

WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH



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THE WEST END NEWS

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May, 2010

Fifth Sunday of Easter
May 2, 2010

Holy Communion

**"Where Do You Carry Your
Cross?"**
Luke 9:22-26

The Greeter
Mary Kiger

MAY 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, May 2.**

Sixth Sunday of Easter
May 9, 2010

**Mother's Day and
Youth Sunday**

The Greeter
West End Youth Group

Seventh Sunday of Easter
May 16, 2010

"Peace in the Valley"
John 14:15-27

The Greeters
Rita & Tommy Queen

Pentecost
May 23, 2010

"Getting Out of Jail"
Acts 16:16-34

The Greeters
Jack & Grace Leach

Trinity Sunday
May 30, 2010

Irby & Polly Family Dedication

"Blessing Our Children"
Mark 10:13-16

The Greeters
Dana & Beryl Hale

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST

The Sunday School is sponsoring a Mother's Day continental breakfast fellowship opportunity at 9:30 AM on Sunday, May 9 in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for coffee, juice, doughnuts, muffins and an opportunity to catch up with church members and guests. At 9:45, Lisa Rath of Suffolk Christian Church will speak about her church's youth mission trip to the Eastern Shore. Youth from West End Youth Fellowship will join this year's mission project on the Eastern Shore. They will be working with Casa Esperanza (House of Hope) and teaching vacation bible school in migrant camps. Casa Esperanza will be the beneficiary of our VBS dessert auction this year. Make some time on your Sunday morning for this fellowship and learning opportunity.

J.O.Y. CIRCLE FOOD PANTRY

The J.O.Y. Circle is sponsoring a food pantry to help benevolent cases that come to church needing assistance. We are preparing bags for a family of four to eat over one or two days. We hope that our church family can help us with this project. We are asking for non-perishable food items that come in pop top cans or easy open containers. We are also looking for things that will not have to be cooked or heated since many of our requests are for an emergency situation and the recipients do not have access to stoves or hot plates. We also need wrapped disposable silverware and reusable tote type grocery bags. There is a great need in our community for this type of service. Thank you for any help you can give.

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT PROGRAMS

May 6: "A Challenge for the Church"

(video presentation)
(Cook's choice)

May 13: "The World of Beekeeping"

Rev. Reggie Warren
(Cook's choice)

Fellowship Nights will resume in September.

[Chicken Salad and Tuna Salad cold plates
and a Child's Meal are available by request only.
Call by noon on Tuesdays.]

Our Prayer Concerns:

Ramona Mapp, Bob & Mary Drew, Michael Clark & Anita Smiley, Capt. William Johnson (Afghanistan), Charles White, Hazel Liverman, Louise Wiggins, Dorothy Williams, Nelda Hayes, Rillie Bailey, Frank DeJarnette, Pete Wiggins, Caroline Pond, Jim Beasley, Willie Colby, Martha Britt, Aaron Isaiah Sutterby (Molly Crow's great nephew), Annie Ruth White (Dana Hale's sister), Otis Freeman (friend of Phil Saunders), Billy Frank Weaver (Cheryl Taylor's brother), Evan Williams (Euell Williams' grandson), Family of Deward Parker (Linda Beale's uncle who died on April 18), Peter Judkins, 1st Lt. Thomas Lenz (Frances Holland's grandson in Iraq), Kenneth Walker (friend of Eddie and Jackie White), Jackie Carlson (Casey Carlson's mother), Linda Miller (Rillie Bailey's daughter), Hyla Brinkley (Joe Brinkley's mother), Jean Shamanski (Carol Apple'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.

LADIES COFFEE HOUR

Due to the success of the Ladies' Coffee Hour, the month of May will continue to offer coffee and conversation 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!

**ALMA HUNT
MISSIONS OFFERING**

as of April 25, 2010: \$935.00

Goal: \$ 1,750

Among Our Members... (as of April 28)

...Morris Holland is at now at home.

...Charles White is at Nansmond Pointe for physical therapy.

