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First Things First

We bought a small, two-drawer night stand for the girls' room this week. It was in a box, unassembled, with the letters A through I labeled on each piece. The screws, furniture latches and handles were separated in bags. The instruction manual indicated two screwdrivers and a hammer would be needed to assemble it.

I unpacked everything in the box, organized the pieces, and opened the manual to Step 1. Someone, somewhere had chosen which pieces would fit together in what order, which screws were to be used where, exactly where the small nails were to be driven in. Eight steps later, we had a completed nightstand that looked just like the one in the picture on the box. All I had to do was patiently follow the instructions in the order they were written by doing **first things first**.

Jesus introduced several instructions with the word, "first." The Greek word is **protos** and it means first in both order and priority. He was telling his audience and all of His followers, including you and me, to make sure these things were done before we tried to do anything else.

Join us for the next few messages as we read His instruction manual for fully devoted followers. These are the first steps in assembling a heart like His.

Dr. Lynn Hardaway

Church Picnic

Rain or Shine!! The church picnic will be Sunday, September 13, at Munden Point Park. We will meet right after church at Shelter #4. Chicken and drinks will be provided. Please sign up **no later than Sept. 6** so we will know how many folks are attending. Bring your favorite side or dessert and lawn chairs. Please see Terry Davis for additional information.



Pastor Search Progress

Continue to pray daily for the Pastor Search Committee. They have narrowed the applicants down to three.

Mission Work for Eastern Shore Migrant Workers



Assembling book bags for the migrant Head Start kids

All of the supplies collected by our church for the Eastern Shore migrant workers were delivered on August 10th to The Bridge Church and Community Missionary for the Eastern Shore, Marris Sanchez. On August 12th, Hollie, Jeremy and Grace went to work with a few volunteers from neighboring, Oak Grove Baptist Church, who delivered the supplies and organized the annual week long mission trip. They visited several of the migrant camps on the Eastern Shore, where the supplies get dispersed.



They worked with the migrant head start children by reading bible stories with the children, singing and making crafts to go along with the bible stories. Backpacks were purchased and filled with supplies and stuffed animals for the

children. They received these on the last day, Friday. They also went to church with Sister Roxanne in Cape Charles and experienced a worshipful service with her congregation. Eighty-Seven year old, Sister Roxanne has a wonderful story to share and spreads Jesus love as she works at the pharmacy daily to spread the good news. It was a blessing to serve for Jesus as they shared his love with both little ones and adults alike on the Eastern Shore.



The **Joyful Noise Choir** will perform during worship services on the 1st & 3rd Sundays beginning in September. Participants are asked to meet in the choir room on those Sundays at about 9:50 a.m. beginning Sept 6 to go over the music special prior to Worship.

Beginners Sunday School Class



These little sweethearts ages 3-K, really enjoy their lessons in Sunday School class each Sunday. Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers who lead their class! *Proverbs 22:6 Train up a child in the way he should go, even when he is old he will not depart from it.*

Blood Drive SUCCESS!!

Leslie's leadership and dedication along with a host of wonderful volunteers was a recipe for success for the blood drive held on August 10. It was a record setting event with a total of 47 pints of blood donated. We exceeded the goal set of 42 pints as well as exceeding prior donation totals. Thank you to everyone who helped or donated.



Just a few of the volunteers! More pictures are located at <http://www.blackwaterbaptist.org/blood-drive.html>

Nursery Workers NEEDED!!

We could use a couple more volunteers in the nursery. Please consider spending an hour once every four or five weeks in the nursery during Sunday School or Worship service. PLEASE contact Kelly Cary TODAY to sign up! You too can help make a positive impact in their lives!

****Weekly Bulletin Information is due to Stephanie by 10 am each Friday.**

Ruth Walden Circle

The Ruth Walden Circle met on August 25th at the Lucky Oyster and elected their new officers.

Phyllis Arth – President
Pat Washington – Vice President, Program & Prayer Calendar
Mary Cardwell – Secretary/Treasurer & Card Committee
Diane Horsley – Community Missions

The members donated to the LCPL Cody Childers Memorial fund and the migrant health kits. They send cards to people in need of prayer, deaths, sickness and thinking of you.

Their September meeting will be on the 29th, 12 pm at Angie's Restaurant.

Please see Phyllis Arth if you are interested in joining the circle or for more information.

Luta Tebault Circle

They had their August meeting at Sandy Lugar's house with fun in the pool and good eats. They elected their officers for the 2015-2016 year.

Their next meeting is September 21 at the church.

This year's Fall Festival and Trunk or treat will be held on Saturday, October 24. They are hoping to have help from the entire church this year to make this event a huge success. They would like for every Adult Sunday School class to come up with and man an activity, game or craft during the festival. Once you decide on what your class will be doing, or if you would just like to volunteer, please contact the president, Ashley Boyett or any other Luta Tebault member. Watch the Sunday bulletins for the date of the festival planning meeting **ALL** volunteers are welcome!

Crochet Club



Sue is always busy working on hats. The Crochet Club has been asked by the Blackwater Rescue Squad to crochet around fleece blankets to be used in the day room at the new fire department. Linda was first to get started on her blanket.



Club members are working on having blankets finished before the grand opening on September 12.

Acteens, RAs & Gas – Youth Programs

Girls in Action (GA) is a mission discipleship organization for girls in grades 1 through 6. Through GA, girls learn about, pray for, give to, and do missions work. They also make new friends and have lots of fun! Our GA meet bi-weekly on Sundays at 2pm for 1-1/2 hours. During this time we have bible study, learn about missionaries, work on earning badges, do crafts, and have fun! If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact our leaders, Ashley Boyett or Kelli Whalen at akovacs98@hotmail.com.

