



THE WEST END NEWS

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Second Sunday after Pentecost

June 6, 2010

Holy Communion

"The Evening Time of Following"

Revelation 2:1-7

The Greeter
Barbara Carter

Third Sunday after Pentecost

June 13, 2010

A Children's Story

"What's the Prize?"

Revelation 2:8-11

The Greeter
Molly Crow

JUNE 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.

**Remember our Benevolent
Fund on Sunday, June 6th.**

Fourth Sunday after Pentecost

June 20, 2010

"Who Needs to Repent?"

Revelation 2:12-17

The Greeters
Paul Bross and Linda Beale

Fifth Sunday after Pentecost

June 27, 2010

"Testing Teaching"

Revelation 2:18-29

The Greeters
Morris and Frances Holland

VBS VOLUNTEER ORIENTATION

If you'd like to work with VBS this year, please join us at Suffolk Christian Church for our orientation luncheon on **Sunday, June 6th at 12:30 pm**. This is a time to meet volunteers from all four participating churches, receive your teacher packets, learn more about the curriculum and mission emphasis, and become familiar with our new location. This is an important meeting, so please plan to attend.

Park in the left (north) lot and enter via the covered walkway. We'll meet in their downstairs fellowship hall. Please call Cindy Robinson (925-1268) with any questions.

HANDYMAN/PLUMBER NEEDED

Do you have experience working with PVC pipe? VBS needs you! Our set calls for a simple, cross shaped PVC ship mast and we need help creating one. Please call Cindy Robinson ASAP if you can help.

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 our youth will visit and serve on their June mission trip. This just might be our best VBS ever so save the date and bring a friend!

STEWARDSHIP STEEPLE CHALLENGE

We are currently in the process of having the exterior of the church painted – a task which some would say is long overdue. The Memorial Trust is able to provide funds to pay for this important work.

While the money covers the painting of the basic structure, there is also a need to do the same for the steeple. The cost of this additional effort is approximately \$7,500 if we do it now while the painters are on-site and available. The costs will only go up if we delay and have to have the crews come out again as if it were a different job.

Since this additional need is currently unfunded in the 2010 budget and receipts are running behind last year's rate, the Stewardship Committee prayerfully asks the congregation to fill the financial gap by responding to a challenge to donate the required \$7,500 **before Sunday, June 6, 2010**. Please make your check out to West End Baptist Church and put Steeple Challenge on the memo line or put in one of the Special Offering envelopes in the pew racks and in this newsletter. Help us keep West End Baptist Church in the condition fitting for a house of worship. Thank you.

JUNE SENIOR ACTIVITY

The Senior Activities committee is inviting everyone to their trip to the Virginia Aquarium and Marine Science Center in Virginia Beach on Thursday, June 8th.

They will visit leave West End at 9:30 AM and lunch will be in the Center café (each person is responsible for their own lunch). They will return to West End around 4:30 PM. The cost is \$8 per person for church seniors and \$16 for guests. This includes your ticket and transportation.

To sign up please call Dana Hale by **June 5th** at 539-5296. For more information on the Center, visit www.virginiaaquarium.com.

DEACONS ASK FOR SUGGESTIONS

Your Board of Deacons has begun the process to nominate 4 new Deacons to begin a 3 year term starting in 2011 (2011-13). Deacons now on the Board who are not eligible to be nominated are: Casey Carlson, Mary Lawrence Harrell, Amy Herrmann, Ray Herrmann, Don Luzzatto, Lillian Riddick, Chris Robinson, Judy Saunders, Phil Saunders, Cheryl Taylor, Bill Webb, and Eddie White.

Please give your suggestions by turning them in to the church office or to your deacon **by Sunday, June 13th**.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our monthly giving goal for May was: \$16,116
Monthly contributions for May 24 were: \$ 12,375

Budget goal through May: \$ 80,578
Budget receipts through May: \$71,702

We thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

Our Prayer Concerns:

Ruth Saunders (death of her brother), Bobby Smith, Carol Apple Mack Saunders, Andy Anderson, Olivia Dale, Barbara McMahon, Carol Webb & Family, Bob & Mary Drew, Michael Clark & Anita Smiley, Capt. William Johnson (Afghanistan), Charles White, Hazel Liverman, Nelda Hayes, Pete & Louise Wiggins, Caroline Pond, Jim Beasley, Willie Colby (in the death of his brother Randy), Martha Britt, Pam Hagerty (Linda Beale's sister), Antonio Rodriguez (friend of HR Gray in Honduras), Sue Stewart and family (friends of Judy Smith), Larry Baines, 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), Family of Deward Parker (Linda Beale's uncle who died on April 18), Family of Peter Judkins (died on May 8th), 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.

Among Our Members... (as of May 26)

...Mack Saunders is at home after orthopedic surgery.

...Barbara McMahon is at Autumn Care for therapy.

...Louise Wiggins is at home after being hospitalized in May.

...Bobby Smith is at home after orthopedic surgery.

...Wayne Holland is at home after a brief hospitalization.

Sympathy Is Expressed to...

