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# White Bluff News

## May 2022

EMBRACE    TRANSFORM    EQUIP    IMPACT

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Hello White Bluff! As I type this article for this month's newsletter, today, May 5, 2022 is Cinco De Mayo and National Day of Prayer. While the 5th will be past when you read this, it is a reminder of the importance of prayer in everything that we do. As a wise person once said, "Instead of being a person who prays, try to be a person of prayer." That should be our aspiration in life... to commune with our God, Yahweh, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit in all things. For what can we pray? While by no means exhaustive, here is a list that comes to mind in the "ACTS" mode of prayer. The ACTS prayer model is a very good way to focus our hearts of Who God is and What He has done before we turn our hearts to asking Him for His continued work.

Adoration: During this time, focus directly on God, adoring Him for Who He is-- His names, His character, His roles, etc. Worship and praise God with your heart, mind, and voice. I Chronicles 29:10-13 says, "Yours, O LORD, is the greatness and the power and the glory and the victory and the majesty, for all that is in the heavens and in the earth is yours. Yours is the kingdom, O LORD, and you are exalted as head above all. Both riches and honor come from you, and you rule over all. In your hand are power and might, and in your hand it is to make great and to give strength to all. And now we thank you, our God, and praise your glorious name."

Confession: When we acknowledge Who God is and adore Him for all that He is, confession is a natural follow-up. For we cannot stand before the throne of a holy God with sin between us and our Savior. Thank God, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins! I John 1:4-9 says, "And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete. This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness."

Thanksgiving: This is a time for prayers of thanks for what God has done. Thank Him for salvation, the many blessings in your life, protection, provision, open doors, opportunities, and His gifts to man. I Chronicles 16:34 says, "Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; for his steadfast love endures forever!"

Supplication: Prayers of requests. This is the time to ask God for His divine help to meet needs, solve problems, work in someone's life, etc. Philippians 4:6 says, "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God."

Prayer should not be arduous, but exciting! The God who created us stands ready to hear us and to answer our requests in His time and way. As Toby Mac would say, "We've got to pray just to make it today!" Let us pray.

In addition, I am excited about the upcoming Sunday emphases and some of our special events. While not all inclusive, here is a rundown of the next several weeks. Please pray a prayer of God's blessing and provision over these!

Sunday, May 15 @ 9:30: Suzanne will have piano students playing in the worship service! You will not want to miss it.

Thursday, May 26 is Ascension Day. Luke 50: 50-53 says, "When he had led them out to the vicinity of Bethany, he lifted up his hands and blessed them. While he was blessing them, he left them and was taken up into heaven. Then they worshiped him and returned to Jerusalem with great joy. And they stayed continually at the temple, praising God."

Sunday, May 29- Sunday, Sept 4: White Bluff celebrates business casual dress from Memorial Day to Labor day weekends.

Sunday, May 29 @ 9:30: On Memorial Day weekend, we will remember and honor those in our military who gave their all.

Sunday, June 5 @ 9:30: Pentecost Celebration. Happy Birthday Church! Wear your red as we remember the day in Acts when they spoke in many native languages and the Church was born.

Sunday, June 12 @ 9:30: Trinity Sunday: We will discuss Yahweh- Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and how God has always existed as one God with three parts.

Sunday, June 19 @ 9:30: Father's Day and Juneteenth: We will celebrate our Fathers during the sermon time and honor the day when slaves were emancipated in America.

Saturday, June 25 @ 12:30 pm: Vacation Bible School kickoff with Food Trucks and more!

Sunday, June 26- Thursday June 30 from 5:30-7:45 pm: Vacation Bible School.

There is a lot going on at White Bluff! I am excited to celebrate the goodness of God with you.

Blessings,

Barry  
Senior Pastor

## Stewardship Report

### Attendance 04/03/2022

9:30 am.....135  
Sunday School.....70  
Online Views -Tradition ..97

### Attendance 04/10/2022

9:30 am.....113  
Sunday School.....69  
Online Views -Tradition...120

### EASTER

### Attendance 04/17/2022

9:30 am.....206  
11:00 am.....95  
Online views-Tradition...157

### UNITED METHODIST WOMEN'S SUNDAY

### Attendance 04/24/2022

9:30 am.....120  
Sunday School.....59  
Online views-Tradition...115



United  
Women  
in Faith

## UMW change name, keep mission

By Kara Witherow

### Same Mission, New Name

For 153 years, women united by their shared love of Christ and desire to serve women, children, and youth have put their faith into action. Over the years, what was first known as the Methodist Woman's Foreign Missionary Society became known as the Woman's Society of Christian Service and then eventually United Methodist Women. Today, the organization has rebranded itself again, this time to "United Women in Faith."