Royal Ambassadors (RAs) is a Bible-centered, church-based, Southern Baptist mission education organization for boys in grades 1-6. Our RAs meets bi-weekly on Sundays at 2pm for 1-1/2 hours. During this time we have bible study, learn about missionaries, work on earning badges, play games, and have fun! If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact our leaders, Doug Boyett or Jeremy Schratwieser at dboyett8@hotmail.com.

Acteens is a mission organization for girls ages 12–17 or in grades 7–12. Through Acteens, teenage girls have opportunities to grow in their relationships with God and their peers. Acteens learn to look beyond themselves and become actively involved in missions and ministry. Our Acteens meet bi-weekly on Sundays right after church for 1-1/2 hours. During this time we have bible study which we apply to everyday life and learn about missionaries. If you have any questions or would like to join, please contact our leaders, Ashley Boyett or Kelli Whalen at akovacs98@hotmail.com.

Watch the weekly church bulletin for upcoming youth events and meetings.

Ocean Breeze Youth Event



We had over 42 youth of all ages join us at Ocean Breeze Waterpark. It was a beautiful day at the park and everyone had a blast! Thank you to all who participated.

Condolences

We extend our greatest sympathy and prayers to Danny Jordan for the loss of his step-mom, Betty Jordan.



If you or a family member is interested in recovery from the mental, physical and spiritual effects of alcoholism and addiction, please join us on the last Saturday of each month at 9:30 a.m. For more information email: BBCVB@cox.net.

Upcoming Events:

Always subject to change, please refer to the weekly bulletin for any updates.

- 9/13 – Church Picnic
- 10/24 - Fall Festival/Trunk or Treat
- 11/15 – Business Meeting

2015-2016 CHURCH OFFICERS/STAFF

CHURCH CLERK: Phyllis Arth

CHURCH TREASURER: Nina Ambrose

AUDIT COMMITTEE: Susan Creamer, Don Arth, Pat Washington

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Director: Curtis Shirley

Secretary: Jennifer Riddle

Teachers:

Beginners (*potty-trained 3 - K*): Andrea Daniels, Jennifer Riddle, Debbie Keller, Pat Washington

Primaries (*1-6*): Hollie Schratwieser, Jeremy Schratwieser, Adam Cary, Jennifer Riddle

High School (*7-12*): Adam Cary, Susan Creamer

Life Matters: Hollie & Jeremy Schratwieser

Outreach Discussion: Bobby Ball, Lynn Ball, Linda Jordan

Joyful Adults: Curtis Shirley, Cecil Shirley, Nina Ambrose

Ladies Class: Sue Shirley

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Youth Director: Doug Boyett, Ashley Boyett

Nursery Coordinator: Kelly Cary

Nursery Volunteers: Terry Davis, Christen Davis, Ashley Boyett, Brooklyn Cortazzo, Debby Bradshaw,

VBS Director: Ashley Boyett

Mission Friends: Andrea Daniels, Debby Bradshaw, Kelli Whalen, Debbie Keller

Mission Friends Helpers: Paige Riddle, Christen Davis, Eliza Davis, Brooklyn Cortazzo

Children's Church: Hollie Schratwieser, Jeremy Schratwieser, Adam Cary, Jennifer Riddle, Shane Riddle

WMU / CHURCH MISSIONS

WMU Director of Missions: Pat Washington

Gas: Ashley Boyett, Kelli Whalen

Acteens: Ashley Boyett, Kelli Whalen

RAs: Doug Boyett, Jeremy Schratwieser

MUSIC MINISTRY

Music Director: Hollie Schratwieser

Pianists: Sylvia Cliver, Linda Jordan

Choir Director: Linda Jordan

Congregational Song Leader: Debby Bradshaw

BUILDING FUND COMMITTEE

Chairman / Treasurer – Pat Riddick

Members: Adam Cary, Cecil Shirley, Curtis Shirley, Cheryl Shirley

Maintenance/Grounds: Don Arth, Adam Cary, Justin Creamer, Cecil Shirley, Cheryl Shirley, Curtis Shirley, Kerry Kennedy

Flower Beds: Curtis Shirley, Cheryl Shirley, Jeremy Schratwieser

FLORAL COMMITTEE

Worship Flowers: Alice Savage

Flowers: Lynn Ball

Cards: Sue Shirley

USHERS: Don Arth, Pat Riddick, Cecil Shirley, Dick Keller, Austin Savage, Randolph Whitehurst

Greeters: Nancy Daniels, Terry Davis,

CEMETERY COMMITTEE: Pat Riddick (Chairman), Susan Kovacs (Treasurer), Austin Savage, Cheryl Shirley, Justin Creamer, Stephanie Highsmith

RESERVATIONS COMMITTEE: Nancy Daniels, Lettie Dozier

BENEVOLENCE COMMITTEE: Adam Cary, Jeremy Schratwieser, Nancy Daniels

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

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE: LaVerne Bennis, Terry Davis, Kerry Kennedy

AUDIO VISUAL TEAM: Adam Cary, Hollie Schratwieser, Kerry Kennedy

BULLETINS/Welcome Packets: Stephanie Highsmith

CHRISTMAS PROGRAM: Debbie Keller

EASTER EGG HUNT: Debbie Keller

KITCHEN SUPPLY: Jennifer Riddle, Pat Ball

LIBRARIAN: Stephanie Highsmith

LORD'S SUPPER: Cecil & Sue Shirley

NEWSLETTERS: Lynn Ball

WEBSITE: Linda Jordan