



## **SOUTH BETHANY PARTICIPATES IN LITTLE ASSAWOMAN BAY WATER MONITORING PROGRAM**

On Thursday morning, May 27, 2010, a group of "South Bethians" participated in a water quality monitoring program sponsored by the University of Delaware (UD) and the Center for the Inland Bays (CIB). The purpose of the program was to take water samples in the early morning hours (6 - 9 a.m.) in four areas of the Little Assawoman Bay.

Since there was very little data on dissolved oxygen (DO), and the need for that information and also for other indicators such as temperature, salinity, and levels of algae, UD and the CIB needed volunteers to help collect this data. Although DO is the primary indicator of whether a water body supports aquatic life, it is very difficult for DNREC scientists to go out that early to do the testing. George Junkin (volunteered his boat), Sue Callaway, Frank McNeice, Jay Headman, and Ron Wuslich did the sampling on the test day, and they have volunteered to do it on a monthly basis throughout the summer.