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White Bluff News

September 2022

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

To Wonder...

I have been overjoyed with the love, support, and warm welcome I have received this last month at White Bluff United Methodist Church. In life, the time of transition can be a time of great worry. I want to leave you with inspiring words my Godmother and aunt gave me many years ago. She said "Stephanie, I never worry. I wonder. I know God has me and he has all the plans. So never worry, simply wonder, what does the Lord have planned for me?" This past month has been one of great wonder for me. I have been amazed at God's work as I watch him plant the seed for his beautiful plan at White Bluff United Methodist Church

The one detail you will hear me speak loudly on is that this ministry belongs to the church. While I may be the director, the vision belongs to all of us. My job is to plot the course for our journey. This past month I have been meeting with members and committees as we collaborated in developing our Children's Ministry vision and mission statement to support and align with White Bluff UMC mission to Embrace, Transform, Equip, and Impact as we journey on the great commission of making disciples.

For the month of September this means launching our new children's church program Flourish Kids at White Bluff. In developing the goals of the church to support ministry to young families and children it became apparent that our children need a space to identify with. Children long for a sense of belonging, a place of connection and community. A name to recognize on bumper stickers and say "That's MY CHURCH!". By giving their space a name we give them a spiritual home to identify with. A place that is uniquely theirs. A place which is Rooted in Christ, to Embrace them with Love, Transform them in Spirit, Equip them with the wisdom of God, so that as they Flourish they may Impact the world in all they say and all they do.

Our outlook toward future programs and events in our Children's Ministry include the launching of an invigorating children's church curriculum called Orange. As we grow Flourish Kids at White Bluff, we plan to utilize Godly Play in our younger Sunday school classrooms. In our endeavor to reach out and support our young families in the community we will be hosting both a weekly Parents of Preschoolers Playgroup (POPP) and Mothers Morning out program. Quarterly church festivals will grow our community with one another. We are excited to announce the return of our Pumpkin Patch, Fall Fest, and Holiday Hoopla. The next few months will be a busy and exciting time for White Bluff.

With God's blessing, we look ahead to the future with wonder. We wonder about the amazing journey we as a church are embarking on. We are excited for the opportunity to be called to lead and support young families at White Bluff United Methodist Church. We eagerly await the arrival of children to nurture and grow in faith at Flourish Kids. We will rely on God's wisdom and guidance to direct us in His Great Commission.

Stephanie Parker
Director of Children's Ministry

Staff

Rev. Barry Giddens
Senior Pastor

Stephanie Parker
Director of Children's
Ministry

Mike McCann
Director of Youth
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



CHILDREN'S CORNER



We lovingly welcome young families to White Bluff United Methodist Church. On September 11th at 9:30 we will launch our new children's church program Flourish Kids in the Nathan Bailey Student ministry room (aka The Big Blue Room). Children ages 4-99 are welcome to join us to worship God and celebrate Him through song, devotion, fun activities and yes, SNACKS!

Running late due to tutu delimas, or finding yourself on an infamous quest for the missing shoe? Don't sweat it! We're parents too! We are here to support you! Bring the kiddos anytime during Children's Church time Sundays 9:30-10:30. You can go join the rest of grown ups in the sanctuary where you can catch your breath and let God restore you.

Not sure where the Nathan Bailey student ministry room is? Have no fear. Our amazing congregation will be happy to point you in the right direction.

Wee ones 3 and under are welcome to join Ms. Sarah and her amazing team of baby whisperers and toddler tamers in the nursery. While there, they will enjoy songs, bible story, cooperative play, and yes, SNACKS! Did someone say one less diaper change for mom and dad? YES WE DID!

Hey grown ups, we get it! This awesome amazing adventure of parenthood is also messy. Here at WHITEBLUFF UMC we want to support our young families however we can. Don't worry about the clocks, crooked hair bows, or mismatched shoes. JUST COME! God will take care of the rest. We can't wait to see you!

With Blessings and Love
Your Children's Ministry Team

Sarah McGalliard
Nursery Director

Mike McCann
Youth Ministry Director

Stephanie Parker
Children's Ministry Director

Church Council Meeting

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

7:00 pm

Horton Hall

**PLEASE MAKE NOTE OF THE
DATE CHANGE**

Our District Superintendent will be joining us for this meeting to answer questions that we may have about the Discernment Process. We will still have our regular meeting so, if you have a report and need to be included on the agenda, please let me know one week prior to our meeting. Thank you.

