

# WEST END BAPTIST CHURCH



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## THE WEST END NEWS

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March, 2010

### *Third Sunday in Lent*

March 7, 2010

*Holy Communion*

### **"A Most Special Day"**

Exodus 3:1-15

The Greeter  
Cheryl Sawyer

### *Fourth Sunday in Lent*

March 14, 2010

*Anniversary & Memorial Sunday*

### **"Being Ambassadors for Christ"**

2 Corinthians 5:16-21

The Greeters  
Lillian Riddick and  
Paula Mathias

## MARCH 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.

### *Fifth Sunday in Lent*

March 21, 2010

### **"Letting Our Hair Down"**

John 12:1-8

The Greeters  
Jack and Faye Webb

### *Palm Sunday*

March 28, 2010

### **"Becoming Unruly Disciples"**

Luke 19:28-40

The Greeters  
Paul Bross and  
Linda Beale

**Remember our Benevolent  
Fund on Sunday, March 7<sup>th</sup>.**

## ANNIVERSARY RECOGNITION AND MEMORIAL SERVICE

During our morning worship service on March 14<sup>th</sup> we will celebrate the 81<sup>st</sup> anniversary of our congregation. We will also have a Memorial Service to remember members who have died since our last Memorial Service. Please be present for this special service.

## INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

In the event of severe inclement weather on weekends this winter, please call the church office (539-8771) on Sunday morning. If services are cancelled or changed there will be a message with that information. If there is no special message, then the regular Sunday morning schedule will be followed.

## SS BREAKFAST ON MARCH 14

The Sunday School is having a pancake breakfast with sausage juice, coffee, and milk at **9:30 a.m.** on Sunday, March 14, The theme will be St Patrick's Day, but that Sunday is also our Anniversary & Memorial Sunday AND the beginning of Daylight Saving Time.

Because of the last fact, we're starting the breakfast at **9:30 a.m.** with no program and Sunday School following at 10. As in the past, donations of \$2/person are suggested.

Spring forward one hour on Saturday night and leap forward to church on Sunday morning for the SS Breakfast!

**Set your clocks forward one hour when  
you go to bed on Saturday, March 13.**

## **FELLOWSHIP NIGHT PROGRAMS**

### **Mar. 4: "The Sufficiency of Grace"**

2 Corinthians 12:1-10

(Meat & veggie lasagna, steamed broccoli, salad, garlic bread)

### **Mar. 11: "God's Inescapable Nearness"**

Psalm 139:7-12

(Chicken casserole, green beans, applesauce)

### **Mar. 18: "Whole-Personed Spirituality"**

Mark 12:28-34; Matthew 22:34-40; Luke 10:25-29

(BBQ, baked beans, cole slaw)

### **Mar. 25: Suffering and Hope**

Romans 5:1-5

(Roast beef, carrots onions & potatoes, peas)

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

## **WMU CIRCLE GROUP MEETINGS**

- ❖ The Sunshine Circle will meet on March 10 at 10:00 A.M.
- ❖ The Marie Bailey Circle will meet on March 10 at 10:00 A.M. with the Sunshine Circle.
- ❖ The J.O.Y. Circle Group will meet on Wednesday, March 3 at 7:00 PM at the home of Chris Irby.

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

## **THE MORNING COFFEE HOUR RESUMES**

The Morning Coffee Hour for ladies in the church and community has resumed and will continue on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesdays of each month. We will begin at 10 AM with devotions and prayer.

Please come and share in the wonderful fellowship and learn to do many crafts. The majority of things needed are supplied at no cost to participants. Bring a friend or neighbor to be a part of our coffee hour!

## **HOLY WEEK & EASTER SERVICES**

Our tradition of Holy Week and Easter Sunrise services with Oxford United Methodist and Suffolk Presbyterian Churches will continue this year. Mark your calendars:

- ✓ a 7:30 p.m. Maundy Thursday service on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Suffolk Presbyterian Church;
- ✓ a 7:30 p.m. Good Friday Service on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at West End; and
- ✓ a 7:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service on the grounds of the Suffolk Presbyterian Church on April 4<sup>th</sup>.

## **Our Prayer Concerns:**

Bill Ashley (death of his son, Robert), Hazel Liverman, Louise Wiggins, Bobby Smith, Johnny Johnson, Dorothy Williams, Nelda Hayes, Wayne Holland, Rillie Bailey, Lillian Riddick, Peggy Luter, Frank DeJarnette, Pete Wiggins, Caroline Pond, Jim Beasley, Willie Colby, Martha Britt, Peter Judkins, Robbie Stevens (husband of Shellee Stevens), Betty Anderson (Frances Carr's cousin), 1<sup>st</sup> Lt. Thomas Lenz (Frances Holland's grandson-in Iraq), Kenneth Walker (friend of Eddie and Jackie White), Susan Carter Pulley (daughter of John & Barbara Carter), Otis Freeman (friend of Phil Saunders), Jackie Carlson (Casey Carlson's mother), Linda Miller (Rillie Bailey's daughter), Ryan Beale (friend of Cheryl Sawyer), Kevin Lackey (friend of Michael Clark), Bernice Atkins (Mary Ann Coggsdale's sister), James Holland (former custodian), Betsy Brothers, Julia Gunn (Cindy Robinson's grandmother), Hyla Brinkley (Joe Brinkley's mother), Pam Hagerty (sister of Linda Beale), Carl Ward (friend of Casey Carlson), Charlie Baumgardner (friend of Caroline Pond), Freda Freeland (friend of Caroline Pond), Cathy Barrington (friend of Casey Carlson), Dee Dee Bloom and Ailish Campenile (friends of Lynnette Park), Jean Shamanski (Carol Apple's mother), Matt & Margaret Kelley (sister of Debbie Newell), Renee Carr (friend of Joe Brinkley), Charles Byrum, Brandon Hatfield (in Iraq - husband of Elizabeth Spratley Hatfield).

