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BAPTIST CHURCH

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Church Member Profile Chrystal Frost



1. Name: Marion Chrystal Ward Frost. My father named me Chrystal and I have always been called by my second name.

2. Age: 81, where did the years go?!

3. What is Home to you? Where the ones I love are! Blackwater Baptist Church and the Blackwater community!

4. How long have you been with us at Blackwater

Baptist Church? 61 years! When Roy and I were first married we attend Blackwater Baptist Church Sunday mornings for Sunday School. Worship service was held twice a month at night by a visiting minister.

5. What is your favorite hymn? *In The Garden*

6. What has been your favorite event/activity at Blackwater Baptist?

VBS! My first teaching job at Blackwater was a Junior boy class at VBS. Over the years I have taught in all the different classes in VBS and was principle for three years. It brings in more people than any other activity at our church. (No one did a better job than Mandy Russo did this year!)

7. What are you most thankful for? That I have salvation! Roy and I are thankful and blessed by our family, our children, Donna and Robert, and Jack and Janet, and our grandchildren, Levi, Jacob and David. They light up our life! Nothing pleases us more than when we are all together, sitting around our dining room table laughing and talking. We make memories!

8. When did you become a Christian? I accepted Jesus Christ as my personal Savior when I was a teenager at Berea Christian Church in Great Bridge. After Roy and I married, I went forward at Blackwater and asked to be baptized.

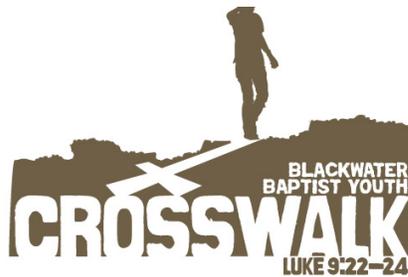
9. Who has influenced you most in your Christian walk? When I first came to Blackwater Baptist there was a Ladies Aid Group that soon became the WMU. Ruth Walden was the first circle, I was welcomed, influenced and encouraged by several ladies, Mrs. Martha Spruill, Mrs. Betty Shirley, Mrs. Luta Tebault and Mrs. Jenny McClain. Certainly Rev. Horn has influenced me and my family and has prayed for us over the years. And his wife Mrs. Dorothy Horn set an example for all of us. I love and appreciate

Dr. Roscoe Musselwhite, he taught my Sunday School class at Berea Christian Church before I was married, and of course was our pastor at Blackwater too! Mr. Paul Matthews (Clarabelle Shirley's father) and Mrs. Patsy Costos both encouraged me to teach Sunday School..

10. What is something new or different you would like to see at our church? I taught in the Adult Sunday School class for over 40 years. The Women's Bible Study class that I belong to now is one of the best classes I have ever had the privilege to attend! A great group of loving, caring ladies! Come join us! I feel blessed to be a member of Blackwater Baptist Church. I feel our church is growing and moving in the way God would have us to go. We are blessed to have Pastor Greg and Pastor Bill, as well as their wives and children! I feel honored and very humble to have been asked to do this.

Youth Group

Blackwater Baptist youth begins its regular weekly meetings Wednesday, Sept 9th at 6:30. All 7th-12th graders are welcome to join us as we combat our culture with God's Word.



Thank You

Thanks to all that held jobs in year 2009. God Will Bless You!

Thanks to Pat Riddick and Committee for organizing the building of the new church addition, that started at the end of August. The goal is to be finished by the end of October.

Welcome New Members

Welcome to our newest members, Adam Carey and Kelly Kerns, who will be married later this month.

Congratulations on Perfect Attendance!

The following individuals received Perfect Attendance pins for the year 2008-2009 church year. Congratulations!

1st year - Sue & Cecil Shirley

11th year - Chrystal Frost

12th year - Roy Frost

22nd year - Pete Dozier

235th Anniversary Celebration: Sept. 19th

Blackwater Baptist Church celebrates its 235th anniversary on September 19th! Started in 1774, Blackwater continues to serve the community and glorify the Lord. Invite your friends to join us under the tent. Children's activities will begin at 2:30 p.m. featuring a Noah's ark and obstacle bouncy and supplemented with snow cones, cotton candy, and popcorn. Come enjoy some fried chicken, BBQ, an anniversary service including remarks from Rev. Ralph Horn and a message by Pastor Greg Hammer, music by Mike Davis, and a visit with old time friends. Please bring a dessert to share. Join us for a tent worship service the following Sunday morning at 10:00 a.m. after our 9:00 a.m. Sunday School hour. We look forward to seeing you there!

