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White Bluff News

March 2023

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

From the Pastor’s Desk:

Hello White Bluff! Barry here. I hope all is going well. Hopefully this letter finds you enjoying today and all that God has to offer you. Know that I am praying for each of you by name on an ongoing basis, and I thank our God for each one of you.

As we approach Holy Week, several events are up and coming on the WB church calendar. We will continue the “Journey of the Stones” sermon series through Maundy Thursday. Easter Sunday, we will focus on inviting friends and family to church to celebrate that Jesus is risen!

Sunday, March 5, 2023 @ 9:30 am - Scriptures: Psalm 118: 22-24, Mark 12:1-12; Sermon: “Journey of the Stones: Rejected Stones”

Sunday, March 12, 2023 @ 9:30 am - Scripture: John 8:1-12; Sermon: “Journey of the Stones: Sticks and Stones”

Sunday, March 19, 2023 @ 9:30 am - Scripture: Luke 11:37-52; Sermon, “Journey of the Stones: Hearts of Stone”

Sunday, March 26, 2023 @ 9:30 am - Scripture: Matthew 16:13-20; Sermon, “Journey of the Stones: On This Rock”

Sunday, April 2, 2023 @ 9:30 am - Palm Sunday worship; Scripture: Luke 19:29-40; Sermon, “Journey of the Stones: Crying Stones”

Monday, April 3, 2023 @ 11:30 am: Holy Week Worship in the Sanctuary with Barry Giddens (Worship will be at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary, followed by a soup and sandwich in Horton Hall. We should have you out by 12:20-12:30 pm.)

Tuesday, April 4, 2023 @ 11:30 am: Holy Week Worship with Cindy Layton, followed by lunch.

Wednesday, April 5, 2023 @ 11:30 am: Holy Week Worship with Karen Prevatt, followed by lunch.

Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ 11:30 am: Holy Week Worship with Mike McCann, followed by lunch.

Thursday, April 6, 2023 @ 6:30 pm: Maundy Thursday worship with Holy Communion; Scripture: “Matthew 4:1-11”; Sermon: “Journey of the Stones: Stones to Bread”

Friday, April 7, 2023 @ 11:30 am: Holy Week Worship with The Service of the Nails. Malinda Smith will narrate. Lunch will follow.

Saturday, April 8, 2023 @ 2 pm: The WB Easter Egg Hunt

Sunday, April 9, 2023 @ 9:30 am and 11 am: Easter Sunday Worship: He Is Risen!

Easter Sunday will culminate in “Invite Your One: He’s Alive!” with the Scripture coming from John 20:1-18. You will be encouraged to invite a friend to church with you on Easter (even though this is a special emphasis to bring a friend on Easter, we should invite a friend to worship every Sunday!). Look for more details in the days to come on “Invite Your One,” but go ahead and be thinking now about whom you will invite to Easter Sunday on April 9. 80% of people said they would be willing to come to church if invited.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Thanks to White Bluff members for contributing to Wesley Community Center. We raised over \$1,000.00. Bill Briggs



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

Wayne Sumner, on the death of his wife, Gloria Andrews Sumner, on February 2, 2023.

Diane Wade and Lee Wade, on the death of their mother, Dorothy “Dot” May Wade, on February 10, 2023.

THANK YOU! THANK YOU!

Dear WBMC family,
Thank you so much for your kind words, food, and especially your prayers. Even with all our blessings it has not been easy.
Thank you for being wonderful examples of God’s love and support.
May God’s love be with you all,
Cassiday Family

PRICE INCREASE



Worship Flowers

The 2023 flower chart is posted in the hallway next to the kitchen. The cost is **\$30.00** and can be paid with a check made out to White Bluff United Methodist Church. Either drop the check off at the office or put the check in an envelope in the offering plate.

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

March	Wayfarers
April	Joyful Believers
May	Seekers
June	Covenant
July	Wayfarers
August	Joyful Believers
September	Seekers
October	Covenant
November	Wayfarers
December	Joyful Believers

All classes are responsible for the entire month.

Mikes Minute

Fear vs. faith with our youth

The Bible instructs God’s people many times to “fear not.” God does not want us to be debilitated by fear. For those who have the proper awe and respect for God and who strive to obey His commands, God makes some wonderful promises:

- “Fear not, for I am with you; be not dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you, yes, I will help you, I will uphold you with My righteous right hand” (Isaiah 41:10).
- “All your children shall be taught by the LORD, and great shall be the peace of your children. In righteousness you shall be established; you shall be far from oppression, for you shall not fear; and from terror, for it shall not come near you” (Isaiah 54:13-14).
- “Behold, I am the LORD, the God of all flesh. Is there anything too hard for Me?” (Jeremiah 32:27).
- “Are not two sparrows sold for a copper coin? And not one of them falls to the ground apart from your Father’s will. But the very hairs of your head are all numbered. Do not fear therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows” (Matthew 10:29-31).
- “Do not fear, little flock, for it is your Father’s good pleasure to give you the kingdom” (Luke 12:32).
- “Peace I leave with you, My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid” (John 14:27).
- “For He Himself has said, ‘I will never leave you nor forsake you.’ So we may boldly say: ‘The LORD is my helper; I will not fear. What can man do to me?’” (Hebrews 13:5-6).