LETTERS OF THANKS

We would like to say thank you for all of the cards, visits, phone calls and prayers during Morris' recent surgery. Thank you for remembering us when we needed the support.

Morris & Frances Holland

Dear Members of West End Baptist Church,

Thank you so very much for providing the Memorial Trust Fund Educational Scholarship and the Pond Scholarship at West End. I feel extremely honored to have been the recipient of these two scholarships as I earned a Bachelor of Art degree in Political Science and a Minor in Art History at CNU. These two scholarships were a huge help financially and I truly appreciate West End's support. As I look forward to graduation I will fondly remember those who helped me along the way. May God continue to bless each of you for being so loving and kind to others!

*In Christian love & friendship,
Elizabeth Saunders
CNU Class of 2010*

VBS DECORATIONS WORK DAY

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 May 16th and 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!

WMU CIRCLE GROUP MEETINGS

- ❖ The Marie Bailey Circle will meet on Wednesday May 12 at 10:00 A.M. with the Sunshine Circle.
- ❖ The J.O.Y. Circle Group will meet on Wednesday, May 5 at 6:00 PM at Cazadores.
- ❖ The Sunshine Circle will meet on Wednesday, May 12 at 10:00 A.M.

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

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

Our monthly giving goal for April was: \$16,116
Contributions through April 25 were: \$19,579

Budget goal through April: \$64,464
Budget receipts through April 25: \$59,327

We thank you for your generosity.

CLIMB ABOARD THE DISCIPLE SHIP

May 2010

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), and 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!

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 and greet your fellow volunteers from all four participating churches, receive your teacher packers, learn more about his year's curriculum and mission emphasis, and become familiar with the layout of 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 at 12:30 pm. Please call Cindy Robinson (925-1268) with any questions.

YOUTH SUNDAY

Everyone is invited to come and support our youth on their day to shine! They have so much talent and will do an amazing job of leading us in worship for our Annual Youth Sunday, May 9th. We hope to see you there.

EXTERIOR PAINTING TO BEGIN

Any day now, the Affordable Painting Co. will begin preparing the exterior woodwork on the church for painting. This is the same company that did such a great job painting the ceiling of the sanctuary when that renovation was done.

This job will take four to five week using labor as well as a 60 ft. lift. The price is \$29,740.00 and does not include the steeple which will cost an additional \$7,500.00.

The "Good News" is that the Memorial Trust has approved funding the entire \$29,740.00. The Finance Committee will be in touch with the congregation regarding the funding of the steeple.

MISSING DEACON MINUTES

In an effort to compile a complete history of Deacon Minutes for the church, we have noticed that certain dates are missing. We are looking for 1960-1962 and 1984-1987. If you have any of these documents please call Bill Webb or the church office.

May Birthdays

2 nd	Cheryl Taylor Lou Rachel Eure
3 rd	Tom Apple Willie Colby
5 th	Caroline Pond
10 th	Richard Pond, III Will Webb
11 th	Euell Williams
12 th	Matthew Irby Paul Bross
16 th	Linda Beale
17 th	Sharon Boyette
19 th	Edward White
20 th	Sterling Wilcox
26 th	Judy Smith Kendra Snow
28 th	Alice Webb Gillespie
30 th	Mary Lawrence Harrell Rev. T. Floyd Irby, Jr.

May Anniversaries

5 th	Michael and Karen Babb (21 st)
6 th	Paul Bross and Linda Beale (21 st)
12 th	Skip and Chris Irby (37 th)
13 th	Bill and Frances Carr (49 th)
20 th	Adrian and Kathy Robertson (32 nd)
23 rd	Tommy and Rita Queen (41 st)
28 th	Bob and Mary Drew (66 th)

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Elizabeth Marie Saunders for her upcoming college graduation! She will be graduating from Christopher Newport University on Sunday, May 16th and will be receiving a Bachelor of Arts in Political Science and a Minor in Art History. Elizabeth is the daughter of Phil and Judy Saunders and the granddaughter of Mack and Ruth Saunders.

SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

The Trustees of the Memorial Trust are now receiving scholarship applications from church members who will be college undergraduates in the 2010-11 academic year.

