

WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH



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THE WEST END NEWS

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July, 2010

Sixth Sunday after Pentecost

July 4, 2010

Holy Communion

"Citizens of Two Kingdoms"

Revelation 18:1-8

The Greeters

Debbie Newell & Robert Windsor

Seventh Sunday after Pentecost

July 11, 2010

A Children's Story

"What's in a Name?"

Revelation 3:1-6

The Greeters

Frances & Bill Carr

JULY WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT WEST END

Worship at 11:00 a.m.

Sunday School at 9:45 a.m.

Nursery Open

9:30 to 12:15 p.m.

Eighth Sunday after Pentecost

July 18, 2010

The Guest Preacher:

Rev. Eddie Heath

The Greeter

Judy Smith

Ninth Sunday after Pentecost

July 25, 2010

"Using What You Have"

Revelation 3:7-13

The Greeter

Cheryl Sawyer

**Remember our Benevolent
Fund on Sunday, July 4th.**

SALADS NEEDED FOR VBS

On Tuesday, July 13th, West End is responsible for dinner during Vacation Bible School. Our fried chicken entrée will be catered, and we're asking members to contribute a variety of salads and desserts to complete the meal. If you're able to help, please sign up on the sheet posted at the St. James church entrance or call Cindy Robinson, 925-1268.

Several July 13th drop off options are available for your convenience:

- **Suffolk Christian Church kitchen 9:00 am - 5:30 pm.**
- **Suffolk Christian Church's north parking lot, 5:15 - 5:30 pm.**
- **West End's kitchen, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm.**

CLIMB ABOARD THE DISCIPLE SHIP!

JULY 11-15

This year's VBS will explore what it means to be a disciple of Jesus. Save the date and join us at Suffolk Christian Church (note new location) for fellowship, Bible study, worship, music, drama and fun! We'll offer classes for preschoolers through adults and the nursery will be open. Bring the whole family! Dinner will be served nightly free of charge at 5:45 PM.

Our Thursday night VBS Dessert Auction will benefit Casa Esperanza (House of Hope), an Eastern Shore ministry serving migrant workers. This is the same ministry some of our youth visited on their June mission trip. This just might be our best VBS ever so save the date and bring a friend!

July Birthdays

5 th	Fan Panton
6 th	Iris Sylvia
7 th	Jonathan Queen
8 th	Iris Sylvia
9 th	Douglas Pond Thomas Davies
10 th	Walter Stroud
14 th	Sam Sherard
15 th	Madeline Robinson
16 th	Chris Robinson Jonathon Carr
18 th	Henry Mizelle
24 th	Michael Luzzatto
25 th	Patrick Heard
26 th	Louise Anderson
29 th	Jerome Heard

WMU CIRCLE GROUP MEETINGS

- ❖ The Sunshine Circle will meet on Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00 A.M.
- ❖ The Marie Bailey Circle will meet Wednesday, July 14 at 10:00 A.M. with the Sunshine Circle.

For more information, please call your circle's group leader.

JOIN US FOR COFFEE

Due to the success of the Ladies' Coffee Hour, coffee, conversation, and crafts are being offered every Wednesday. Devotions and prayer begin at 10 AM and are followed by crafts and painting. Most supplies are provided at no cost.

Please come and share in the wonderful fellowship and learn to do many crafts. Bring a friend or neighbor to be a part of our coffee hour!

CORRECTION

Congratulations to Bobbie & Art Davis in the birth of their granddaughter, Campbell McArthur Davis, on May 26. She weighed 6 lbs 14 oz and was 20" long. The proud parents are John & GC Davis of Elon, NC.

HR GRAY/HONDURAS MISSIONS

Our annual HR Gray/Honduras missions offering will be collected through July and August. HR grew up at West End and has found many needs in the villages surrounding his current home. Make your donations payable to West End Baptist and designate HR Gray on your check. Contact Audrey Byrum or Amy Herrmann with any questions.

Our Prayer Concerns:

Frances Carr, Paula Mathias, Euell Williams (death of his sister), Bobby Smith, McMahon, Bob & Mary Drew, Capt. William Johnson (Afghanistan), Charles White, Hazel Liverman, Dorothy Williams, Nelda Hayes, Rillie Bailey, Pete & Louise Wiggins, Caroline Pond, Jim Beasley, Willie Colby, Martha Britt, Francis Wilson Brown and Edward Brown (Frances Carr's cousins), Heidi Hackworth (friend of Paula Mathias), Carl Ward (friend of Casey Carlson), Pam Hagerty (Linda Beale's sister), Antonio Rodriguez (friend of HR Gray in Honduras), Sue Stewart and family (friends of Judy Smith), Aaron Isaiah Sutterby (Molly Crow's great nephew), Silas Sutterby (in Iraq, nephew of Molly Crow), Annie Ruth White (Dana Hale's sister), Otis Freeman (friend of Phil Saunders), Evan Williams (Euell Williams' grandson), 1st Lt. Thomas Lenz (Frances Holland's grandson in Iraq), Kenneth Walker (friend of Eddie and Jackie White), Linda Miller (Rillie Bailey's daughter), Hyla Brinkley (Joe Brinkley's mother), Charles Byrum.