The new name, which was five years in the making, better reflects how the organization answers its calling to faith and action today, said Tara Jones, president of South Georgia's United Women in Faith. "It's a more apt description of who we really are."



EXCITING THINGS ARE  
HAPPENING!



**Children's Church 9:30 A.M.**

**Welcome to Summer Bash**

**May 22, 2022**

**9:30 am til 12:00 noon (Children's Church and Sunday School)**

**Gym**

**Back to School Extravaganza**

**July 31, 2022**

**9:30 a.m. til 12:00 noon (Children's Church and Sunday School)**

**Gym**

**Sunday School 11:00 A.M.**

**Volunteers needed NOW to teach our K-2, 3-6, Jr. High children.**

**If you would like to volunteer, please call Harriet Cobb  
(912) 927-3320.**

White Bluff is a  
Community-oriented,  
Bible-believing church  
family serving the  
southside of Savannah,  
Georgia where the  
Truman ends and faith  
begins.

MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER  
AND  
HONOR



## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

- 9:30 A.M.** Traditional Worship  
(Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M.** Connection Café  
(Coffee & Doughnuts-Gym)
- 11:00 A.M.** Open Table Modern Worship  
(Horton Hall)
- 11:00 A.M.** Kids' Table (Room 9)
- 11:00 A.M.** Sunday School Classes  
(All Ages)

All Sunday school classes are meeting in their classrooms. Journey with Friends moved to Room 28.

## WBUMC Mission Statement

The White Bluff United Methodist Church is called by God to **EMBRACE** their salvation in Christ, to be **TRANSFORMED** into His likeness, to be **EQUIPPED** to serve in ministry, as we **IMPACT** the world.



## Book Study

Tuesday's, May 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31

11:00 a.m.

Please bring a book suggestion for our next Book Study.



**leadership** passion  
dedication motivation  
excellence drive discipline heart

**Church Council Meeting**  
**Monday, May 16, 2022**  
**7:00 pm Fellowship Hall**

Agenda: Looking Ahead (July, August, September)

**\*\*Reminder to Council Members...so I can plan accordingly, if anyone needs to be added to the agenda with a specific report, please let me know ONE week prior to the meeting.\*\***

Also, come prepared to share with the council any upcoming ministries you may be planning, so we can all be well informed so that we, in turn, can better communicate to our fellow church members.

Thank you,

Kay Williamson  
(912) 925-3723  
(912) 656-2683 (Text)  
Email: catlady1091@yahoo.com



**All Daughters Banquet (All the ladies)**

**May 7, 2022**

**12:30 P.M.**  
**Fellowship Hall**

Tickets-\$15.00 each for Adults  
\$10.00 for Children

Tickets are available in the office.  
Lunch, Entertainment, Door Prizes and  
a Silent Auction.







## Mother's Day

May 8, 2022

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

Special recognition of the babies born since last Mother's Day to our church members.



## Trustees Committee Meeting

May 11, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Room 21



## DEAL THE CARDS

**DEAL THE CARDS**

**MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.**

Come play Hand and Foot (Canasta), Hearts, Solitaire, Quiddler, etc.

May 2, 9, 16, 23, (30th TBD)

Room 21

Bring your own drink and a light snack to share.

## FINANCE MEETING

May 16, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Room 21



The Doctor Jacqui Anderson-White Bluff United Methodist Church \$1000 Scholarship is awarded annually (except during Covid) to an active member who will be a first-time post-secondary student at a college, university or technical school in the fall. The student must have at least a 2.5 grade point average to apply. Applications can be picked up in the church office and must be returned there by May 2.

Questions can be directed to:

Tommy Swinford

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912-507-3982

**It's time to shred**  
all those papers, files and receipts



## White Bluff United Methodist Church

**Document Shredding Day**

**Saturday, May 21, 2022**

**10-2 p.m.**

**Donations Appreciated**

**Community is welcome to attend.**

**Tell your friends and neighbors.**

**No** cardboards, newspapers, glass, plastic, Styrofoam, plastic protectors, batteries, electronics, computer tapes, or CD/DVDs.

**NOTE:** A copy of the acceptable and non-acceptable items will be in the Narthex.

**COMING SOON**

## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

**White Bluff United Methodist Presents:**



**June 26th thru 30th**

**5:30-7:30 P.M.**

Dinner, Fun, Crafts, Songs and more  
3-years- old thru 5th grade children

Register on-line at [www.whitebluffmethodist.org](http://www.whitebluffmethodist.org)  
or call the Church Office at (912) 925-5924 or  
Lisa McGalliard at (912) 658-7556

**Volunteers needed:** Call Sarah McGalliard  
(912) 658-6773

### Donations Needed:

- \* Apple Juice, Grape Juice
- \* Apples, Oranges, Tangerines
- \* Juice Drinks (Kool aid, Capri Sun, etc.)
- \* Food Stickers
- \* Religious Stickers
- \* Small artificial flowers
- \* Walmart or Michael's Gift Cards
- \* Fresh Baked Cookies (Bring Sunday, June 26th)
- \* Fresh Baked Cupcakes (Bring Sunday, June 26th)
- \* Empty toilet paper and paper towel rolls
- \* Material to make napkin rings-holiday material, plain or decorative.
- \* Cash or checks made out to WBUMC and marked VBS on the subject line and given to the church office or placed in the offering plate.

