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# White Bluff News

## October 2022

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

### 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

Game on

Most know me as Coach Mike. I love kids of all ages and live my life serving them and doing my part to make their future a better place.

In life we "Do" things. Some we wish we had never done. Some we wish we could re-live over and over. But they are all combined to make us who we are. At the end of the day they shape everything about us. If we were to reverse any of them we would not be the people we are today. So I have lived the last part of my life with the idea of "Just live", make mistakes, make wonderful memories, show love to others, do my part to make a better place for my kids and those in our community. And most importantly, never-second guess the path God has used to bring us to where we are.

My life encompasses all the things above. Mistakes probably outweigh the ones I would like to repeat. But the one thing I have learned is the only way I can share, love, and disciple others is by using those situations to benefit them. God protected me in all things allowing me just enough rope to learn but not enough to break the rope and fall off the cliff. My life has been one big learning book that now I have turned into a teaching book.

My proudest accomplishments of my kids and those I coach are their wins outside the courts and off the fields. The lives that accepted Christ, the kids that were baptized, attended church camps with me and those that learn to trust me and share their challenges in life with me. I am referred to as Coach Mike more than anything else and I live to coach young people in more than just the sports they participate in. I truly want to be their life coach and at the end of the game, know they will hear the words, "Well done, good and faithful servant."

My family is my support system and without them I wouldn't be able to do what I do. I am humbled by the reception and welcoming we have received since joining WBMC. I look forward to working in the community to bring more youth and children in so we can pour Christ into our most important resources of our future.

WBMC will be a place our kids can learn to connect to other believers and become disciples themselves to those with whom they come into contact. I live each day with the understanding that I will never know where the game clock on my game is. Neither will I (or they) know where the game clock is for those I am entrusted to teach. Therefore, each minute I get to spend with them needs to be as fulfilling as possible in making sure they know they are loved by the Coach above all coaches.

Our journey did not start today, but today is the day we will focus on and plan for tomorrows.

Mike McCann  
Youth Director

## CHILDREN'S CORNER



We have had so much fun this September learning about how to trust God's working in our lives, while we explored the stories of Abraham, Sarah, Isaac, Jacob and Esau in the book of Genesis.

Starting October 2nd, we will re-launch our children's Sunday School program. As Mike, Sarah and I have worked through our programming, we realized the kiddos would benefit from a program that is in a continuous format. Rather than having the kiddos break from worship and then return to Sunday school we have restructured our time together. This change allows grown-ups to pick up kids when they need to depart but also provides an opportunity for everyone involved to stay engaged continuously.

This means that we will escort your children from church to Flourish Children's Worship and they will remain with us until the conclusion of the Sunday School hour. We will have schedules posted outside the children's worship room and nursery if you're curious to know exactly what we are up to. We will also be sending schedules out in our Flourish Newsletter.

With change comes opportunity. This schedule change has created an opportunity for Mike and myself to begin a new young parents Sunday School program. We hope you will join us for coffee and fellowship as we look to God's inspiration in our greatest adventure by using the Bible as our parenting handbook.

We know that some of you may need to "take the kids and run" to the next big scheduled activity. Simply stop by the Nathan Bailey Student Ministry room (The big blue room) or the Nursery and collect your kiddos when you are ready. Easy Peasy Lemon Squeezy!

We pray our children's worship will continue to grow in the coming months and want to remind you to come as you are. Allow us to support you by taking the kids while you restore yourself in God.

Blessings

Mike McCann  
Director of Youth Ministries

Sarah McGalliard  
Nursery Director

Stephanie Parker  
Children's Ministry Director

## Stewardship Report

### Attendance 09/04/2022

9:30 am.....122  
Sunday School.....67  
Online Views .....85

### Attendance 09/11/2022

9:30 am.....136  
Sunday School.....75  
Online Views .....71

### Attendance 09/18/2022

9:30 am.....110  
Sunday School.....51  
Online views .....90

### Attendance 09/25/2022

9:30 am.....155  
Sunday School.....78  
Online views .....68



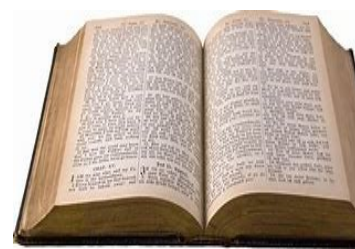
## WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

- 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

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.