These scholarships are awarded on an annual basis; therefore undergraduates who have previously received scholarships must reapply each year. Application forms are available in the Church Office, and should be returned to the church office by May 28.

DEACON SUGGESTIONS SOUGHT

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 let us know who you believe are the most capable of serving and leading our church by turning in your suggestions to the church office or to your deacon by **Sunday, June 13th**.

NAUTICAL PROPS NEEDED

Do you have a captain's wheel in your attic? Is there a boar anchor in your garage? If so, please contact Cindy Robinson, 925-1268. This year's VBS theme, *Climb Aboard the Disciple Ship*, will use a nautical decorating theme as we explore what it means to follow Jesus. If you have nautical items to donate or lend, we'd love to hear from you! Coils of rope, life preservers, soccer or volleyball nets that double as "fishing nets", old white sheets we can transform into sails, barrels and burlap sacks all have a place on our set. Please keep us in mind when you do your spring cleaning!

FELLOWSHIP NIGHT PROGRAMS

As our Thursday evening Fellowship Nights draw to a close until the fall, we have two special programs in May:

On May 6 we will watch a presentation by Reggie McNeal (author, teacher, church consultant), who gives a challenge to the church in the 21st century.

On May 13 Rev. Reggie Warren, a former Moderator of the Blackwater Baptist Association and current interim pastor at Holy Neck Christian Church, will talk with us about his hobby of beekeeping.

WMU NEWS

We are just as busy as ever! Do you see a project that you would like to help with? Please call—we would love to have your help!!

- Our JOY Circle went to **Equipping the Saints** April 30-May 1. Julie McBride, Cindy Robinson, Molly Crow, Chris Irby, Cheryl Taylor, and Rita Queen packed clothes to send to missionaries throughout the world.
- We are in the process of packing **boxes for soldiers!** This month we are collecting for 1st Lt. Thomas Lenz (Frances Holland's grandson). Individual snacks and hand wipes are very important along with toiletries. A box is on the St. James side of the church hallway. We will be sending more boxes for our soldiers throughout the summer.
- We have established a **small food closet** to compliment the benevolent fund. Molly Crow and Cheryl Taylor are packing 1 - 2 days of food in recyclable grocery bags for people that are in need when area Food Pantries may be closed.
- A grand sized Thank you goes to the JOY Circle who served our church families through the **Care Committee** for the months of Jan - April. The Sunshine Circle will serve families from May-August.
- All of our Circles have taken individual projects to help families in our community. We will be focusing on the H.R. Gray Offering for this summer and the Eastern Shore Missions with VBS.

The WMU thanks our church family for supporting the **Alma Hunt Offering** through the Geranium orders and in personal donations.

Sympathy Is Expressed...

...to Bob Coggsdale in the death of his sister, Bertie C. Goodman on April 26.

FROM WHERE I SIT...

...Mother's Day is approaching, and the stores are filled with Mother's Day cards. According to the Greeting Card Association, Mother's Day cards rank 3rd in popularity in seasonal cards, after Christmas and Valentine's Day and ahead of Easter and Father's Day. This is a time when our heart strings are pulled as we reflect on motherhood and mothers who have touched our lives. We know when someone has touched our heart. And that's true for faith just as it is for family. This newsletter carries some news about people in our congregation whose hearts have been touched by Jesus Christ. There are articles about mission trips (by adults and youth), packing love boxes for soldiers, having a food closet available, taking meals to church members and friends, making plans for Vacation Bible School, making youth Sunday plans, offering college scholarships, making throws at the Ladies Coffee Hour, receiving offerings for missions in Virginia. If our hearts haven't been captured by Jesus Christ, then that list is just a list of jobs to be done. But when our hearts are captured, when our hearts have been touched, our "work" is done out of love. It's exciting to see how we are reaching out to share the love of Christ with one another and with others. It is my prayer that not only has a mother captured your heart, but that your heart has also been captured by the risen Lord. It will make all the difference in your life, and in the life of our community. (TFI)