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WBUMC DISCERNMENT PROCESS DEVOTIONAL 1

Do not be conformed to this world, but continuously be transformed by the renewing of your minds so that you may be able to determine what God's will is—what is proper, pleasing, and perfect. Romans 12:2

- White Bluff has now entered the Discernment Process, so we ALL need to use our heads, our hearts, and our time to discover, both individually and corporately, what we discern to be God's will for WBUMC.
- We certainly do NOT want to have a knee-jerk reaction to the very complex issues of faith in practice that are before us! We each (in September) and as a congregation (in October) must use prayer, scripture study, the guidance of the Holy Spirit, and thoughtful exploration of personal beliefs to bring us to a knowledge of God's will.
- Of course, members of the congregation will be discussing many aspects related to this process we are undertaking in the weeks to come. Let NOT ONE OF US forget that we are all beloved children of God! Each one of us deserves to be heard without judgment; each one of us deserves to be loved by others despite any difference in beliefs. Please consider carefully how you might best share your ideas and listen to others' ideas within our congregation during the Discernment Process.
- Please pray daily that God will truly guide you as you participate in the decision-making process.

Stewardship Report

Attendance 08/07/2022

9:30 am.....209
 Sunday School.....78
 Online Views107

Attendance 08/14/2022

9:30 am.....153
 Sunday School.....62
 Online Views25

Attendance 08/21/2022

9:30 am.....110
 Sunday School.....51
 Online views60

Attendance 08/28/2022

9:30 am.....155
 Sunday School.....78
 Online views82



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

- 9:30 A.M.** Traditional Worship
 (Sanctuary)
9:30 A.M. Flourish Kid's
 (Children's Church)
10:30 A.M. Connection Café
 Coffee & Doughnuts
 (Horton Hall)
11:00 A.M. Sunday School Classes

NOTE:

No Children's Sunday School for the
 month of September.

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.

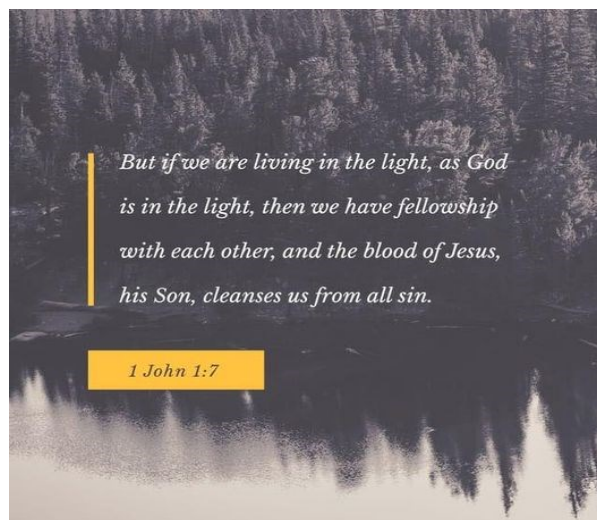


WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:00 A.M.

Room 21

Everyone is welcome
 to join us.



Happy Birthday
Greetings extended to:

Dot Wade
 On celebrating her
 98th birthday
 September 17th.



United Women of Faith

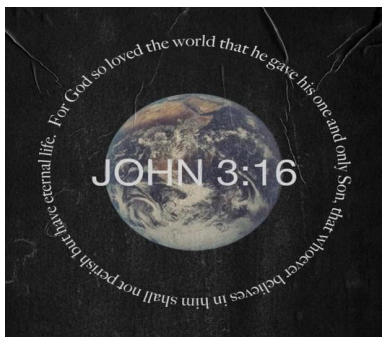
- Executive Meeting** September 18th
 10:45 A.M.
 Conference Room
- Sarah Circle** September 13th
 9:30 A.M.
 Horton Hall
- Eve Circle** September 13th
 11:00 A.M.
 Home
- Abigail Circle** September 15th
 6:30 P.M.
 Room 21



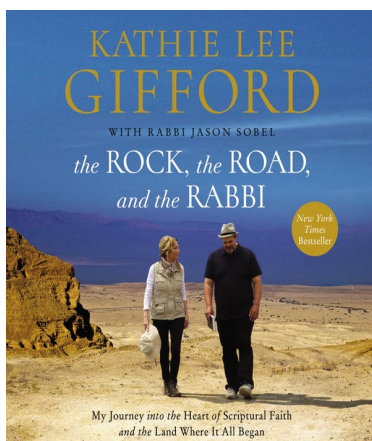
Contemporary Singles Sunday School Class Name Change

Contemporary Singles is now called the **JOYful Believers**. The Sunday School class is honoring Barbara Anderson, one of their original members who served as a teacher, president and social director. Barbara's byword in which she lived her life was JOY- Jesus, Others, and You.