## SPECIAL RECOGNITION

As I was reading the church bulletin last Sunday, I noticed the section which lists church staff and their titles. I felt one title was missing.... A title for Lisa McGilliard. As members of our church over the years, Gary and I see Lisa listed in SO MANY roles.

Just to name a few: Event Coordinator Extraordinaire, Ultimate Food Preparer/Handler, Florist, Party Coordinator, Volunteer Coordinator, Sign Maker, Popcorn Maker, Leader, Knower of Where Everything is, .... well, you get the picture! I am sure there are many other roles that she handles (many are behind the scenes) that go appreciated by so many of us.

I'm not saying Lisa needs a formal title, but I wanted to give her a "shout-out!" Lisa gives so much to so many. And she does it with a caring, positive attitude and above all, love.

Thank you Lisa, for everything you do. White Bluff is so fortunate to have you. I am sure that every church wishes they had a Lisa!

Susan Young



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

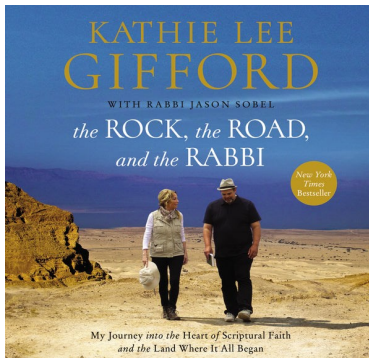
## DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

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

October 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>  
Room 21

Bring your own drink and a light  
snack to share.



### White Bluff United Methodist Church Fall Book Study

October 4<sup>th</sup> and October 18<sup>th</sup>

(We will not meet on October 11<sup>th</sup>)

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.

## WE NEED YOUR HELP



### Volunteers needed at Children's Sunday School.

Starting October 2nd we will need  
volunteers to help lead children in a  
craft, snack time and playtime in the gym  
following children's worship

Please Sign up at Donuts and Coffee in  
Horton Hall.

## LINE DANCE CLASS



October 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>

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.

**CANCELLED**

## Pumpkin Patch Fundraiser

Due to circumstances beyond our control  
our pumpkin patch fundraiser has been  
cancelled.



Trustee Meeting  
October 12, 2022  
6:30 P.M.  
Room 21



**October is the month that we enter the season of stewardship, with Stewardship Sundays scheduled for October 23 and 30.** On Sunday, Oct. 23, Finance Chair Chuck Dickson will share a Stewardship Moment in worship and will lead a presentation of the current expenses and 2022 budget at a brunch after worship. On October 30, you are encouraged to submit your pledge card with your estimated giving for 2023. May God bless our giving as we seek to be His hands in our world.

**GAME NIGHT**

(First and Third Fridays)

**October 7<sup>th</sup> and  
October 21st**

**7:00 P.M.**

**Horton Hall**

**Soft drinks provided**

**Bring a snack to share**

The board game grid features various icons and names around its perimeter, including:

- Top Row:** ST. CHARLES PLACE, INCOME TAX, CONNECTICUT AVENUE, PACIFIC AVENUE, MARVIN GARDENS, ESTATE TAX, LUXURY TAX, BALTIMORE AVENUE, COMMUNITY CHEST, RAILROADS, PACIFIC AVENUE, MARVIN GARDENS, ESTATE TAX, LUXURY TAX, BALTIMORE AVENUE, COMMUNITY CHEST, RAILROADS.
- Right Side:** PACIFIC AVENUE, MARVIN GARDENS, ESTATE TAX, LUXURY TAX, BALTIMORE AVENUE, COMMUNITY CHEST, RAILROADS, PACIFIC AVENUE, MARVIN GARDENS, ESTATE TAX, LUXURY TAX, BALTIMORE AVENUE, COMMUNITY CHEST, RAILROADS.
- Bottom Row:** PACIFIC AVENUE, MARVIN GARDENS, ESTATE TAX, LUXURY TAX, BALTIMORE AVENUE, COMMUNITY CHEST, RAILROADS, PACIFIC AVENUE, MARVIN GARDENS, ESTATE TAX, LUXURY TAX, BALTIMORE AVENUE, COMMUNITY CHEST, RAILROADS.
- Left Side:** PACIFIC AVENUE, MARVIN GARDENS, ESTATE TAX, LUXURY TAX, BALTIMORE AVENUE, COMMUNITY CHEST, RAILROADS, PACIFIC AVENUE, MARVIN GARDENS, ESTATE TAX, LUXURY TAX, BALTIMORE AVENUE, COMMUNITY CHEST, RAILROADS.



Social Seniors  
October 19, 2022  
11:30 A.M.  
Horton Hall

Meat will be provided.



Fall  
Festival

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10.28.22 | 5PM-7PM

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VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need volunteers to fulfill various activities at our fall fun fest.

Please see the signup sheet in Narthex or at Donuts and Coffee in Horton Hall.

**DONATIONS NEEDED:** Candy and Juice Boxes



**FALL FESTIVAL**

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10.28.22 | 5PM-7PM

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TRUNK OR TREAT, PETTING ZOO,  
BOUNCE HOUSES, APPLE PIE  
CONTEST, AND SO MUCH MORE!

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BRING THE FAMILY!



**“As iron sharpens iron, so a man sharpens the countenance of his friend.”  
Proverbs 27:17 NKJV**

**Fellowship Meeting**

**Monday, October 24, 2022  
6:00 PM  
Horton Hall**

**Chicken Pot Pie**

**“Supporting Struggling Veterans and the Homeless in Savannah”**

**Reverend Kristy Crill – The Dive Savannah**

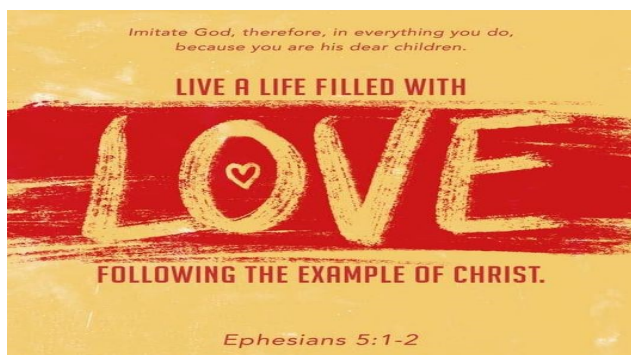
What really goes on in the world of struggling veterans and the homeless? Reverend Crill has started a mission in Christ Church Anglican to support these unfortunate members in our community. Kristy will tell us all about the challenges and rewards of her mission plus serve us a hot meal just right for the end of October.

Prayerfully consider this: 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**



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

Allison Carr	UMC transfer
Susan Carol	Profession of Faith
JoAnn Hiratta	Profession of Faith
Sheryl Gay	Transfer from another Denomination