## YOUTH MINISTRY

**Sunday School**

**at 11:00 A.M.**

**Youth Room or Room 7**



### LINE DANCING



**When:** (Thursdays) May 5, 12, 19, and 26

**Time:** 10-11A.M.

**Where:** White Bluff UMC-Gym

**Cost:** Free

(a small donation is requested for church utilities)

**Instructor:** Susan Morgan

Social distancing will be observed.  
Masks will be required for all participants.



**Coming in July:**

**TUESDAY MOVIES**

**10:30 a.m.**

**Horton Hall**

**Dates forthcoming**

Sight & Sound Theater biblically  
based musical productions  
Moses, Joseph, Noah, Samson, Paul,  
Ruth and David



**WEDNESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY**

**10:00 A.M.**

Fellowship Hall  
Everyone is welcome  
to join us.





## WBUMC FOOD PANTRY

Below is a list of items that we need.

**Spaghetti Sauce with Meat**

**Jelly**

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Large Boxes of Cereal**

**Canned Vegetables (green beans, corn, butter beans, green peas)**

**Egg Noodles**

**Pancake Mix**

**Low or Sugar Free Pancake Syrup**

**Shelf Stable Milk (Fairlife, Parmalat, Horizon, or Powdered Milk)**

**Food Pantry Basket has been placed on table in hallway outside kitchen for your convenience. Check expiration dates. We can not use outdated items.**

**Thank you in advance for your generosity.**

**Diana Hodges**

**Pantry Coordinator**



**Suzanne Woodrum  
"Piano Recital"**

**Saturday, May 14, 2022**

**2pm younger students**

**4pm older students**

**Everyone is invited.**



We would like to welcome our newest Members to White Bluff United Methodist Church

Denise Davis  
Barbara Haley  
John McPipkin Jr.

Other denomination  
Other denomination  
UMC transfer



**United Methodist Men Fellowship Meeting**

**Monday, May 23, 2022**

**6:00 P.M.**

**Fellowship Hall**

**All men, both members and non-members,  
invited.**



**Annual Easter Egg Hunt was a success!**

Over 200 children and families participated in the festivities.

A big thank you to all those that helped.

Looking forward to next year.



**White Bluff United Methodist Women's Sunday**

Thank you Rev. Karen Prevatt for the sermon.

Thank you to Huxsie Scott for the great music.

Our Woman of the Year was awarded to Harriet Cobb for her dedication and hard work.



**White Bluff United Methodist Graduates**

**High School**

Robert Morgan

**College**

Rachel Anderson

James Anthony Bradley, Jr.

Emily Brown

Georgia Griffin

Kaylyn Luke

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### Special Gifts

**Gifts were given to White Bluff United Methodist Church in memory of:**

#### **Barbara Anderson**

Elizabeth Williamson  
Alan and Kay Williamson  
Chris Fitts  
Barbara Ciliberto  
Emily O'Brien  
Maggie Newton  
Stoney Burke  
Jerry and Mary Alice Hendrix  
Jane S. Anderson  
Tommy and Emily Nelson  
Social Seniors  
Contemporary Singles SS Class  
Carlton and Carol Kemp

#### **Tommy McGalliard**

Tim and Susan Poolos

#### **Eunice Cook**

Jeffrey and Deborah Cook



**Christian love and sympathy are extended to the following families and friends of White Bluff United Methodist Church.**

Rev. Ken Sharpe, on the death of his Mother, Dorothy Sharpe, on March 25, 2022.

Beverly Vasta, on the death of her husband, Pete Vasta, on March 26, 2022.

Brenda Mills, on the death of her husband, Grady Mills II, on March 28, 2022.

Mark & Bryan Anderson, on the death of their Mother, Barbara Ihly Anderson, on April 2, 2022.

Debbie Floyd, on the death of her husband, Terry Floyd, Sr., on April 11, 2022.

#### **Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up**

<b>May</b>	Wayfarers
<b>June</b>	Ampersand/Harmony
<b>July</b>	Journey with Friends
<b>August</b>	Seekers
<b>September</b>	Covenant
<b>October</b>	Wayfarers
<b>November</b>	Ampersand/Harmony
<b>December</b>	Journey with Friends

All classes are responsible for the entire month.