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Church Member Profile Mikey Dobransky



1. Name: John Michael Dobransky - I got my name from my grandpa's two brothers. One named John and the other Michael or "bones" (because he was skinny) who came from the Ukraine with my grandpa.

2. Age: 17

3. What is Home to you? My home is Blackwater because I grew up here and I still love it!

4. How long have you been with us at Blackwater Baptist Church?

I've been going to Blackwater pretty much all my life. I would say I really started coming when I was six, so about eleven years.

5. What is your favorite hymn? I'm not sure; I like contemporary Christian songs like, "Praise You in the Storm."

6. What has been your favorite event/activity at Blackwater Baptist? Any youth activity is fun because I get to hang out with everyone!

7. What are you most thankful for? I am most thankful for my friends and my music.

8. When did you become a Christian? I was baptized when I was ten years old.

9. Who has influenced you most in your Christian walk? There are a couple of people in my life that have influenced me; one is my stepdad, Curtis Shirley, and then there's Pastor Greg, and a good pastor and friend, Bill Russo.

10. What is something new or different you would like to see at our church? I would like to see the youth attendance grow!

235th Anniversary Celebration

On September 19th 2009 our church celebrated its 235th anniversary, and as Pastor Bill would say “that’s a very long time”! We had a wonderful day of celebrating with cotton candy, barbeque and great music. The kids had an awesome time in a bouncy maze and Noah’s arch. All while feasting on cotton candy, snow cones and popcorn. We all had a great lunch of barbeque, fried chicken, baked beans, potato salad and so many delicious desserts made by our church members.

There were lots of warm memories shared during the service and over the photo albums on display. Rev. Horn spoke about his favorite times at Blackwater and both the choir and the praise team sang during the service, followed by a short sermon by Pastor Greg. The afternoon ended with great music by Mike Davis.

Remember, you can still contribute a memory page to our church album, just see Adabelle Riddick.



Trunk or Treat: Oct. 25th

It's that time of the year again! Time for pumpkins, s'mores and the cutest kids in the cutest costumes! That's right Trunk-or-Treat is right around the corner, Sunday, October 25th. Come early so you can get a good spot to set up your "trunk" and be creative, prizes will be awarded to the best decorated!



Prizes will also be given for best kids' costume! Be sure to tell all your friends and family to come out and join our church for this fun event. If you have any questions, just ask one of the ladies from our Luta Tebault Circle! Be there or be square!

Christmas Play Practice

Christmas play rehearsals begin Sunday, October 18th from 6-7 p.m. The title of this year's play is "Legacy of Love." Kids come out and practice for the season festivity with upbeat songs and a wonderful story! Contact Debbie Keller for more information.



Luta Tebault Circle News

Our August meeting was held at Jennifer Williams' home. She served us our annual dinner for our election of officers and business meeting (outstanding as usual!). Our new officers are President-Ashley Boyett, Vice President-Jennifer Williams, Treasurer-LaVerne Bennis, Secretary-Andrea Daniels, Devotional-Sylvia Cliver, Card Committee-Stephanie Gwaltney, Program-Jena Brunson, Prayer Calendar-Jessie Williams, and Sunshine Committee-Everyone.

Our September meeting was held at church on September 8th in conjunction with the Deacon Dinner. We sponsored the school supplies collection through September 13 for Moyock and Creeds Elementary with delivery by Stephanie Gwaltney. We will also be sponsoring Trunk or Treat in October. We planned the menu for the October Ruritan Dinner.

WMU Luncheon October 18th

A WMU luncheon will take place October 18th immediately following the 11 a.m. service. Ladies of the circles and those wishing to join are invited. Please bring a finger food or a dessert to share during fellowship.

Featured Sunday School Class Life Matters Young Adult Discussion Group

Wanting to discuss everyday issues and how God can help? If so then the Life Matters Young Adult Class is for you! This class started about three years ago when a few of our young adults saw a need to reach their generation. Every Sunday morning about eight 20 and 30 year olds find a comfortable spot on one of the couches and start talking about family, careers, relationships and how to keep God the focus. Hollie and Jeremy Schratwieser and Jen Riddle are leaders, their class studies Lifeway's Life Matters, a devotional series that encourages Christian living. Anyone can join this class Sunday mornings and jump right into a great discussion. Justin Creamer says he likes the class because "it touches on issues we all deal with on a regular basis." This group isn't just for Sunday mornings; they go to concerts, movie nights and roller skating together. They have had awesome Bible studies with Wesley Baum and this winter, Hollie and Jeremy are planning on hosting a "Love Dare Challenge" where young adults can strengthen their relationships and love through God. This is a great class with a friendly, relaxing atmosphere where you can learn and grow in God together.





Join Us!

SUNDAYS:

Contemporary Service ~ 8:45 a.m.

Sunday School ~ 10 a.m.

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

TUESDAYS:

Choir Practice ~ 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAYS:

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

Praise Team Practice ~ 7:30 p.m.



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