Church members are listed in **bold type**.

Please call the church office (539-8771) to add or remove names.

## **Among Our Members... (as of February 25)**

...**Dorothy Williams** is at Consulate Health Care in Windsor.

## **Sympathy Is Expressed to...**

...**Bill Ashley** in the death of his son, Robert, in Florida on February 16.

## **LETTERS OF THANKS**

West End Baptist,

To all my church friends I would like to say thanks for the Christmas cards. They meant a lot to me.

Sincerely,  
Willie Colby

The Youth Department would like to say a **BIG** thank you for your support of their recent Souper Sunday fundraiser. Thanks to you, they made a total of \$446 to use towards their Eagle Eyrie trip this summer.

## **STEWARDSHIP UPDATE**

Our monthly giving goal for February was: \$16,116  
Monthly contributions for February were: \$11,964

Budget goal through February: \$ 32,232  
Budget receipts through February: \$24,465

We thank you for your faithfulness and generosity.

## COMMUNITY LENTEN SERVICES

March, 2010

This is the seventh year for our series of Community Lenten Services that are inter-racial and inter-denominational. Churches are partnering for the worship service and the Soup and Sandwich luncheon that follows each service. You are invited to join us on:

### **Wednesday, March 3 at St. Mary's Catholic Church (202 South Broad Street), Father Piotr Bilkowski,**

12 Noon: Worship Service with the Rev. Wendell Waller of Christian Home Baptist Church preaching.

12:30 p.m.: Soup & Sandwich Lunch prepared by St. Mary's Catholic and Christian Home Baptist Churches.

### **Wednesday, March 10 at East End Baptist Church (523 East Washington Street), the Rev. Dr. Mark Croston, Pastor**

12 Noon: Worship Service with the Rev. Eddie Heath of the Virginia Baptist Mission Board preaching.

12:30 p.m.: Soup & Sandwich Lunch prepared by East End Baptist and West End Baptist Churches.

### **Wednesday, March 17 at Main Street Methodist Church (202 North Main Street), the Rev. Robert Parks, Pastor**

12 Noon: Worship Service with the Rev. Dr. Robert Hobbs, Pastor of Metropolitan Baptist Church, preaching

12:30 p.m.: Soup & Sandwich Lunch prepared by Main Street Methodist and Metropolitan Baptist Churches.

### **Wednesday, March 24 at First Baptist Church, Mahan Street (112 Mahan Street), the Rev. Dr. Steven Blount, Pastor**

12 Noon: Worship Service with the Rev. Dr. Keith Emerson, Rector of St. Paul's Episcopal Church, preaching.

12:30 p.m.: Soup & Sandwich Lunch prepared by First Baptist and St. Paul's Episcopal Churches.

## MEMORIAL GIFT

*In honor of Kelly's birthday on March 8, I have given a clock to the church. It has been placed in the Fellowship Hall. We know that Kelly does not need a clock now, but I know he would appreciate reminding us to stay on time and keep our schedules. So each time you hear the chimes let them remind you of him and his love.*

*With Love, Cheryl Taylor*

## **March Birthdays**

8 <sup>th</sup>	Dewey Privott Joelle Morgan Pond
9 <sup>th</sup>	Hazel Liverman Cheryl Sawyer
10 <sup>th</sup>	Maxine Barnett
14 <sup>th</sup>	Carol Apple
16 <sup>th</sup>	Katherine Saunders
17 <sup>th</sup>	Nelda Hayes Patsy Privott
18 <sup>th</sup>	Mary Drew Bobby Smith
19 <sup>th</sup>	Allen Kiger
20 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Webb Karen Babb
25 <sup>th</sup>	Mitch Wilcox Lee Saunders
27 <sup>th</sup>	Jack Stroud
30 <sup>th</sup>	Brennan Boyette Chris Davis Eloise Britt Cindy Robinson
31 <sup>st</sup>	Joshua Irby Andy Anderson

## **March Anniversaries**

1 <sup>st</sup>	Andy and Louise Anderson (67 <sup>th</sup> )
21 <sup>st</sup>	Malcolm and Susan Pulley, Jr. (23 <sup>rd</sup> )
22 <sup>nd</sup>	Eddie and Jackie White (32 <sup>nd</sup> )
28 <sup>th</sup>	L. H. and Pat Byrum (46 <sup>th</sup> )
30 <sup>th</sup>	Morris and Frances Holland (19 <sup>th</sup> )

## YOUTH NEWS

The MATRIX combined youth will meet on March 14<sup>th</sup> for bowling in Franklin and on March 21<sup>st</sup> for another recreational activity.

Watch the bulletins for more details on an upcoming event to raise funds for their summer mission trip to the Eastern Shore.

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## FROM WHERE I SIT...

...On the first Sunday afternoon of Lent, I met with our combined youth group MATRIX (Making All Teens Renewed in X - Chi, the Greek symbol for Christ) and talked with them about the season of Lent in the church year. As I did some preparation, I had an insight that had not come to be before. In past years I have wrestled with what to give up for Lent or what to add on for Lent. Every year I have tried to come up with what I thought was appropriate and challenging, but it hasn't always been easy. What I realized a few weeks ago was that all of my thoughts were about what I thought I should give up or add on. Perhaps the better questions are: "What does God want me to give up?" or "What does God want me to add on?" When I asked those questions, my dilemma was what to choose out of the many choices that emerged! Sometimes even those of us who are on the journey of being disciples of Christ need to remember to include God in our discussions. It's not all up to us. See Psalm 28:6-7. It's not too late to ask those questions this Lent. (TFI)