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A LONG, LONG NIGHT

It was Saturday night; everyone in the house was asleep but me. My mind was filled with anxiety over the Monday deadline for selling the last few bonds for our church's drive to purchase property and buildings that would secure our future. We needed \$3000 of bonds to be sold by Monday or the whole deal would fall through. Our people had sacrificed, invested, convinced friends and family to buy our bonds; we had run out of possibilities (or so I thought) and I would have to tell the church all of our work was for nothing.

I stretched out my arms, looked up to heaven and let God know the weight of this failure felt like it would kill me. I complained, bitterly, about being brought so close to success only to experience painful, humiliating defeat. Like the walls of Jericho, my obstacle seemed impenetrable, undefeatable, unyielding.

At some point in that long night of sleepless tossing, the Father assured me He had a solution. Between Sunday School and the worship service the next morning, two men approached me and said they would like to purchase the last of the bonds! The property was acquired, the future of the church was secured and today that congregation is thriving. But, for that one terrible night, all indications were that none of it would happen.

As we look at Joshua and his interview with the Commander in Chief, remember God's formula: He bring us to impossible situations to show us what He can do!

Dr. Lynn Hardaway

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



The total offering for 2016:
\$ 1207.00

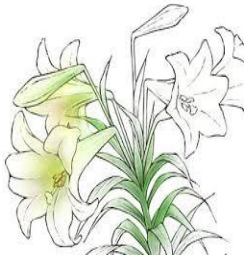
Foster Child Luggage Drive



Most foster children carry their belongings from place to place in trash bags. We can help fix this problem. As a part of a Network of 95 churches, we will all be collecting new or gently used luggage to be distributed through various foster agencies to the children in Hampton Roads and on the Eastern Shore. These bags will be collected at the Bridge Network of Churches Spring Meeting on April 19.

The goal is to collect 500 sports/duffel bags, backpacks and small to medium sized luggage. Gently used pieces need to be clean and in good shape. 50 of these 500 pieces of luggage will go to agencies on the Eastern Shore and the remaining 450 pieces will go to agencies in the Norfolk area.

Remember to bring new or clean, gently used back packs, duffel/sports bags or small to medium sized luggage and place in the back hall no later than Sunday, April 17 in time to be taken to the Spring Meeting and then given to foster children.



Easter Lilies

**Lilies were placed in church
Easter Sunday in support of
the Annie Armstrong
Offering for Home Missions.**

In Memory Of:

Our Parents, by Sue & Cecil Shirley

His Parents, Olion & Annie Mae Frost, by Roy & Chrystal Frost

Her Parents, Tollef & Ottelene Ward, by Roy & Chrystal Frost

Thomas C Daniels, by Nancy Daniels

Pete Dozier, by Lettie Dozier

Kathy Cary, by Penny Knepper

Her Parents, Horace & Clarabelle Shirley, by Pat & Adabelle Riddick

His Parents, Buster & Marian Riddick, by Pat & Adabelle Riddick

Arlene Lewis, by Charles Lewis & Jenny Lewis

Gloria Whitehurst, by Ruth Walden Circle

His Parents, Jack & Virginia Savage, by Austin & Alice Savage

Her Parents, Don & Opal Hill, by Austin & Alice Savage

His Parents, Horace & Clarabelle Shirley, by Cheryl & Curtis Shirley

Her Parents, Archie & Ella Silverthorne, by Cheryl & Curtis Shirley

In Honor Of:

Her Children, by Nancy Daniels

Her Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren, by Nancy Daniels

Roy Jr. (Jack) & Janet Frost, by Roy & Chrystal Frost

Our Grandsons, Levi, Jacob, & David, by Roy & Chrystal Frost

Donna & Robert Hughes, by Roy & Chrystal Frost

Her Daughter, Hollie Schratwieser, by Susan Kovacs

Her Daughter, Lisa Nolette, by Susan Kovacs

Her Mother, Stephanie Gwaltney, by John & Samantha Savage

His Mother, Alice Savage, by John & Samantha Savage

Easter Egg Hunt

Debbie would like to thank everyone that helped with the egg hunt and for the donations that were given. It was a beautiful day and a great time was had by all.

Prize Winners:

Ages 4 and under:

Golden Egg: Tripp Boyett

Most Eggs: Lorelie Guinazzo

Ages 5 - 8:

Golden Egg: Eli Schratwieser

Most Eggs: Bailen

Ages 9-12:

Golden Egg: Jake Barbee

Most Eggs: Wyatt Schratwieser

Registration Winners:

Jada Vance and Luch Kovacs



Winter Jam



Youth trip to Winter Jam. They enjoyed an awesome night of testimonies and Christian music from 11 different bands.

