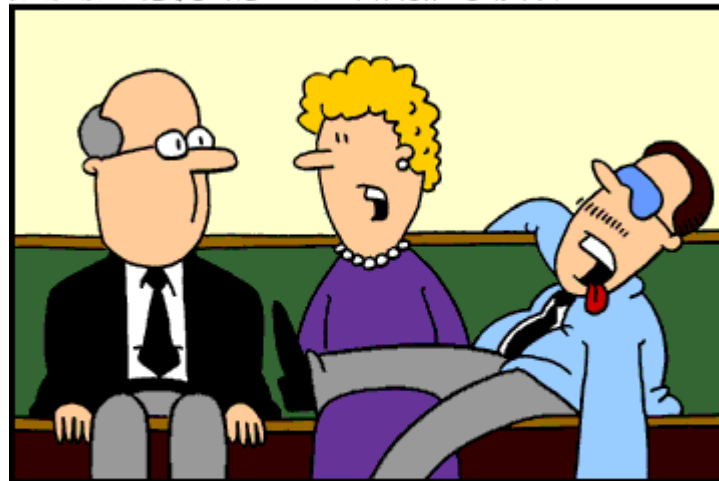
**Next Business Meeting**  
May 18, 2008  
Fellowship meal @ 6 pm  
Meeting @ 6:30 pm

## BBC Softball

Come out and support your Blackwater Baptist Church Softball Team! Games will be held in May and June. Game dates, times and locations are listed on the calendar inserts in this newsletter.



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PRETENDED TO LISTEN TO THE SERMONS ...  
SO NOW TOM DOESN'T PRETEND ANYMORE

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SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
<p><b>Come out and cheer on your BBC Softball Team!</b> Games are held at the following locations: PA Athletic Complex: 2188 Landstown Rd, Va Beach (near Dam Neck Rd intersection, across from the Amphitheater &amp; Sportsplex) City View Park: 2073 Kempsville Rd, Va Beach (near Centerville Turnpike)</p>						
<p>4 Services: 8:45 &amp; 11 am Sunday School: 10 am Earnest &amp; Lorrie Anderson</p>	<p>5 Keith McClain Craig &amp; Susan Creamer</p>	<p>6 Jacob Newton Curtis &amp; Cheryl Shirley</p>	<p>7 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 Buddy Stone</p>	<p>1 Angela Gregory</p>	<p>2 BBC Softball, 6:45 &amp; 8:45 pm, PA Athletic Complex</p>	<p>3 Relay for Life Yard Sale Matthew Falls Nancy Leary Walter &amp; Sandra Barcroft Roy &amp; Joan Hoenig</p>
<p>11 MOTHER'S DAY Services: 8:45 &amp; 11 am Sunday School: 10 am</p>	<p>12 Buddy &amp; Anne Stone</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 Sandra Barcroft P.J. Whitehurst</p>	<p>8</p>	<p>9 Mike Shirley</p>	<p>10 Gracie Shirley</p>
<p>18 Services: 8:45 &amp; 11 am Sunday School: 10 am Business Meeting: fellowship meal @ 6 pm, meeting @ 6:30 pm Sammi Jo Loan</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20 Clint Hassell Brian &amp; Julie Keenan</p>	<p>21 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 Amanda McCartney Joe Suitch Billy &amp; Carol Shirley</p>	<p>15</p>	<p>16 BBC Softball, 8:45 &amp; 9:45 pm, PA Athletic Complex Stuart Louder Jim Wilkins</p>	<p>17 Norbert &amp; Sandy Landy</p>
<p>25 Services: 8:45 &amp; 11 am Sunday School: 10 am NEWSLETTER ARTICLES DUE Ronnie Fleming Robert Goodman Lisa Moss Catherine Ives Clara Belle Shirley</p>	<p>26 MEMORIAL DAY</p>	<p>27 Will &amp; Pam Moreman</p>	<p>28 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 Forrest Bishop</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23 Erin Fleming Gary Gregory</p>	<p>24 Jim Barcroft Helen Lane</p>
				<p>29 Ethel Bryant Robert Harris</p>	<p>30 American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event at Chesa. City Park BBC Softball, 6:45 &amp; 7:45 pm, PA Athletic Complex Red Dailey Harry &amp; Gracie Shirley</p>	<p>31 American Cancer Society Relay for Life Event Stacey (Bigelow) Moyer</p>

# June 2008

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1 Services: 8:45 & 11 am Sunday School: 10 am Ronnie & Joyce Meiggs	2	3 Tim & Ruth Edney	4 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30 Melissa Frazier	5	6 <b>BBC Softball,</b> <b>6:45 &amp; 7:45 pm,</b> <b>PA Athletic Complex</b> Jason Bishop Ashley (Kovacs) Boyett Carolyn Tebault Marty & Debbie Hughes	7 Jimmy Kovacs Red & Catherine Dailey
8 Services: 8:45 & 11 am Sunday School: 10 am Jimmy Askew	9 Ronald Carey Samantha Falls Jack Savage	10 Larry Bearden	11 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30	12 John Swan Earl & Doris McClain	13 <b>BBC Softball,</b> <b>8:45 &amp; 9:45 pm,</b> <b>PA Athletic Complex</b> Elaine Bigelow Don & Diane Horsley	14 <b>FLAG DAY</b>
15 <b>FATHER'S DAY</b> Services: 8:45 & 11 am Sunday School: 10 am	16 Walter & Sandra Barcroft	17	18 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30	19 Gaye Hammer Thomas & Nancy Daniels	20 <b>SUMMER</b> <b>BEGINS</b> <b>BBC Softball,</b> <b>8:45 &amp; 9:45 pm,</b> <b>City View #2</b> Jimmy Falls	21 Ronnie Meiggs
22 Services: 8:45 & 11 am Sunday School: 10 am Jordan Sales	23 Kristy Coley Buddy Gilbert	24 Kyle & Lauren Anderson Pat & Adabelle Riddick	25 Prayer Service, 7 pm Praise Team, 7:30	26 Will Moreman	27 <b>BBC Softball,</b> <b>6:45 &amp; 7:45 pm,</b> <b>City View #2</b> Audra Gilbert Bonnie Satterthwaite	28
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