

WHITE BLUFF
UNITED
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CHURCH

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White Bluff News

August 2022

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

Staff

Rev. Barry Giddens
Senior Pastor

Stephanie Parker
Director of Children's
Ministry

Suzanne R. Woodrum
Church Organist

Rick Weeks
Audio/Visual Coordinator

Carolyn Anderson
Administrative Assistant

Malinda Smith
Financial Administrator

Sarah McGalliard
Nursery Director

Audrey Tilton
Custodian

Welcome to Our new Children's Director!

Many in our church have worked since my arrival to determine next steps for the youngest of ages in our church. There was (and is) a recognition that over time (a period of many years), White Bluff experienced decline to the point where only a handful of children and very few youth remained. When you were searching for your new pastor in 2021, the SPR was asked what direction they wanted to go. Did White Bluff want to be an older congregation or did it want to bring the youngest of ages (preschool, children, youth, and young adults) back into the church? The SPR asked for a pastor to be appointed with a young family who also had experience in bringing young families in. After much prayer and consultation on all sides (the church, me and my family, and the Conference), the decision was made for the Giddens family to be your new pastoral family.

We have enjoyed our first year with you and met many wonderful people at White Bluff. Together, we conducted the Christmas Light Extravaganza that touched many thousands of people in the community, an Easter Egg hunt for hundreds, and a recent Vacation Bible School for almost 50 children. There have been many successes for which we should give praise to God! Even so, there also was a recognition that in order to sustain long term growth in the younger age group (including community outreach, Sunday worship, Bible Studies, midweek programming, Mother's Morning Out, After School Care, Preschool, etc.), we would need to identify what we were looking for and the personnel to lead it.

The SPR and Preschool Exploration Team (established by the Church Council) came together in a process of discernment. They recognized that the process of decline did not happen over night and that the process of revitalization would take time. It would have to be a long-term commitment of the church and the pastor. The two committees collaboratively identified several priorities to begin the process. These priorities are not all-encompassing, but are seen as a vital first step. After much prayer and collaboration, they decided that a Children's Director should be hired that would have emphasis on three aspects: 1) Sunday morning children's activities, 2) Mother's Morning Out, and 3) the development of a potential after-school program. Still in the long range plan is the potential for a preschool to take shape. Thanks to this team for all of their hard work and many hours of preparation.

Today, after a large search and many hours of hard work, I am thrilled to announce that Stephanie Parker will be joining our staff as our new Director of Children's Ministry. Stephanie has many gifts and graces, and we are fortunate to have her coming to bless us with her talents. Above all, Stephanie said in her interview that she wants to be able to share Jesus with the children, a quality that we welcome! She will have oversight for children thru 5th grade. We are excited to welcome her in and for her to hit the ground running. Stephanie has three young children (Brantley, 9, Ainsley, 3, Madison, 11 months) and her husband, Brad, is a Systems Support Engineer with Lockheed Martin in Savannah. They live in Richmond Hill and have been active in Wesley Monumental in downtown Savannah. We will have much more to say about Stephanie in the coming weeks as we officially welcome her in. For now, be in prayer for White Bluff, Stephanie, and her family as we come together to make disciples of Jesus Christ for the transformation of the world!

In other news, we are still hard at work on the youth program and hope to have some exciting news coming your way in that regard very soon.

God is good! During these chaotic times, He is still sitting on the throne and especially active at White Bluff. Join me in praying for His Kingdom to come and His will to continually be done at White Bluff. Dear Lord, we ask that not our will, but Your will be done! Yahweh, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, let it be!

Blessings to all, Barry

Rev. Barry Giddens
Senior Pastor



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Churchwide Dinner – Awareness

August 21, 2022

5:00 P.M. til 7:00 P.M.

Social Hall

Free to Members

To make a reservation: call the church office (912) 925-5924.
A sign up list will also be available in the Narthex.

Church Council and Annual Conference Delegates share with membership the 2022 Annual Conference information along with a presentation on 'State of the United Methodist Church' and an update on The Protocol Status, delayed General Conference 2024, General Conference 2019 Disaffiliation process Rule 2553 and the Disaffiliation Process and deadlines in the South Georgia Annual Conference. Our Delegates will also have an update on the churches Disaffiliated in S. Ga through August 20, 2022.

Stewardship Report

Attendance 07/03/2022

9:30 am.....209
Sunday School.....78
Online Views108

Attendance 07/10/2022

9:30 am.....153
Sunday School.....62
Online Views58

Attendance 07/17/2022

9:30 am.....110
Sunday School.....51
Online views33

Attendance 07/24/2022

9:30 am.....118
Sunday School.....64
Online views104

Attendance 07/31/2022

9:30 am.....127
Sunday School.....68
Online views65



**EXCITING THINGS ARE
HAPPENING!**

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED.

