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The Home God Wants for His Presence

It was perhaps the greatest opportunity ever; God told Moses he wanted to come to his people and dwell right in the middle of their camp. He did not want to live on the outskirts or in the suburbs, but in the center of where they were living.

What preparations would a people need to make for God to live in their midst? Would it be like getting ready for weekend guests or someone special coming to dinner? We feel compelled to make sure our home looks as good as possible; we want to make a good impression and we want our guests to feel welcome.

God anticipated the question and told Moses what needed to be in place for his coming. First, **he wanted to be close to them**, but there was the problem of sin that created a breach between them. So, God provided Moses with instructions about the practice of sacrificing; offering a covering for the people's sins before a Holy God. Sin is serious stuff, not to be taken lightly, and the sacrifice of unblemished animals was necessary to give the people a visual reminder of its consequences.

Second, **he wanted to stay close to them**. Moses was given the blueprints for the building of the Tabernacle. It's a big word for "tent;" a portable

place of worship. God wanted to camp out right in the middle of where they were camping. He wanted to be close to his people.

He also wanted them to be close to each other, so he declared a third thing to get ready for His presence; He gave them Ten Commandments concerning relationships. The first four commandments focus on how we are to demonstrate our love to God. The last six have to do with how to show love to other people. God's desire was for people to come to know Him by seeing these relationships of love.

Our shared vision at Blackwater is, "More people following Jesus together **in His love**."

Jesus emphasized loving each other in John 13:34: "A new commandment I give to you, that you love one another. . . By this all men will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another."

God gave the Israelites guidelines so that, when they sought to live by them, other nations would see them as different and know that they were God's people. God gave us Jesus so that, when we live like him, others will know we are his people and will be drawn to experience the life we share together. This is another "greatest opportunity ever;" this one is for us!

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lynn".

Intercessory Prayer List

Harold Bigelow	Beverly Lopes
Judy Burns	Loved One - cancer
Nancy Butler	Bubba Marrow
Myra Creekmore	Marty & Etta Mae Pitts
Lettie Dozier	Shane Riddle
Kevin Gowen	Kaylee Rios
Gary Gregory	Dr. Sani
Brenda Gwaltney	Rick Setzer
William Gwaltney	Mert Whitehurst
Mike Howell	Barbra Williams
Marie Hughes	Kaisey Williams
Melinda Johnson	Kayla Williams *
Penny Knepper	Pam Williams
Gary Lam	

We Mourn the Loss

Ethel Jones – April 4
Jean Siebert – April 21
Forrest Bishop – May 19
Sandra Baum – June 10

Condolences to

Violet Ostrander who lost her husband, Fred Ostrander on August 2
Gary & Nancy Jones who lost his brother, Chris Jones on August 12
Don & Phyllis Arth who lost his mother, Audrey Arth on August 15
Earl Cahoon who lost his wife, Bernice Cahoon on August 23

New BBC Members



Lynne Dozier	Lily Leon
Randy Dozier	Peyton Ramberg
Tristan Guinazzo	Dylan Yawman
Christopher Harris	Jayden Yawman
Hartlee Harris	

Also baptized were Carol Williams & Jack Rowell.



CONGRATULATIONS to Alex & Megan Kovacs Jakimjuk on the birth of their daughter Olivia Rose. She was born September 26. She weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.

MENS RETREAT: On July 19-20 BBC men went on an overnight retreat to Goochland, hosted by Austin & Alice Savage. Pastor Lynn, Craig, Kevin, Jimmy, Curtis, Randy, Johnny, and Chris, attended the getaway. Prayer and study, good food and a time of Christian fellowship were enjoyed by all.

CHURCH DIRECTORIES: The photos are done and turned out great! A super big thank you to

Andrea Daniels for sharing her professional photography skills! We also wish to thank LaVerne Bennis and Sarah Whitson for providing lunch on Photo Saturdays and to Debbie Keller and Phyllis Arth for calling folks to set



up appointments. Once all the photos are processed and directory information evaluated the process of putting the new directories together will commence. Everyone who had their pictures taken will receive a photo directory.

ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING: At the August business meeting volunteers were voted into service for the September 2019 - August 2020 church year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL TEACHERS

Nursery (NB-3yo): Lauren Anderson
Beginners (3-5yo): Debbie Keller
Primaries (grades 1-3): Maureen Hardaway
Tweens (grades 4-7): Nina Ambrose
High School (grade 8-12): Becka Yawman, Samantha Savage
Life Matters (adults): Hollie Schratwieser
Joyful Adults (adults): Curtis Shirley, Craig Creamer
Sanctuary Class (adults): Lynn Hardaway, Craig Creamer

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Nursery Coordinator: Jennifer Riddle
Children's Church Director: Laurie Goodman
VBS Director: Ashley & Doug Boyett
Easter Egg Hunt Coordinator: Debbie Keller
Graduate Sunday Coordinator: (Youth Director)
Christmas Play Director: Debbie Keller

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS

Mission Friends Coordinator – Doug & Ashley Boyett
Mission Friends Teachers (ages 3-5) – Jessica Newton, Jena Brunson

GAs (grades 1-6) – Doug & Ashley Boyett

RAs (grades 1-6) – Doug & Ashley Boyett

OTHER

Audio Director – Rob Goodman

Benevolence Committee: Don Arth, Susan Creamer, Cheryl Shirley

Bulletin: Linda Jordan, Gail Slocum

Cards: Sue Shirley

Cemetery Committee: Pat Riddick, Cheryl Shirley, Austin Savage, Justin Creamer, Lynn Rowell

Financial Review Committee: Don Arth, Lynn Rowell, Lynne Dozier

Flowers (Alter): Alice Savage

Flowers (Sick/Bereaved): Pat Washington

Flower Bed Maintenance: Alice & Austin Savage

Funeral Reception: Pat Ball (chairman), Debbie Setzer, Cheryl Shirley

Greeters: Lynn Rowell, Phyllis Arth

Investments Committee: Pat Riddick, Don Arth, Chris Yawman

Kitchen Supplies: Stephanie Smith, Lynn Rowell

Land, Building, & Maintenance: Craig Creamer (chairman), Danny Jordan, Jacob Newton, Kevin Rowell, John Savage, Cheryl Shirley

Lord's Supper Preparation: Curtis & Cheryl Shirley

Messengers: Craig & Susan Creamer, Don & Phyllis Arth

Newsletter: Linda Jordan

Scholarships: LaVerne Benns, Terry Davis

Sunday School Secretary: Laurie Goodman

Reservations: Phyllis Arth

Ushers: Don Arth (chairman), John Savage, Jimmy Slocum, Danny Jordan, Kevin Rowell

Website: Linda Jordan

Welcome Packets: Lynn Rowell

Finance Committee member

at large: Lynn Rowell

Nominating Committee

member at large: Becca

Yawman

Beginning in October all business meetings will be bimonthly on 2nd Sundays instead of last Sundays. This will help avoid holiday

scheduling conflicts. The next meeting will be held on October 13 at 6:30pm. A fried chicken dinner precedes meetings at 6pm. All may attend but only members may vote.

SCHOLARSHIPS: Congratulations to recipients Andrea Daniels, Christen Davis, and Paige Riddle.

245th ANNIVERSARY PICNIC: BBC celebrated another historic milestone on September 15th. A lively worship service got the day off to a great start with music by Grammy-nominated singer/songwriter Mark Carman. After church everyone headed to the North West River Park in Chesapeake for lots of food, fun, and more music. Allen Krasnoff, the former mayor of Chesapeake, was our guest speaker.

A big thank you to Don Arth for organizing the festivities, to Phyllis Arth, Susan & Craig Creamer and Becca Yawman for serving our delicious food, highlighted with brisket and fried chicken, provided by Malbon's BBQ Catering. We also wish to thank Rob Goodman for setting up the sound system and are grateful to the ladies of the praise team who sang "Good, Good Father," and to everyone else who assisted in making this the great day it was. This will go down in the books as one of the best celebrations ever! *See more photos @* <http://www.blackwaterbaptist.org/245-anniversary.html>



MISSION ACTION



WORLD CHANGERS: In July BBC served meals for a group of 10 workers who were repairing homes in South Norfolk. Thank

you to Ashley Boyett, Terry Davis, Debbie Keller, Hollie Schratwieser, Lynn Ball, and Stephanie Smith for sharing God's love through your culinary talents!

HYGIENE KITS: The Luta Tebault Circle would like to thank you for your hygiene kit donations. 15 bags were delivered to Union Mission.

EASTERN SHORES MINISTRY: In July toiletries, clothes and bed linens as well as children's books, school supplies and canned goods were collected for the Eastern Shore Migrant ministry, operated by the Bridge Network of Churches. Big thanks to Danny Jordan for making two deliveries of goods. And many thanks to all who contributed!



SCHOOL SUPPLIES: In August the Luta Tebault Circle collected school supplies. The supplies were delivered to Creeds Elementary School for children in need. The Circle would like to thank you for your kind generosity.

