

WHITE BLUFF
UNITED
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White Bluff News

April 2023

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

Hello White Bluff Methodist! I hope you are doing well.

The Giddens are busy finishing out the school year and preparing to go to Talbot School of Theology/ Biola University for my official graduation in the beginning of May. I will receive my doctoral 'hood' in a Baccalaureate Service on Thursday, May 4 in La Mirada, California, followed by the graduation ceremony on Saturday, May 6.

March 22, March 29, and April 2, the members of White Bluff voted on whether to be an independent church or to join the Global Methodist Church. Eighty-nine percent of our members chose to join the Global Methodist Church. We are still United Methodist until after the official disaffiliation vote on May 21. Once the paperwork goes through and payment is made to the South Georgia Conference UMC, then we will transition immediately to the Global Methodist Church. There is a lot of paperwork to be done, but the leadership of White Bluff Methodist is working very hard to insure a smooth transition. Thanks to Michael Lariscy and the entire Transition Committee for their diligent work.

Sunday, April 16 @ 9:30 am will be our White Bluff Women's Sunday. Harriett Cobb has served as our Woman of the Year over the past year and will hand the reigns to the next lady upon which the honor will be bestowed. It does not come with a choice parking space, but it is an honor to be acknowledged for a job well done! I look forward to finding out with you who our next honoree will be on April 16.

The next Men's Prayer Breakfast will be Sunday, April 23 @ 8 am. All men are invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

Mark your calendars for Graduate Recognition Sunday on May 7. Two graduates will receive scholarships that day. We are proud of all of our graduates and look forward to celebrating them on May 7 at 9:30 am. If you know of a graduate that would like to participate, please make sure Carolyn in the church office is aware of your graduating high school senior.

Mother's Day will be Sunday, May 14. We will celebrate our mothers in the 9:30 service. Save the date and be ready as we will celebrate women who are moms and like moms.

Thank you all for building the Kingdom at White Bluff Methodist! It is an honor to be in ministry with you.

Rev. Dr. Barry Giddens
Senior Pastor, White Bluff Methodist, Savannah, Georgia

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Rev. Barry Giddens
Senior Pastor

Dr. Russell Duke
Director of
Music Ministry

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Financial Administrator

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Nursery Director

Audrey Tilton
Custodian



WOMEN'S SUNDAY

APRIL 16, 2023

9:30 A.M. WORSHIP SERVICE

GUEST SPEAKER: REV. CINDY LAYTON

GUEST SOLOIST: HUXSIE SCOTT

We will be honoring our Women of the Year.

Join us immediately afterwards for refreshments in Horton Hall. Our women's circles will be on display. Come learn more about them.

Easter Sunday is April 9

Traditional Worship Times:

9:30 and 11 am



Matthew 28:6



OUR MISSION THIS MONTH IS OVER THE MOON

We believe in dignity for all no matter how big or small.

OVER THE MOON COLLECTS AND DISTRIBUTES DIAPERS, WIPES, PERIOD SUPPLIES, AND INCONTINENCE PRODUCTS THROUGHOUT SAVANNAH AND COASTAL GEORGIA.

OVER THE MOON ANNUAL DIAPER DRIVE COLLECTED OVER 60,000 DIAPERS AND DISTRIBUTED MORE THAN DOUBLE THAT AMOUNT DURING THE PANDEMIC TO COASTAL GEORGIA FAMILIES IN NEED.

PLEASE DONATE ANY OF THE FOLLOWING ITEMS DURING THE MONTH OF APRIL. A CART WILL BE LOCATED IN HORTON HALL FOR DONATIONS.

DIAPERS,

WIPES,

PERIOD SUPPLIES

INCONTINENCE SUPPLIES

Mission Verse: Hebrews 13:16

Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.

Sing Hallelujah! Praise the LORD!

This Easter week we sing of Jesus, beginning with his triumphal entry into the Holy City to the cries of Hosannah – “Save us!” We observe Maundy Thursday, reflecting the Passover that Jesus observed with his twelve disciples as he became “deeply troubled” in Spirit, silencing the squabbles among his disciples even as he served them by washing their feet and testified that the bread and the cup was his body and blood, shed to give us life. He became increasingly “deeply troubled” – but as he faced his own angst, he prayed for the disciples and those of us to follow (John 17). Then Mark tells us, “And when they had sung a hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives (14:26).”

Think of this hymn as we sing this season – Jesus led the disciples in the Hallel psalms – those praise songs of Psalms 113-118. “Hallelujah” – Praise God! – rings throughout these psalms which were integral to the lengthy Passover meal of the Jews recounting God’s deliverance from Egypt and from evil. The evening typically ended with Psalms 118 which recounts praise to God for his everlasting mercy in the face of distress, and was quoted by Jesus to herald his coming crucifixion and his resolve to serve his Father as the chief cornerstone of the church (Ps. 118:15, 22). This is indeed the LORD’s doing, “and we will rejoice and be glad in it (:23,24).

The Psalmist wrote, “Save now, I pray, O LORD” (:25). On Easter we will sing “Shout Hosannah!”, a reflection on this Hebraic term, “Hosianna”, which is translated into the Greek “Hosanna.”