Our current name does not define us and is not inclusive of all in our class.



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



White Bluff United Methodist Church

Fall Book Study

Begins: September 6, 2022

New Time: 10:00 a.m.

Room 21

Book: \$10 (Amazon)

To purchase a book contact:
Harriet Cobb
(912) 925-3320

The Study will be 6 sessions.

A DVD will be used throughout the study.

**Session Dates: September 6th, 13th, 20th, 27th;
October 4th, 18th**

YOUTH GROUP MEETING

Wednesday, September 14, 2022

6:00 P.M.

Youth Room

6th Grade thru 12th Grade

Bring a Friend

Food and drinks provided

Text Mike with questions. (417) 392-0634



DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

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

**September 12th, 19th, and 26th
(not meeting on September 5th)
Room 21**

**Bring your own drink and a light
snack to share.**

LINE DANCE CLASS



September 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd, and 29th

Time: 10-11 A.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.



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

Cindy Layton UMC Elder retired in Rio Texas Conference

Ian Layton Transfer from United Methodist Church

Vicki Bradley Transfer from other Denomination

Jay Bradley Profession of Faith

Susan Young Transfer from other United Methodist Church

Mauvaree Nelson Transfer from other Denomination

Lisa Wilson Transfer from other Denomination

Julie Cramer Profession of Faith

Andrew and Melissa Cox Transfer from other Denomination

United Methodist Men Update

“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”

Proverbs 27:17 NKJV

Fellowship Meeting
Monday, September 26, 2022

6:00 PM

Horton Hall

BBQ Ribs by Tommy Swinford

“Ministering to Soldiers and Their Families”

CH MAJ Pete Aleria - Chaplain, US Army,
Hunter Army Airfield

We are familiar with the duties of a civilian minister, but what does a minister in the military do?

CH MAJ Aleria will tell us about the ministries, challenges, and how he connects with the men and women serving our country. Hopefully we can also find out some ways we can help serve our Army neighbors.

On another note: Vernon Gandy and I will come to the end of our terms as treasurer and president at the end of 2022. So we need at least two of you to step up and fill these positions for 2023. See Vernon and me to find out what we actually do.

Please join us for fellowship and dinner - and bring a friend with you.

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

Jerry Thomas
President
WBUMC United Methodist Men



BAPTISM

Carl Henry Cox
August 7, 2022



REMINDER

Social Seniors

September 21, 2022

11:30 A.M.

Horton Hall

The following is a list of members whose names will be read at Charge Conference this year, then removed from our membership roll. If you have current contact information for anyone on this list, please contact Beth Brown or Carolyn Anderson in the church office. (912) 925-5924. or email: infor@whitebluffmethodist.org.

Name Reading for Removal by Charge Conference:

2022 Second Reading Names for Removal by Charge Conference:

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|----------------------|-------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. Morgan Strode | 26. Dean Duncan | 52. Mary Hoover |
| 2. Catherine Young | 27. Bonnie Duncan | 53. Todd Householder |
| 3. Ulysses Simpkins | 28. Drew Elliot | 54. Laurie Householder |
| *** | 29. Rocky Evans | 55. Al Howard |
| 4. James Caldwell | 30. Kim Farley | 56. Mary Bouknight Howard |
| 5. Justin Canterbury | 31. Mary Foster | 57. Tom Howe |
| 6. Ashley Carney | 32. Mandy Freeman | 58. Rebecca Howe |
| 7. Chris Carpenter | 33. Mel Freese | 59. Danielle Hunt |
| 8. Lisa Canterbury | 34. Margerete Freese | 60. Allison Johansen |
| 9. Rick Casper | 35. Susan Fuller | 61. Louie Johansen |
| 10. Marie Casper | 36. Rusty Fuller | 62. Chris Johnson |
| 11. Brooks Casper | 37. Al Furr | 63. Barbara Jones |
| 12. Sammie Collins | 38. Kristy Furr | 64. Jean Jones |
| 13. Connie Consos | 39. Ken Gardner | 65. Gerald Jordan |
| 14. KC Daniel | 40. Joseph Giles | 66. Julia Spruill |
| 15. Marcia Daniel | 41. Laura Glen | 67. JJ Joubert |
| 16. Don Dasher | 42. Qunette Guthrie | 68. Gerrie Joubert |
| 17. Chris Dasher | 43. TJ Haymans-Benedict | 69. Stella Joyner |
| 18. Wayne Daughtry | 44. Marci Heffner | 70. Donna Jue |
| 19. C. Ray Davis | 45. Linda Hennessy | 71. Jeremy Keller |
| 20. Aline Lasseter | 46. Robyn Hernandez | 72. Courtney Klein |
| 21. Chip Davis | 47. Sara Hernandez | 73. Elizabeth Yates Knowlton |
| 22. Cindy Davis | 48. John Hicks | 74. John Knox |
| 23. Judy Davis | 49. Delilah Hicks | 75. Shirley Knox |
| 24. Katy Dodge | 50. Mary Lasseter | 76. Andrew Lasseter |
| 25. Nicole Withers | 51. Diane Hodges | 77. Eric Lasseter |
| 78. Buddy Lee | 122. Herb Weaver | 166. Rick Stidley |
| 79. Larissa Leeper | 123. Carol Weaver | 167. Janine Stidley |
| 80. Dwayne McTaggart | 124. Chris Weaver | 168. Sarah Stidley |
| 81. Laura McTaggart | 125. Cal Weeks | 169. Tim Strickland |
| 82. Edsel Mock | 126. Dana Wells | 170. Natalie Strickland |
| 83. Shaun Moon | 127. Betty Whitaker | 171. Joelle Strickland |
| 84. Amanda Moon | 128. Joey White Sr. | 172. Kyle Stryker |
| 85. Madelyn Morgan | 129. Patsy White | 173. Ed Talbert |
| 86. Angela Morris | 130. Joey White Jr. | 174. Rose Talbert |
| 87. Chi Pecone | 131. Kelly Klein | 175. Mary Thomson |
| 88. Ellie Pennington | 132. Sarah Mackey | 176. Dot Thrasher |