As we grow in the faith to believe these promises, we can increase our ability to turn our worries over to God. This is one of the hardest things for our young ones to comprehend. Worry is not something our mind allows us to just "Turn off". So the only way to overcome that is to fill that time in our mind with positive promises and hope. This comes from a daily prayer life, positive influences and Christian examples. But one thing can be an obstacle to our process. Social media! Our youth are presented with so many negative outcomes and false examples of how real life is through social media. Yet taking their devices away and eliminating social media is not the solution. Use it to your advantage. Search out and find positive influencers, show them the heartwarming stories about what true life can be. Make sure daily you are talking to them about their Christian walk. They are going to look to social media for answers. Even if you try and keep it from them they will find it. It is in our schools, sports, and all news sources. It is a part of our life now and is not going anywhere. Social media can be the best or worst ally in this journey of raising our kids. My 10 year old, Mason, made a post the other day, it said "Let God change the world, but don't let the world change God." He made this on his own and I saw it after he posted it. He was so proud of finding this quote. Now, of course we monitor all his use both time and content, but he "Thinks" he is in control. By doing so he looks for ways to use social media to promote and document positive times in his life and our families. He thinks social media is for making a positive difference in others. This can and will be a challenge but can be done. When it comes to "Fear vs. Faith", we as parents also need to "Fear not" and have faith that with Jesus as our counselor "we can do all things through Christ who strengthens us."

FOOD PANTRY



Below is list of food items that we need.

Cereal	Canned Chicken
Peanut Butter	Canned Tuna
Jelly	Egg Noodles
Spaghetti Sauce	Canned Fruit
Spaghetti	Green Beans
Corn	Green Peas
Chili	Beef Stew
Mac and Cheese	Pancake mix
Pancake Syrup	Canned Roast Beef
Rice	Shelf life milk

The Dollar Tree have many of these items. Check expiration dates.

Thank You,
Diana Hodges
Food Pantry Coordinator



Our March mission is P.A.C.K. Community volunteers work together to pack and deliver over 17,000 care bags to children in 37 local schools and community programs each month. P.A.C.K. feeds, clothes, and inspires children in need while promoting volunteerism in our community. The item most needed this month is boxed macaroni and cheese. Walmart, Kroger, and Publix have the best prices. There will be a cart in Horton Hall for the macaroni and cheese. In February we collected snack items for Ronald McDonald House. We provided individual snack bags for the children in the hospital as well as snacks for the parents staying at the Ronald McDonald House. We will continue to collect spare change to help fund some of our mission projects and collect tabs for the Ronald McDonald House.

Thank you for your generosity and continued support for our Missions. Carol Downs, Susan Fallin, Grace Herrington, Nancy Leavitt, Mauvaree Ferland

Mission Verse: Hebrews 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



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





WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:00 A.M.
Room 21
Everyone is welcome
to join us.



Stewardship Report

Attendance 02/05/2023

9:30 am.....158
Sunday School.....69
Online Views97

Attendance 02/12/2023

9:30 am.....140
Sunday School.....58
Online Views74

Attendance 02/19/2023

9:30 am.....157
Sunday School.....66
Online views66

Attendance 02/26/2023

9:30 am.....150
Sunday School.....0
Online views75



WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

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



Sunday School Classes

11:00 A.M.

Covenant	Room	21
JOYful Believers	Room	12
Seekers	Room	6
Wayfarers	Room	4



Daylight Savings Time

Set your clocks **ahead** one hour
before going to bed on
Saturday, March 11, 2023

Don't forget to change the
batteries in
your smoke detectors.

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.



The Flourish Kids of White Bluff are looking for loving volunteers to teach children's church and Sunday school. We have two age groups, Pre-K through 2nd grade and 3rd through 5th grade. Children's Church is from 9:30 am-10:30 am and Sunday School is from 11:00 am-noon. If God is calling you to engage in these wonderful children's lives and to teach them about Jesus, please email Sarah McGalliard at nursery@whitebluffmethodist.org or you may call the church office at 912-925-5924.

EASTER Extravaganza

April 8th, 2023 2:00 P.M. til 4:00 P.M.

We will have the creation story, cookie decorating, crafts, games, movie, bounce houses, pictures with the Easter Bunny and Easter Egg Hunt. Come join the fun. We'd love to know if you are coming, please call the church office or sign up in the Narthex.

Volunteers Needed: Call Sarah at (912) 658-6773 or the church office at (912) 925-5924.