In the Easter service, the string quartet joins the choir to celebrate Jesus. We will reflect on the Friday crucifixion in the song *Behold the Lamb!*, followed by *Shout Hosannah!* to proclaim Jesus saves, as the cross has been overcome as Jesus rose from the grave! The offertory joins in the power of the resurrection in *Face to Face We Shall Behold Him*. After the sermon, we rejoice, singing *Because He Lives*.

We conclude our Easter service with everyone standing and singing the Hallelujah Chorus.

Thinking back to the Last Supper, when Jesus led the disciples in a hymn after the meal, typically singing Psalm 118, the chapter gives hope in the face of trial and tragedy. “Hallelujah!” (:28). “Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; For his mercy endures forever!” (:29).

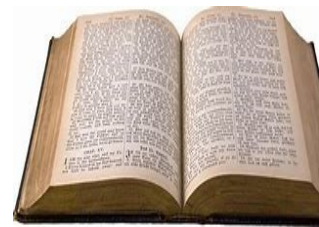
Dr. Russell Duke
Director of Music

COMING SOON!

SHRED DAY

June 2023

More details are on the way.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 A.M.

Room 21

Everyone is welcome
to join us.

Stewardship Report

Attendance 03/05/2023

9:30 am.....160
Sunday School.....63
Online Views38

Attendance 03/12/2023

9:30 am.....144
Sunday School.....07
Online Views74

Attendance 03/19/2023

9:30 am.....145
Sunday School.....41
Online views82

Attendance 03/26/2023

9:30 am.....162
Sunday School.....63
Online views38



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

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.



Happy Birthday
Greetings extended to:

Dorothy Banks
on celebrating her
96th birthday
April 6th.

Margaret Legler
on celebrating her
98th birthday
April 8th.

Nell Veale
on celebrating her
91st birthday
April 10th.

Leita Stevens
on celebrating her
96th birthday
April 16th.

Sarah Chilton
on celebrating her
91st birthday
April 25th.



Sunday School Classes
11:00 A.M.

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



DEAL THE CARDS
MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.

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

April 3, 10, 17 and 24
Room 21

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



Pins and Needles Sewing Group

April 3, 10, 17, and 24

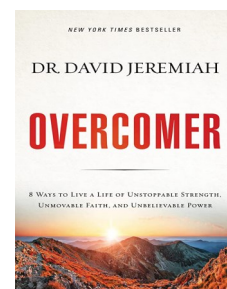
9:30 A.M.

Room 21

Donations needed:
**Batting for the
quilting projects.**

White Bluff United Methodist Church
Tuesday Morning Book Study Group

Time: 10:00 A.M.
Room 21



Start Date: April 11, 2023
6 weeks study guide and DVD

**See Harriet Cobb or Nancy Leavitt for a
Study guide**

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.



United Women In Faith Monthly Meetings

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| Sarah Circle | April 11th
10:00 A.M.
Room 3 |
| Eve Circle | April 11th
11:30 A.M.
Lydia Barton's Home |
| Abigail Circle | April 20th
6:00 P.M.
Room 21 |



Trustee Meeting
April 12, 2023
5:30 P.M.
Room 21

LINE DANCE CLASS



April 13, 20, and 27
No Line Dancing, April 6

Time: 10-11 A.M.
Where: White Bluff UMC-Gym
Cost: Free
(a small donation is requested for church utilities)
Instructor: Susan Morgan

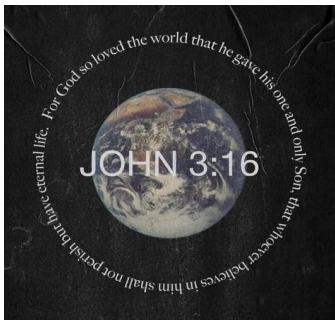
Babies

We will be celebrating the birth of our new babies this past year on Mother's Day. If you are a member of the church and have had a baby since last Mother's Day, please call the church office to make sure your baby is on our list. A gift to missions will be given in their honor.

Baby and mother will be recognized on Mother's Day.



Children's Church will be divided in two age groups starting April 23rd. Sarah McGalliard will be teaching the PreK-2nd grade and Mike McCann will continue with the 3rd thru 5th grade. PreK-2nd grade will be studying how our church works. Our children will learn all the responses we recite in church, take communion, and discover what it's like to participate in "big" church. 3rd thru 5th grade will be studying the bible through Orange curriculum. Coming up in May we will relaunch our Children's Sunday School. If you would like to volunteer, please call Sarah McGalliard at (912) 658-6773.



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



Graduation Sunday

May 7, 2023

9:30 A.M.

Recognition of High School and College graduates.

There will be a reception in Horton Hall during Fellowship time to honor our graduates.

If you are graduating this year, please let the church office know (912) 925-5924.



Kitchen Utensils

Donations needed:

Stainless steel forks

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Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

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.



Special Gifts

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

Dot Wade

Joyful Believers Sunday School Class
Suzanne Woodrum