89. Patrick Pittman
90. Herman Powers
91. Clyde Pritchard
92. Julia Pritchard
93. Heather Purvis
94. Matt Purvis
95. Gene Ragan
96. Cathy Ragan
97. Keith Sapp
98. Eleanor Sapp
99. Ashley Sapp
100. Aldine Scott
101. Debra Scott
102. Peyton Seabolt
103. Hunter Seabolt
104. Peggy Sendell
105. Joel Shaw
106. Helen Shaw
107. Pat Shaw
108. Dave Sloan
109. Robin Sloan
110. Maria Trawick
111. Nancy Trawick
112. Debbie Tucker
113. Mat Turner
114. Terry Turner
115. Blake Turner
116. Eddie Turner
117. Emily Tyson
118. John Vos
119. Lynn Vos
120. Nikki Vos
121. Phillip Waters

133. Mary Anne Marston
134. Scott McElfresh
135. Christa McLaurin
136. Donna Myers
137. Myong Namias
138. Manson Nelson
139. Chien Nguyen
140. Sherry Withers
141. Lien Duong
142. Hai Nguyen
143. Nguyen Nguyen
144. Maisie Nilsson
145. Cheryl Odom
146. Rodger Pack
147. Liz Pack
148. Mark Parker
149. Amy Parker
150. Mike Parr
151. Peggy Parrish
152. Rhonda Peters
153. Judy Renich
154. Judy Ricks
155. Kim Rigsby
156. Floyd Roberson
157. Nancy Roberson
158. Ashtin Roberson
159. Bryce Roberson
160. Melanie Rowley
161. Megan Rush
162. Steve Smith
163. Paul Snider
164. Chrissy Snider
165. Ted Witting

177. Cindy Tillman
178. Tommy Tillman
179. Eddie Wilson
180. Ellen Wilson
181. Marshall Withers

Celebrator's Conference
Pigeon Forge, TN
October 10-14

Speakers: Dr. David Jeremiah, Rev. Phil Waldrep

Entertainment: Sandy Patty, Michael W. Smith
& Orchestra, others.

Contact: Doug Cobb (912) 927-3320 If planning
to go.



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Special Gifts

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

Carlton R. Kemp, Sr.

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Raymond Brinson
Linda Croom
Jeff and Teresa Warren
Jane Beare and Tom Johnson
Barbara Hefner and Family

Carolyn Biezenbos
Jane S. Smith

Mike Wilson

Kathryn B. (Tina) Kiger
Bob Lawrence
Robert and Elizabeth Wilson
Jane Beare and Tom Johnson

Margie Brinson

Gene Carden
Carolyn Biezenbos
Mae John Exley and Kathy Kelshaw



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

Kay Williamson, on the death of her sister, Lynn Gergacs, on August 14, 2022.

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

October	Wayfarers
November	Amperсанд/Harmony
December	Journey with Friends

All classes are responsible for the entire month.