Church Maintenance Work Day

On April 3rd there will be a maintenance committee meeting after church. Anyone who would like to help is welcome to attend.

We will be meeting on Saturday, April 9th at 9 AM for a Church Cleanup Day. Roll up your sleeves for a day of removing clutter, cleaning windows, scrubbing walls, etc. Any questions please call Craig at 777-6434.



TEACHING OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

The following classes need volunteers to teach one Sunday a month:

- Primaries (school grades 1 thru 6)
- High School (grades 7 thru 12)
- Children's Church, during Worship (grades 1 thru 5)

Please see Curtis Shirley or Pastor Lynn if you are interested.

Crochet Club



The Crochet Club hopes you are enjoying the lap blankets scattered throughout the sanctuary to help keep you warm.

The two new "covered with love" projects are

well under way.

The club is pleased that two of our absent members have been able to start attending the meetings again.

Don't forget you are welcome participate in their ongoing lap blanket or hat donations for cancer patients and the homeless. They always appreciate donations if you have time to make them.

Please come out and join them on Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8 pm in the ladies Sunday School class room.

Ruth Walden Circle

Please see Phyllis Arth for information if you would like to become a part of Ruth Walden Circle.

Luta Tebault Circle

Please see Andrea Daniels for information on participating.

GAs, RAs & Acteens

Spaghetti Dinner

The Acteens and GAs will be hosting a spaghetti dinner on **Saturday, April 23rd, from 5-7:30 p.m.** They will be selling tickets ahead of time, please see any member for more information. Donations will be \$7 per meal and all proceeds will support missionaries Ashley and William Freeman.



A BIG thank you to the RAs and GAs who raised \$371.75 for Blankets for the Homeless in the Punt, Pass and Kick Challenge.

Vacation Bible School

Mark your calendars for this year's VBS, **June 27–July 1**. Our theme this year is Surf Shack, Catch the Wave of God's Amazing Love. Keep posted for more updates!



Remember that the Lord is great and awesome! — Nehemiah 4:34b

Ocean Breeze



Mark your calendars for another fun-filled day at Ocean Breeze Waterpark, Sunday, August 7. Tickets this year will be \$18.69. There is a sign-up sheet in the back hallway. We can add additional people right on up to August 7! For more information see Ashley Boyett.



If you or a family member are interested in recovery from the mental, physical and spiritual effects of alcoholism and addiction, please contact us at this email: BBCVB@cox.net for more information.

There will be an AV meeting on Saturday, April 30 at 9:30 a.m.

REMINDERS

- **Save your Labels for Education box tops!** A small collection box is on the hall table for donations of Campbell's barcodes, box tops for education and Farm Fresh receipts.
- **Canned goods collection** is ongoing. The canned goods are donated to local families in need. The box is in the hall under the table.
- **Crisis Pregnancy Center** ongoing donations.



Did you know that it's easy to add an event to the church calendar? Visit: www.blackwaterbaptist.org/calendar.html and scroll to the bottom of the page. Click the Add Event button lower left and simply add your information. Fill in the blanks and add a description for your readers. Then set the day and time or chose All Day Event. Category is optional.

Upcoming Events:

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

- 4/3 - Maintenance Committee Meeting
- 4/9 - Church Clean Up Day
- 4/10 - Youth Tides Game
- 4/23 - Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser
- 6/27-7/1 – Vacation Bible School
- 8/7 - Ocean Breeze Water Park Outing



If you would like to place flowers on the altar, please sign up on the altar flowers calendar on the bulletin board in the back hall.

William & Ashley Freeman, missionaries to Myanmar



In December, Ashley started learning her second language, the heart language of our people, Rakhine. The main person that has been helping her is Phue Pway. Ashley has been able to share the Good

News with Phue multiple times...please pray that God will convict her of her sin & need to believe in Him.

One of the Christmas parties they had. You have seen the nun (shaved head lady) in several of their newsletters. They have spent a lot of time with



her the last 4 months and have both learned a lot about Buddhism from her. Through visiting her regularly at

the Rakhine monastery, they have met many more Rakhine people that they have been able to share with, such as the people below. Please pray for Ashley and William to be bold in each and every one of their encounters and conversations. Pray that they will speak clearly and communicate the Gospel understandably.

