



*There have been good times...
there have been sad times*

It was with a heavy heart that we said good-bye to Pastor Greg and his family on August 17. After celebrating 10 years as BBC's minister the Hammers said they felt God leading them in a new direction. The announcement two weeks earlier, took everyone by surprise, and on this day tears flowed freely as nearly everyone in the building answered the Invitation Call, walking the aisle for a final moment and a heartfelt hug with our beloved pastor. We will miss him terribly, but cherish the thought that he is answering God's call to spread His Message to others beyond our doors. May God bless the Hammers wherever He leads them.

2014-2015 CHURCH OFFICERS/STAFF

We all knew the Annual Business Meeting would be a long one and it was almost 9:30pm before the final prayer of dismissal. Emotions ran high as the congregation began planning for a new year in transition... a new year with new officers and staff, and an unanticipated new pulpit committee. Jeremy Schratwieser moderated the meeting and did a great job of keeping the meeting moving and on point. The result of this meeting is as follows:

USHERS/GREETERS: Nancy Daniels, Terry Davis, Don Arth, Pat Riddick, Cecil Shirley, Austin Savage, Dick Keller, Randolph Whitehurst

OFFICERS: Phyllis Arth (Clerk); Nina Ambrose (Treasurer); Jeremy Schratwieser (Deacon Chairman)

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Superintendent – _____

Teachers:

- Beginners 3 (potty trained) – K – Andrea Daniels, Debbie Keller, Jeremy Schratwieser
- Primaries 1-6 – Doug Boyett, Hollie Schratwieser, Jennifer Riddle
- High School 7-12 – Adam Cary, Susan Creamer
- Life Matters – Hollie & Jeremy Schratwieser
- Outreach Discussion – _____
- Joyful Adults – Curtis Shirley, Cecil Shirley
- Ladies Class – Gloria Biemesderfer

MINISTRY

- Lord's Supper – Cecil & Sue Shirley
- Worship Flowers – Alice Savage
- Flowers – Leslie Saunders
- Cards – Sue Shirley
- Reservations Committee: Gloria Biemesderfer, Lettie Dozier, Leslie Saunders
- Kitchen Supply: Gloria Biemesderfer, Leslie Saunders

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

- Youth Director – Susan Highsmith
- Nursery Coordinator – Kelly Cary
- Nursery Volunteers – Debby Bradshaw, Brooklyn Cortazzo, Terry Davis
- VBS Director – Ashley Boyett
- Mission Friends – Debbie Keller, Kelli Whalen, Andrea Daniels, Debby Bradshaw
- Mission Friends Helpers – Paige Riddle, Christen Davis Eliza Davis, Brooklyn Cortazzo
- Kids Church – Susan Highsmith, Hollie Schratwieser, Jennifer Riddle

MUSIC MINISTRY

- Music Director - Hollie Schratwieser
- Pianists: Sylvia Cliver, Linda Jordan
- Choir Director – Linda Jordan
- Praise & Worship Leader – Hollie Schratwieser
- Congregational Song Leaders: Debby Bradshaw, Cheryl Shirley
- Children's Bell Choir – Linda Jordan

MISSIONS

- WMU Director – Linda Jordan
- GAs – Ashley Boyett, Sarah Whitson, Kelli
- Acteens – Ashley Boyett, Sarah Whitson, Kelli
- RAs – Doug Boyett, Jeremy Schratwieser

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

- Pat Riddick (Chairman/Treasurer), Adam Cary, Cecil Shirley, Curtis Shirley

MAINTENANCE/GROUNDS COMMITTEE

- Don Arth, Adam Cary, Justin Creamer, Kerry Kennedy, Austin Savage, Cecil Shirley, Cheryl Shirley, Curtis Shirley

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

- LaVerne Benns, Kerry Kennedy

CEMETERY COMMITTEE

Chairman – Pat Riddick
Treasurer – Susan Kovacs
Members – Justin Creamer, Austin Savage, Cheryl Shirley