**Congratulations**

**to**

**Cameron and Josh Bruce  
on the birth of their son**

**Connor James Bruce**

**Grandparents: Renee and Reggie Bowles**

**Sister: Addison**



**Congratulations**

**to**

**Mr. and Mrs. Cummins  
on the birth of their daughter**

**Claire McKenzie Cummins**

**Grandparents: Barbara and Michael Larisecy**

**Brothers: Cade and Carter**



**United Women of Faith**

**Sarah Circle**      **October 11th  
9:30 A.M.  
UMW Room**

**Eve Circle**      **October 11th  
11:00 A.M.  
Horton Hall**

**Abigail Circle**      **October 20th  
6:30 P.M.  
11:30 A.M.  
Room 21**



**Celebrator's Conference  
Pigeon Forge, TN**

**October 10-14**

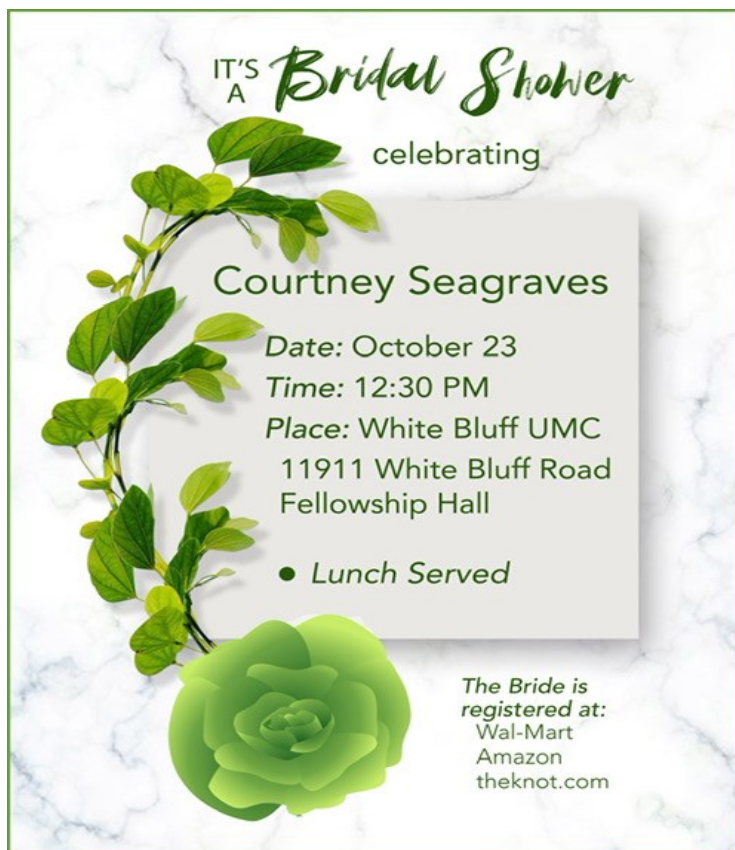
**Speakers:** Dr. David Jeremiah, Rev. Phil Waldrep

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



**Breast Cancer Awareness Sunday  
October 16, 2022**

9:30 A.M. Traditional Worship  
It will be a "Pink" Sunday.  
Please wear pink to observe the day!



**WBUMC FOOD PANTRY**

**Below is a list of items that we need:**

**Peanut Butter and Jelly**

**Mashed Potatoes**

**Large Boxes of Cereal**

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

**Rice (small bag or boxed)**

**Stuffing Mix**

**Cranberry Sauce**

**Canned Yams**

**Canned Roast Beef, Canned Chicken**

**Canned Fruit**

**Pancake Mix**

**Low or Sugar Free Pancake Syrup**

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

**Check expiration dates. We cannot  
use outdated items.**

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

**Diana Hodges**

**Pantry Coordinator**

**ALL SAINTS DAY**

**November 6, 2022**

We are asking families to provide photographs and names of Church Members who have died this past year. We will also list the names of family members who have died this past year in the bulletin. (Immediate family only).

If you have not gotten a picture of your family member to the church, please bring it to the office no later than October 24, 2022.

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### Special Gifts

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

**Carlton R. Kemp, Sr.**

The Solomons Fund-Mr. & Mrs. Philip Solomons, Jr.  
Matra and Arthur Jordan

**Mike Wilson**

Jerry and Ann Wilson



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

Robert "Bob" Brady Sr, on the death of his wife, Lorelei Lynn Brady, on September 29, 2022.

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

<b>October</b>	Wayfarers
<b>November</b>	Ampersand/Harmony
<b>December</b>	Journey with Friends

All classes are responsible for the entire month.