ICE CREAM SOCIAL: The Luta Tebault Circle sponsored one of our favorite events this year. The ice cream social was held on July 21 in memory of the Circle's namesake, Mrs. Luta Tebault. Turnout was awesome and everyone who came enjoyed loads of ice cream with plenty of sprinkles and sauces to go around.

GARA BANQUET DINNER: The Luta Tebault Circle held a dinner for 1st -5th grade GAs and RAs and their parents on Sunday, September 22 after church. Everyone had a wonderful time with 10 children in attendance. Remaining dinners were later distributed by Circle members to 10 local shut-ins.

MISSION FRIENDS: Mission Friends are off to a great start this year with Doug and Ashley Boyett leading the way! This lively class of 3-5 year olds meets each Sunday at 10:00am to learn about missionaries and how they share about Jesus.



who's your **ONE**?

This summer BBC is encouraging people to pray that God will bring someone to them so that they can share Jesus with that person. Guide books and prayer cards are still available in the foyer at church. It's never too late to start praying!

Upcoming

EVENTS

OCTOBER 6-27 - BACKPACKS FOR

APPALACHIA: We will begin collecting new backpacks filled with new items during October. Items include at least 1 from each category below:

- **Toys** | At least one “Wow!” item. | Small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, Slinky®, Frisbee®, card games, etc. Remember to include extra batteries for electronic items.
- **Personal Items** | Water bottle, lip balm, hairbrush, hair accessories, watch, compact mirror, etc.
- **Candy or Snacks** | Pop-top items, hard candy, lollipops, mints, gum. Do not include chocolate or anything with peanuts or peanut butter. Be sure to double bag all candy.
- **Clothing** | Winter clothing – hats, gloves, scarves, etc. – is always a good idea. Consider buying a size larger.
- **Spiritual** | Bible and age-appropriate books for children and teenagers.

Do not include: toys resembling weapons, items wrapped or taped to the bag, used items, homemade foods, glassware, melting candy (ex. chocolate), or battery-operated items without extra batteries.

Tie two pieces of ribbon/yarn to the zipper of the backpack to identify the contents by gender and age.

AGE:	GENDER:
• 2-3 purple	• BOYS blue
• 4-7 yellow	• GIRLS pink
• 8-10 green	
• 11-15 red	

OCTOBER 13-NOVEMBER 27 - CHRISTMAS

POINSETTIAS: Orders will be taken early this year. Flowers will be \$12 each and can be ordered to honor or in memory of loved ones. All proceeds will benefit the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for foreign missions.

OCTOBER 27 - FALL FESTIVAL & TRUNK OR

TREAT PARTY: The fabulous and eagerly awaited outdoor event will once again feature costume contests, a chili cook-off, cake walk, photo booth, and plenty of

games and fun for the kids. Inflatables will be available to add to the excitement! Watch the bulletin for details!

OCTOBER 29 - BLOOD DRIVE: The second blood drive of 2019 will be held in the church social hall on Tuesday, October 29 from 2-7pm. Andrea Daniels and Sarah Whitson will lead the charge to reach a goal of 35-40 pints. The first blood drive was held in 2012.

NOVEMBER 16 - RANDOLPH'S 1ST ANNUAL PANCAKE BREAKFAST: In honor of our beloved Randolph Whitehurst (who is always on point to remind us of upcoming events) it was unanimously voted to hold this new annual pancake breakfast in his honor. Randolph's first Pancake Breakfast will be served in the social hall on Saturday, November 16 at 9:00am. Financial donations will be accepted on behalf of Randolph's selected charity, the Special Olympics, of which he is an alumnus.



NOVEMBER 17 - NEW OAK GROVE BAPTIST CHURCH: Back on June 2 members of BBC visited the New Oak Grove Baptist Church. What a lively expression of praise and music it was! So you can expect a similar experience on Sunday, November 17 when the members of NOG come to visit us at 12 noon for a joint service of praise and worship.

For this one Sunday all of BBC's regular services will begin an hour later than usual with Sunday School at 10am and Worship at 11am

DECEMBER 1 - SPAGHETTI DINNER: Dinners will be \$8.00 with both dine-in and carry out options. Tickets will go on sale on November 3. This event is sponsored by the GAs and RAs to benefit the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.



DECEMBER 1-22 - LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING CHRISTMAS CARD DELIVERY:

Mail your Christmas cards at church, donating the regular price you'd pay at the post office. Cards will be delivered to folks who attend church on a regular basis. (Sorry, no outside delivery).



The next newsletter will be published in January.

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