NEWSLETTERS/WEBSITE - Linda Jordan

BULLETINS – Stephanie Highsmith

AUDIT COMMITTEE – Susan Creamer, Don Arth

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE – Lettie Dozier, La Verne Bennis, Adam Cary

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM – Debbie Keller

AUDIO VISUAL TEAM – Adam Cary, Doug Boyett, Kerry Kennedy

FUNERAL COMMITTEE – Nancy Daniels (Chairman), Pat Ball, Phyllis Arth, Debby Bradshaw, Doris McClain, Pat Washington, Cheryl Shirley

BY-LAWS COMMITTEE – Susan Creamer, Curtis Shirley,

Welcome **BACK TO CHURCH**
SUNDAY SEPT. 21

WMU/Women on Missions NEWS

We are excited to see our BBC women of all ages coming together to influence the world for Christ. A recent WMU Council meeting met to make plans for the upcoming year and we're up for the challenge!

We welcome the Crochet Club, which became a Women On Mission Affinity Group (Interest or hobby driven) last year. The Crochet Club focuses its mission efforts to creating items for cancer patients, hospitals, nursing homes and other such causes. We'd love to see more Affinity groups develop, such as a young mothers group or sports or exercise group. Lifestyle groups are encouraged.

The Ruth Walden Circle and Luta Tebault Circles have continued to quietly minister and support our local community, domestic and foreign missions as well as sponsor various events within BBC to raise awareness



and funding for missions. The Centennial Circle is now gearing up for reactivation.

In addition we're thrilled to see Girls In Action (GAs) and Acteens reactivating as well. GAs is for girls in grades 1-6 and Acteens is for girls in grades 7-12. The first meeting for GAs is September 14 at 2:00pm. The first meeting for Acteens is September 14 at 6:00pm. A big thank you to Ashley, Sarah, and Kelli, for taking on the leadership roles to motivate young ladies to a missions-minded life-style!

Royal Ambassadors (RAs) is beginning for boys and will be led by Doug and Jeremy. Their first meeting is September 14 at 2:00pm. We can't wait to see how this group grows into something big!

Pray for all our groups and leaders as they pursue missions and fulfilling the Great Commission.



MUSICAL NOTES

BBC's non-traditional choir became the Joyful Noise Choir last summer when they began meeting again on Wednesdays (6:30-7:15pm). They don't march out in robes each Sunday, but during the Greetings do make their way to the choir loft, and sing classic hymn music specials during the worship service. The choir meets in the choir room right before Sunday worship service begins, so if you miss Wednesday practice you can still participate! We'd love to have more joyful noise members! If you have a favorite hymn you'd like to hear please let us know!

Behind the name: Often when members of the congregation are asked to join they'd say 'I can't sing, but I can make a joyful noise.' Well, that means that the choir loft should be full because there's no excuse anymore!

ALCOHOLICS VICTORIOUS

FREE YOURSELF!!!! If you or a family member is interested in recovery from the mental, physical, and spiritual effects of alcoholism and addiction please join us Saturday mornings at 9:30am. For more information email av@blackwaterbaptist.com

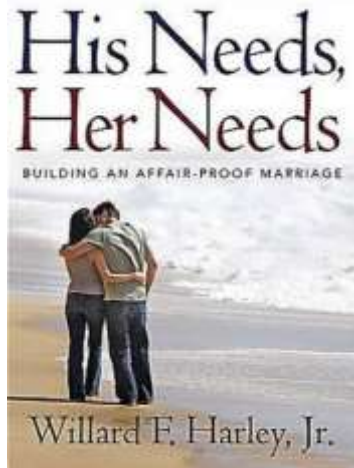


COUPLES MARRIAGE BIBLE STUDY

Beginning September 5 at 7pm this study will meet every other Friday for six sessions. Student books are \$8 each and can be purchased from Lifeway. Contact Hollie @ 252-339-4955 for more information.

For more than 25 years, the book **His Needs, Her Needs** has been transforming marriages around the world. This Bible study is designed for couples' retreats, pre-marital counseling sessions, or by individual couples.

Willard F. Harley, Jr. and his wife, Joyce, explain the concept of a Love Bank and teach couples to meet each other's needs for affection, sex, intimate conversation, companionship, and more.



