

Blackwater Baptist Church

A YEAR IN REVIEW

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When Facing Fear in the New Year

King George VI, in his Royal Christmas Message of 1939, quoted the poet, Minnie Louise Haskins:

*"I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year,
'Give me a light that I may tread safely into the
unknown.' And he replied, 'Go out into the darkness
and put your hand into the hand of God. That shall be
to you better than light and safer than a known
way.'"*

This is great advice for entering a new year. God's words to Isaiah say it more directly:

*"Fear not, for I am with you; Be not dismayed, for I
am your God. I will strengthen you, Yes, I will help
you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand."*
(Isaiah 41:10, NKJV)

For each of us, two intimidating giants fill the landscape of the unknown events of 2020; *dread* ("fear not") and *discouragement* ("be not dismayed"). Like the Israelite soldiers gawking at Goliath, we can allow these two behemoth brothers to cause us to cower behind the rocks and refuse to wage warfare against them. Or, we can be like David and grab our sling and a few stones and topple the twins with the sure knowledge that they are defying the work of God in our lives.

Each day you feel fearful or discouraged, open your Bible to this passage and speak it out loud to your soul. The God Who is in you is far more powerful than the giants standing before you!

A Backward Glance

January

- The Adult Sanctuary Class began with a study on the book "Believe" by Randy Frazee. "The Story" followed next.
- WMU Sunday was January 13. Guest speakers were missionaries Bill & Ashley Freeman.
- Kevin Rowell was ordained as Deacon on January 27.
- Quarterly newsletters began being published.

February

- Bible Trivia Souper Bowl competition between Sunday School classes was held February 3. The Youth Sunday School class, led by Susan Creamer & Becka Yawman, took the trophy.
- The winter Blood Drive was held February 6 with 28 pints donated!
- Kids attended Winter Jam on February 24.
- GAs & RAs collected household products for a family in need for the "Help a Neighbor" project.
- We enjoyed guest speaker Pastor Gerald Klimczak.

March

- The choir loft wall was moved back to accommodate adding two more pews to the front of the church. Nice job, Craig!
- We enjoyed guest speakers Dr. Tim Robinson and Dr. Dwight Buchholz.

April

- GA & RA Spaghetti Fundraiser for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering
- Easter Musical was presented by the Joyful Noise Choir on April 14
- Easter Egg Hunt was held April 20.
- Sunrise Easter service was held April 21

- Sweet Sensations Silent Auction Bake Sale was held on April 21 to raise money for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering.
- BBC By-Laws were updated.
- We began praying daily for BBC and its leaders... *“Father, we are your people. We are the sheep of your pasture. We follow you. May we keep our hearts close to you; and God, may you do wonderful things among us.”*

May

- Baptism Service
- Bluegrass Gospel & BBQ was held May 11 with music by Fentress Station.
- BBC begins the “Who’s Your One?” prayer for unsaved project.
- We enjoyed guest speakers Rev. Jonathan Taylor & Dr. Tom Holt.

June

- On June 2 we attended a joint worship service at New Oak Grove Baptist Church
- Summer Blood Drive was held June 4
- Graduate Sunday was held June 9.
- Vacation Bible School was held on June 23-28 with theme, “To Mars and Beyond.”
- We enjoyed guest speakers Rev. Chris Blythe & Rev. Bryan Breland.

July

- Men’s Retreat was held July 19-20 with nine men attending the event hosted in Goochland by Austin Savage.
- We began taking photos for a new church directory.
- The Luta Tebault Circle held a church-wide ice cream social (A big hit with all ages)!
- BBC served means for workers in conjunction with World Changers. Thanks to Ashley, Terry, Debbie K., Hollie, Lynn B., & Stephanie!
- The Luta Tebault Circle sponsored & collected 15 hygiene kits for Union Mission.
- Supplies for Eastern Shore ministry were collected.
- We enjoyed guest speakers Pastor Rex D. Gilley & Dr. Robert Carpenter.

August

- A Baptism class was conducted by Dr. Hardaway on August 18 for baptism candidates.

- 11 people were baptized on Baptism Day, held August 25!
- School supplies were collected for Creeds Elementary School.
- We enjoyed guest speaker Josh Starr.

September

- The new church year began!
- 245th Anniversary Picnic held on September 15 at North West River Park with music by Mark Carmen and guest speaker Alan Krasnoff.
- The Luta Tebault Circle held a dinner for GAs and RAs and their parents on September 22.
- Youth workers background checks were done to provide extra security for our children’s safety.
- We enjoyed guest speaker Rev. Todd Holt.

October

- The best Fall Festival & Trunk or Treat we’ve ever held was on October 27.
- Fall Blood Drive was held October 29.
- We collected 12 backpacks for Appalachia.
- Plans begin for the possible hiring of a youth minister.
- We voted to change the business meetings to 2nd Sundays every other month.
- We enjoyed guest speaker Rev. Joe Newman.