Donations Needed: Monetary donations can be marked Easter Egg Hunt. Juice drinks, Vanilla Icing, Candy (no chocolate) for eggs, Easter Egg prizes for games and small prizes to fit in the Easter Eggs.



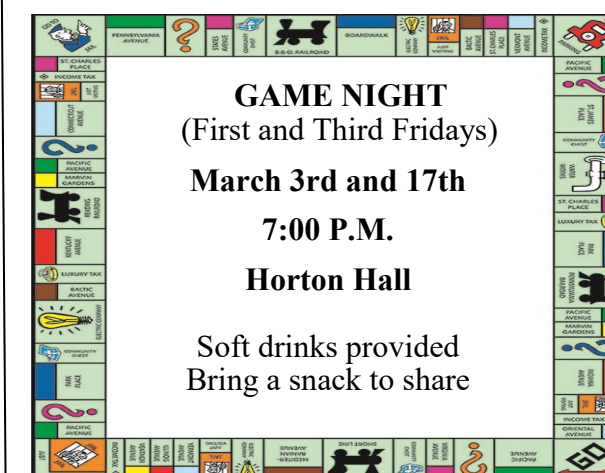
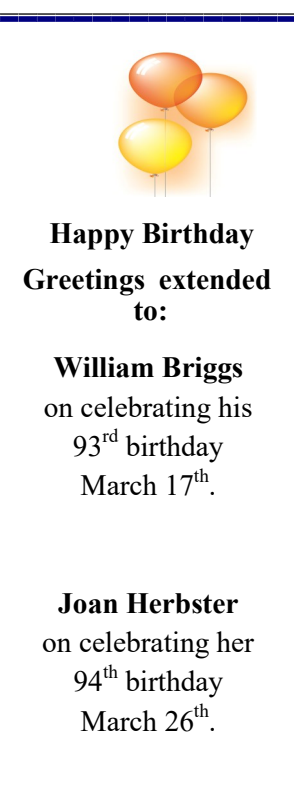
INVITE YOUR ONE

Easter at White Bluff Methodist, Savannah, GA

April 9, 2023 @ 9 and 11 am - whitebluffmethodist.org - [@whitebluffmethodist](https://www.facebook.com/whitebluffmethodist) - 11911 White Bluff Rd



Girl Scout Sunday
March 12, 2023



LINE DANCE CLASS



March 2, 16, 23 and 30

No Line Dancing, March 9

Time: 10-11 A.M.

Where: White Bluff UMC-Gym

Cost: Free

(a small donation is requested for church utilities)

Instructor: Susan Morgan



DEAL THE CARDS

MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

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

March 6, 13, 20 and 27
Room 21

Bring your own drink and a light snack to share.



Pins and Needles Sewing Group

March 6, 13, 20 and 27
9:30 A.M.
Room 21



Trustee Meeting

March 8, 2023

New Time

5:30 P.M.

Room 21



SOCIAL SENIORS

(THINK GREEN)

Wednesday, March 15, 2023

11:30 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish.

Meat and drink provided.



Church Council Meeting

Monday, March 20, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall



United Women In Faith

Monthly Meetings

Sarah Circle

March 14th
10:00 A.M.
Room 3

Eve Circle

March 14th
11:30 A.M.
Tina Kiger/Dru Collard
Home

Abigail Circle

March 23rd
6:00 P.M.
Room 21



Monthly Men's Prayer Breakfast

Sunday, March 26 @ 8 am

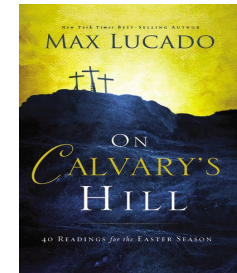
Horton Hall

COME JOIN US!

Included in this monthly gathering will be prayer, fellowship and fun. Breakfast will include cane syrup, real maple syrup, and honey for you to smother your pancakes, bacon, and sausage! Invite a friend.

White Bluff United Methodist Church Tuesday Morning Book Study Group

Time: 10:00 A.M.
Room 21



Lenten studies-On Calvary's Hill, He Chose the Nails (Max Lucado).

March 28th-showing Ray Vander Laan's-The Last Supper (DVD)



EASTER FLOWER ORDER

Place flowers in the Sanctuary for Easter in memory of a loved one or in honor of someone special.

Azaleas \$15.00

Hydrangeas \$15.00

Kalanchoe \$15.00

Lilies \$12.00

Please complete a order form located in the Narthex or call the church office.

(912) 925-5924

Order Deadline is March 15, 2023.

PRAY FOR EACH OTHER



Lent: Ash Wednesday thru Holy Thursday

Names of members are on the altar.

Please feel free to take a couple of names and pray for the individuals and their families during Lent. Send them a card or note to let them know you are praying for them and encourage them. Send a note at the beginning and one at the end of Lent. Let them know it was a pleasure to pray for them during the forty days of Lent.