WELCOME TO THE FAMILY

BAPTISM

Following through
with your Faith



A recent Baptism service brought the following new church members into the BBC Family of God:

Grace Schratwieser
David Knepper
Penny Knepper
Lynn Ball
Bobby Ball

Continue to encourage and pray for each of them as they develop a closer relationship to God.

Acts 2:47

Praising God, and having favour with all the people. And the Lord added to the church daily such as should be saved.



A Big Thanks to everyone who served at BBC in any capacity during the past year. No job is too small and none are so great that we are not all equal. The church is not a building or how much money is in the coffers; it is the people. As in any family there will be differences to overcome, but always, in the end, we come together

with caring and love and compassion, continuing in the Holy Name of Jesus to do His work.

From the July 13 sermon by Pastor Greg, titled "*God's Idea For Church - Part 2.*" Here's what we'd get from the Bible if we want to know what the church is about.

The One Another List:

1. To serve one another
2. To accept one another
3. To strengthen one another
4. To help one another
5. To encourage one another
6. To care for one another
7. To forgive one another
8. To submit to one another
9. To commit to one another
10. To build trust with one another
11. To be devoted to one another
12. To be patient with one another
13. To be interested in one another
14. To be accountable to one another
15. Confess with one another
16. Live at harmony with one another
17. Do not be conceded or arrogant with one another
18. Do not slander one another
19. Instruct one another
20. Greet one another
21. Caution one another
22. Spur towards loving each other
23. Good deeds for each other
24. That we would agree with one another
25. Be concerned for one another
26. Be humble towards one another
27. Be compassionate to each other
28. Do not be consumed with one another
29. Do not be angry with one another
30. Do not lie to one another
31. Do not grumble about each other
32. Do not give preference to one another
33. Be at peace with one another
34. Sing to one another (sing together)
35. Comfort one another
36. Be kind to one another
37. Live in peace with one another
38. Carry each other's burden
39. Listen to one another
40. Love one another.

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<i>1</i>	<i>2</i>	<i>3</i> 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM Joyful Noise Choir	<i>4</i>	<i>5</i> 7:00 PM Couples Marriage Bible Study His Needs; Her Needs	<i>6</i> 9:30 AM ; Alcoholics Victorious
<i>7</i> 11:20 AM Mission Friends/Kids Church Communion Sunday	<i>8</i> 6:30 PM Deacon Dinner (Given by Luta Tebault Circle. They will have their Sept mtg at this time).	<i>9</i> 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Crochet Club	<i>10</i> 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM Joyful Noise Choir	<i>11</i> The Bridge Fall Leadership Training Great Bridge Bapti- st Church 6pm Supper (\$5) 6:45 Vision Cast- ing: Be The Church. Followed by break-out sessi- ons. Dismissal @ 9pm	<i>12</i>	<i>13</i> 9:30 AM ; Alcoholics Victorious
<i>14</i> 11:20 AM Mission Friends/Kids Church 2:00 PM GAs 2:00 PM RAs 6:00 PM Acteens <i>School Supplies due!</i>	<i>15</i>	<i>16</i> 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Crochet Club	<i>17</i> 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM Joyful Noise Choir	<i>18</i>	<i>19</i> 7:00 PM Couples Marriage Bible Study His Needs; Her Needs	<i>20</i> 9:30 AM ; Alcoholics Victorious
<i>21</i> 11:20 AM Mission Friends/Kids Church <i>Moms In Prayer International Vision Virginia State Missions Day</i>	<i>22</i>	<i>23</i> 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Crochet Club	<i>24</i> 6:30 PM - 7:15 PM Joyful Noise Choir	<i>25</i>	<i>26</i>	<i>27</i> 9:30 AM ; Alcoholics Victorious
<i>28</i> 11:20 AM Mission Friends/Kids Church 2:00 PM GAs 2:00 PM RAs 6:00 PM Acteens	<i>29</i>	<i>30</i> 12:00 PM Ruth Walden Circle 6:30 PM - 8:00 PM Crochet Club				