November

- Randolph’s 1st Annual Pancake Breakfast was held November 16. \$1,000 was donated to Special Olympics.
- New Oak Grove Baptist Church visited BBC on November 17. Music was presented by a combined NOG/BBC choir with Hollie, Laurie, Linda & Don representing BBC.



- In lieu of a traditional evening Thanksgiving service BBC held a Thanksgiving Dinner after church on November 24. *(Photo credit: Linda Jordan)*



December

- Christmas card delivery was provided by the Luta Tebault Circle to raise money for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.
- GA/RA Spaghetti Dinner for Lottie Moon Christmas Offering was held December 7. Over \$700 was contributed.
- The annual children's Christmas play was presented on December 15. Thank you Debbie K for leading the charge!
- BBC members sang carols for residents of Currituck House Nursing Center in Moyock on December 18. *(Photo credit: Stephanie Smith)*



- Joyful Noise Choir presented "Sing Me the Songs of Christmas" on December 22.
- A beautiful candlelight Christmas Eve service was held December 24. We were so blessed to have **Emma, Madison and Lily** sing for us during the Christmas Eve service! *(Photo credit: Phyllis Arth)*
- We enjoyed guest speaker Rev. Tom Thomasson.



Intercessory Prayer List

Harold Bigelow	Loved One - cancer
Judy Burns	Marty & Etta Mae Pitts
Nancy Butler	Shane Riddle
Myra Creekmore	Kaylee Rios
Kevin Gowen	Dr. Sani
Gary Gregory	Rick Setzer
Brenda Gwaltney	Barbra Williams
William Gwaltney	Kayla Williams *
Marie Hughes	
Melinda Johnson	

Heavenly Member Graduates

Ethel Jones – April 4
 Jean Siebert – April 21
 Forrest Bishop – May 19
 Sandra Baum – June 10
 Lettie Dozier – December 2
 Irene Frost – December 8

Condolences to

- Gary & Nancy Jones for the loss of his brother, Chris Jones on August 12.
- Don & Phyllis Arth for the loss of his mother, Audrey Arth on August 15.
- Earl Cahoon and family for the loss of his wife, Beatrice on August 23.
- The Dozier family for the loss of Lettie's sister, Elsie Rasnick on October 1.
- Montie & Elaine Bigelow and their family for the loss of his mother, Beverly Lopes on October 2 and his father, Jimmy Lopes on October 7.
- Samantha Grovatt and family for the loss of her father, Jay Falls, on October 4.
- Sylvia Cliver and family, for the loss of her sister, Jean Martin on October 21.
- Jennifer Williams and family, who lost her father, Chris Jones on October 23.
- Kevin & Lynn Rowell and family for the loss of her brother, Mike Howell on October 28.
- Betty Jean Whitehurst, who lost her husband, Mert Whitehurst on November 27.
- Linda Jordan & Randy Dozier and their families for the loss of lost their mother Lettie Dozier, on December 2.
- Don & Diane Horsley and family, for the loss of her mother Irene Frost, on December 8.

Congratulations

BIRTHS:

- Alex & Megan 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.
- Brad & Sarah Whitson on the birth of their daughter Ivy who was born September 26. She weighed 7 lb. 5 oz. and was 20 inches long.
- Bill & Lindsey Guizzano on the birth of their daughter Liberty. She was born November 6 and weighed 6 lb. 6 oz. and was 19 inches long.



MISSION ACTION



If you crochet please help make some lap-sized afghans for the Currituck House Nursing Center in Moyock. The **Crochet Club** meets Tuesday evenings @ 6:30-8pm. The Club has a Facebook group for sharing patterns and other information about crocheting. If you'd like to be added, please contact Linda.

NEW CHURCH MEMBERS:

Lynne Dozier	Lily Leon
Randy Dozier	Jamie Ramberg
Tristan Guizzo	Katie Ramberg
Christopher Harris	Peyton Ramberg
Hartlee Harris	Claudia Sawyer
Mary Johnson	Pamela Williams
Rick Johnson	Dylan Yawman
Luch Kovacs	Jayden Yawman

Also baptized were Carol Williams & Jack Rowell.

SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS:

Congratulations to 2019 recipients Andrea Daniels, Christen Davis, and Paige Riddle.

With Grateful Appreciation

- To our church closers who make sure the building is secure each week: **Craig, Danny, Susan K., Kevin & Lynn, Samantha, Jeremy, Cheryl & Curtis, and Jimmy!**
- To **Craig, Don, & Pat** for handling most church maintenance jobs! Our church is beautiful!
- To **Rob, Kevin & Chris** for doing such a great job running the sound equipment!



January 27 – Church Council Meeting @ 7pm

February 2 – Souper Bowl Bible Trivia Challenge

February 23 – Fellowship Dinner @ 6pm

February 23 – Business meeting @ 6:30

February 26 – Blood Drive @ 2-7pm

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