Anniversary Schedule

2:30 Children's Activities/Socializing/Snacks

3:30 Dinner Served

4:30 Anniversary Service

5:30-7:00 Mike Davis & Testimonies

Mike Davis Southern Gospel Singer

Below is a description of Mike Davis who will be singing for our anniversary celebration taken from www.smoky-mountaingospel.com.

"My name is Mike Davis. I have a southern gospel music ministry. I'm a solo artist. I spent several years as a successful country music artist. But in 2005, I began to be troubled by the places I played and the lifestyle I represented even though I was a Christian and didn't partake in the things the crowds I played for did. But deep down I knew God couldn't be pleased with the places I was playing and it was getting pretty hard for people to see Jesus in me, as a real Christian should. I began playing more in church again, and decided that I had to leave the secular music business and use my talents for the Lord. In December of 2007, I released my first Gospel CD called "LEAVING ON MY MIND." It can be heard and purchased at <http://cdbaby.com/cd/mikedavis>. I now play only gospel music at churches and CHRISTIAN functions. I live in the Chesapeake, VA area, but I don't mind traveling to obey



God's call on my life. I'm totally satisfied that I'm fulfilling my calling and have peace of mind that I never had when I was playing my music in the secular world. Pray for my ministry and that I continue to do what is pleasing to my Jesus. Yours in Christ -- Mike Davis"

Two Services: They're Back!

Our two service schedule is coming back! Beginning September 27th, we will resume our two service schedule. At 8:45 a.m., our contemporary service will begin with worship led by Blackwater Baptist's praise team. At 11:00 a.m. in our traditional service, we will worship the King with all your favorite hymns. Either way, it's all about preaching God's word and worshipping our Lord. And don't forget. . . SUNDAY SCHOOL AT 10 A.M.!

8:45 a.m. ~ Contemporary Worship

10:00 a.m. ~ Sunday School

11:00 a.m. ~ Traditional Worship

Church Renovations We're Growing!

Have you driven by our church lately and noticed something different? Or maybe you came Sunday and something really big was in your parking spot? That's right, our new addition is under way! We broke ground on Monday, August 17th and within the first week had the foundation and adjoining wall built. Stay tuned for more updates!

Church Picnic

On August 9th it was all about hot dogs, hamburgers and a good time at our annual church BBQ. Despite the hot weather, we all had a cool afternoon under a nice shady picnic shelter at Munden Point Park. The food was awesome with so many wonderful pasta salads, lots of fruit and of course cakes, brownies, and all that good stuff! We played corn hole and a football game broke out too! The afternoon finished with great music from our talented church members. A special thanks to the Outreach Discussion Class for making it all happen! Hope to see you at next years' picnic!

The Ruth Walden Circle

The Ruth Walden Circle plans to once again feed the workers that are helping to rebuild Dorothy's house.

Featured Sunday School Class: Women's Bible Study



Along with our featured church member each month, we will also be featuring a Sunday School class. Our first class is our always enthusiastic Women's Bible Study Class.

About three years ago, this class started with just eight enrolled and has now more than doubled in size to 18 lovely ladies. All ages and backgrounds are welcomed in this class, some have been with our church for 50 years and others five years. Martha Goodman says she enjoys seeing all the "different perspectives through all the different ages and experiences."

This is really a wonderful group of ladies and would welcome any new member of the class with open arms and open hearts. So join them Sunday mornings at 10 a.m. for warm fellowship and an in-depth study of God's word.

A few of these ladies have the pleasure of studying God's word with their families; there are two pairs of mothers and daughters and two sisters in the class together.

Right now the ladies are studying Beth Moore's, "Beloved," and in just six weeks, they will begin a new study, "Escape the Coming Night," David Jeremiah's study of Revelation. They all spend time during the week on their study and discuss all that they've learned on Sunday mornings with each other.

The class' leaders include Gloria Biemesderfer, Sue Shirley, and Chrystal Frost. When asked what the most rewarding part of leading this Sunday School Class, Mrs. Gloria's response was, "the growth that you see in other's lives."

All of these ladies are so supportive of each other, it is truly inspiring all the answered prayers in this class, everything from new houses to new jobs. Debbie Bradshaw says they "have learned how to really love each other."

The class is also very excited about the church's new addition due to one of the new classrooms belonging to them. Sue Shirley said, "we can't wait for more room!"

Join Us!



SUNDAYS:

SCHEDULE THRU 9/20:

Sunday School ~ 9 a.m.

Service ~ 10 a.m.

Children's Church ~ 10 a.m.

SCHEDULE BEGINNING 9/27:

Contemporary Service ~ 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School ~ 10 a.m.

Traditional Service & Children's Church ~ 11 a.m.

WEDNESDAYS: Crosswalk Youth Group (7-12 grade) ~ 6:30 p.m.



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