...Carol Webb in the death of her mother, Ruth Parker, May 1st

...Willie Colby in the death of his brother, Randy, May 2nd.

...Carol Apple in the death of her mother, Jean Shamanski, May 20th.

...Ruth Saunders in the death of her brother, Clarence Murphy, May 26th.

Best Wishes to Our Graduates!

VIRGINIA POLYTECHNIC INSTITUTE & STATE UNIVERSITY

Sterling Wilcox

Bachelor of Arts in Psychology, Summa Cum Laude

Phi Beta Kappa

CHRISTOPHER NEWPORT UNIVERSITY

Elizabeth Saunders

Bachelor of Arts in Political Science

The Class of 2010

WMU CIRCLE GROUP MEETINGS

- ❖ The Sunshine Circle will meet on Wednesday, June 9th at 10:00 A.M.
- ❖ The Marie Bailey Circle will meet Wednesday, June 9th at 10:00 A.M. with the Sunshine Circle.
- ❖ The J.O.Y. Circle Group will meet on Wednesday, June 9th at 7:00 PM at the home of Cheryl Taylor.

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!

VBS DECORATIONS NEED YOUR HELP

Artists, teens, big kids, moms and dads are needed to help create and paint stage backdrops, props and wall decorations for VBS. We will meet in the West End Fellowship Hall on June 13th from 2:00 to 5:00 PM. No special skills are required, just a willingness to help! Wear old clothes and a smile, we'll supply the rest!

WE'VE GOT MAIL....!!

...Or rather, West End has mail -- from the Apostle Paul, and it's in his "Letters to the Seven Churches" in the book of Revelation.

This summer, beginning on June 6th, Rev. Irby will be preaching a series of sermons on the part of the book of Revelation that contains letters to seven churches. The situations and struggles described in these seven letters characterize every church and every believer, so we will actually be looking in a mirror to see what God is saying to us through Paul. Read the passage for each Sunday before you come, and let's listen together.

JOIN US FOR LUNCH

The J.O.Y. Circle and the Doers Sunday School Class are sponsoring a benefit luncheon after worship on Sunday, June 13. The suggested donation per person is \$7. Proceeds will go to HR Gray to help the burn victim who is unable to work (Antonio Rodriguez) and the little girl who needs heart surgery. Fried Chicken will be the entree, and different types of salads will be the sides. Please join us on the 13th to support this worthy cause.

FROM WHERE I SIT...

...While in Austin, TX after Easter, as I was browsing in a local book store a refrigerator magnet caught my eye. It said: "It'll all be okay in the end. If it's not all okay, it's not the end!" Wow, what a great post-Easter message! As bad as things may be, the end hasn't come yet. That message stuck with me and was reaffirmed recently, when I read about the life of Frederick Buechner, an American writer and theologian. His life's story took him to seminary in his late 20's where he encountered God in the stories of scripture. Out of that encounter with "the world beyond the worlds" came a new faith, and that faith was rooted in a God for whom "the worst things were never the last things." That's the God I believe in as well, and that's the God we see in Jesus. May we claim that post-Easter hope for the living of our days! (TFI)

June Birthdays

9 th	Audrey Byrum
11 th	Bill Ashley
20 th	Lindsey White
22 nd	Ruth Saunders
23 rd	Aaron Apple
24 th	Bob Coggsdale Morrison Smither
25 th	Betty Ishie
27 th	Christian Davies
28 th	Bob Drew TC Mizelle
30 th	Beryl Hale

June Anniversaries

8 th	Clay and Susan White (24 th)
11 th	Randy and Sharon Boyette (33 rd)

LETTERS OF THANKS

Thank you so much for the DVD's. I enjoy them very much. Since I can't be there that is the next best thing. I follow right along. I can't sing too well anymore, but I try. God bless West End Baptist Church. You are always in my prayers. Let your voices be heard to reach each other.

*Love in Christ,
Martha Britt*

We would like to thank everyone for all of their kind expressions of sympathy in the loss of his sister, Bertie Goodman. God bless you all.

Bob & Mary Ann Coggsdale

The faculty, staff, and students of Baptist Theological Seminary at Richmond express our gratitude to West End Baptist Church for your recent financial gift. Your contribution is an affirmation of theological students, their leadership, and their call to ministry. You are making a difference in the lives of people and in the Kingdom of God. Thank you!

*Most sincerely,
Ka'thy Gore Chappell
Associate Dean, Student Life & Enrollment*

PS - MORE NEWS....

WE REACHED OUR GOAL!!

***ALMA HUNT OFFERING
FOR VIRGINIA MISSIONS
"OPENING DOORS"
John 10:9-10***

Our Goal Was: \$1,750
You Have Given: **\$2,255**

Thank you for supporting
our Virginia Missions.

LATE BREAKING NEWS.....

Congratulations to Jennifer Panton for receiving the University of Virginia's Jefferson Book Award. Jennifer is an 11th grade student at Portsmouth's Woodrow Wilson High School. This award recognizes outstanding high school students during their junior year whom the high school considers to best represent the Jeffersonian ideals of scholarship, leadership and citizenship.

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.