Church members are listed in bold type.

Please call the church office (539-8771) to add or remove names. Names will stay on the list for one month unless requested to stay longer.

Among Our Members... (as of June 30)

...Barbara McMahon continues to be at Autumn Care for therapy.

...Charles White continues to be at Hillcrest Convalescence Center for therapy.

...Frances Carr is at home following hand surgery.

Sympathy Is Expressed to...

...Beryl Hale in the death of her brother, Donald Eason of Sunbury, NC, on June 1.

...Euell Williams in the death of his sister, Carol Kimball, of Groton, CT, on June 8.

LETTERS OF THANKS

Dear Members of West End,

I want to thank everyone who has done helpful things for me. I appreciate the videos of the church services, the cards and all help from church members. I asked Casey for help in a very important problem just after meeting her because I was sure she was very capable and would not be judgmental. Lillian has been kind and thoughtful. All of the Deacons I've been assigned to have also been helpful in keeping me informed about church. I thank you all.

Hazel Liverman

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our monthly giving goal for June was: \$16,116

Monthly contributions for June were: \$11,316

Budget goal through June: \$ 96,694

Budget receipts through June: \$88,588

We thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

THANK YOU!!!!

In June, we were given a challenge to raise \$7,500 for the painting of the church steeple. The Memorial Trust was able to fund the painting of the exterior woodwork, except for the steeple. That has been completed at a cost of \$29,140. We thank the Memorial Trust for this generous gift and for their good stewardship of these church funds.

Our church family responded liberally to the Finance Committee's challenge, and we have received \$5,900.92 toward the goal of \$7,500. The Memorial Trust has informed us that they will be able to give the balance.

The Affordable Paining Company will return to paint the steeple later this summer when we hope that the ground will be at its driest so any effects from the large lift on the church yard will be minimal.

Again, we thank you for your support.

HR GRAY LUNCHEON

The J.O.Y. Circle and Doers Sunday School class would like to thank everyone that attended or contributed to their recent luncheon to benefit HR Gray's Honduras missions. Thanks to your support, we raised a total of \$575. These monies will be used to help the burn victim who is unable to work (Antonio Rodriguez) and the little girl who needs heart surgery.

FOOD PANTRY

The J.O.Y. Circle has been very successful with their food pantry and would like to ask your help with replenishing their shelves. To date we have distributed 13 bags of food to Suffolk residents. While all items are needed, we especially need breakfast items and cans of green vegetables. Thank you so much for your support of this program.

BRAG BOARD NOW AVAILABLE

This spring we were blessed with gifts of two new information boards in the church hallways. We now have two locations to display information to enhance our church communications.

The board in the hallway near the Pastor's Office has a panel that will be used for church family photographs. If you would like to bring a picture of your children, grandchildren, family to display, give it to Kim with the appropriate identification, and we will place it on the "Brag Board".

The board in the hallway near the church office (which was given in memory of Kelly Taylor and was built by Windsor Woodworking) will continue to be used to highlight current church activities.

FROM WHERE I SIT...

...We have been on a spiritual journey for over a year now, and I can see God at work in the life of West End. It's been a different kind of process. We said last March,

"The spiritual journey is not a journey of sight or a programmatic emphasis where the destination and steps of the journey are known. Rather, it is a transforming pilgrimage of faith where a congregation discerns with God, and each other, God's desired future for it - and how it is to move forward with him to live into that future."

This kind of journey is not always easy or clear, but we have come to know that God is with us.

As I've been doing some preparation for our summer vacation trip to the mountains of West Virginia, I've come across some humorous comments said to have been received in 1996 from the Bridger Wilderness (Bridger-Teton National Forest) registration sheets and comment cards. I can't confirm that they're real, but they are amusing, and I think they reflect some of the dynamics of being on a journey that isn't always as easy as we would like. Here are some of them:

- Instead of a permit system or regulations, the Forest Service needs to reduce world-wide population growth to limit the number of visitors to wilderness.
- Trail needs to be reconstructed. Please avoid building trails that go uphill.
- Too many bugs and leaches and spiders and spider webs. Please spray the wilderness to rid the area of these pests.
- Chairlifts need to be in some places so that we can get to wonderful views without having to hike to them.
- The coyotes made too much noise last night and kept me awake. Please eradicate these annoying animals.
- Escalators would help on steep uphill sections.
- Need more signs to keep area pristine.
- A McDonalds would be nice at the trailhead.
- The places where trails do not exist are not well marked.
- Too many rocks in the mountains.

May we continue on our spiritual journey as God's people in the place where God has put us, trusting our future to God, and celebrating God's presence with us, however the journey is unfolding. (TFI)