**Call Sarah McGalliard at (912) 658-6773 or the church office
(912) 925-5924.**

Pre-School thru 5th Grade

**At Children's Church we will continue to share communion
together in the chapel on the first Sunday. We'll continue to explore
our Sanctuary. We will continue to learn about how our Sanctuary was built
and the religious symbolism in the shape of the church, the windows and
much more.**

Sunday School 11:00 A.M.

Children will continue to study the Bible.

**Volunteers are always needed to teach our K-2, 3-6, Jr. High
children. If you would like to volunteer, please call Harriet Cobb
(912) 927-3320.**



**Happy Birthday
Greetings extended
to:**

John Tidwell

On celebrating his
94th birthday
August 1st.

James Kaigler

On celebrating his
91st birthday
August 23rd.



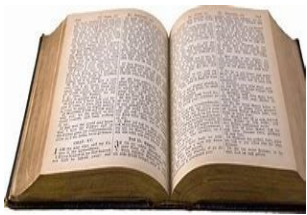
WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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

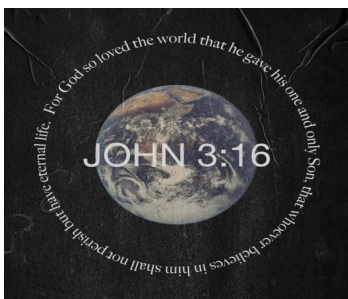
All Sunday school classes are meeting in their classrooms. Journey with Friends moved to Room 28.

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.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**
10:00 A.M.
Fellowship Hall
Everyone is welcome
to join us.



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



DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

Come play Hand and Foot (Canasta), and other card games.

**August 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th
Room 21**

Bring your own drink and a light snack to share.



TUESDAY MOVIES

**10:30 –12:30 A.M.
Fellowship Hall**

Sight & Sound Theater:
Biblically-based
musical productions

August 2 ESTHER
August 9 JOSEPH
August 16 JESUS
August 23 NOAH

Bring a chair cushion for comfort.



Dear White Bluff Family,

I feel so blessed to have a church with so many caring people. Thank You all for your calls, cards and most of all prayers.

Love to all,

Tina Kiger



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

Cindy Layton

Retired Elder in the Tx Conference

Ian Layton

Transfer from another UMC



Tuesday Morning

Book Study

Will resume September 6, 2022

11:00 A.M.-12 noon

Room 21



REMINDER

Social Seniors

Will not meet August.

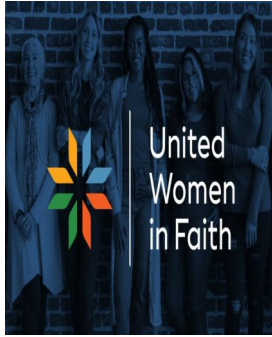
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ROMANS 12:12

REJOICE IN HOPE,
BE PATIENT IN
TRIBULATION, BE
CONSTANT IN **PRAYER.**



UMW NEWS



Hi Lisa,

We are so grateful to you and the ladies of White Bluff UMC for your hospitality and generosity on Saturday for the Mission Study. Lunch was both plentiful and delicious!

Thank You, too, for the bonus notepads and pens, as well as the lapel pins.

That was very thoughtful and quite useful.

Please also thank Rick for providing his time and expertise with the Audio-visuals.

Thank you again for helping to make our day a successful one.

Yvonne Flowers

And the Coastal District Board



**You are invited to join Ellabell United
Methodist Church
Women's Ministries**

6th Women's Retreat

Saturday, August 6, 2022

8:30 a.m. Pastries and fellowship.

Spiritual Leader-Rev. Karen Prevatt

Come and join us for fellowship, fun, food and an
uplifting and encouraging worship experience.

\$10.00 Registration Fee

**Registration call or text Marilyn Page at
(912) 658-7308.**



Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

August	Seekers
September	Covenant
October	Wayfarers
November	Ampersand/Harmony
December	Journey with Friends

All classes are responsible for the entire month.

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Special Gifts

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

Carlton R. Kemp, Sr.

J.C. Lewis Ford	Sarah Cooper
Edward and Debra Hughes	Janet McPipkin
Kathryn B. (Tina) Kiger	Corine Hall
Mac and Patty Thompson	Suzanne Woodrum
Deanie and Sue Scott	Bob Lawrence
Tommy and Emily Nelson	

Mike Wilson

Bob Lawrence



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

Teresa Coursey, on the death of her mother, Sarah G. Coursey, on July 6, 2022.

Emily Nelson, on the death of her brother, William L. "Bill" Strickland, on July 6, 2022.

Carol P. Kemp, on the death of her husband, Carlton R. Kemp, on July 15, 2022.

Raymond Brinson, Sr., on the death of his Wife, Margie Ann Lewis Brinson, on July 30, 2022.