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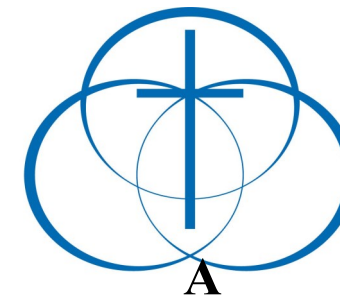
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White Bluff News February 2024

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Hello White Bluff! I hope you are doing well. February and March are going to be fun months for White Bluff.

Gentlemen, don't forget that Wednesday, February 14 is Valentine's Day! I challenge you to bust out the roses and the chocolates, or get creative with another way to show the love! For married couples, singles, widows, and widowers alike, all are invited to the youth-sponsored, churchwide Valentine's Banquet in Horton Hall on February 9 at 6:30 pm. Valentine's Day is a great opportunity to show your special someone how much you care, whether romantically or through Christian friendship.

Tuesday, February 13 will be Shrove Tuesday, the day before Ash Wednesday. This day, we will make a special effort to share God's love with the surrounding community via a pancake feast from 5-7 pm at WB. And who knows? Maybe the kiddie barrel ride might make an appearance as well! Shrove Tuesday received the name partially because it was the last day before people began their Lenten fasts. The name also comes from the old word 'shriving,' which means to listen to someone's sins and forgive them. Christians would go to church on Shrove Tuesday to confess their sins and clean their soul. In other words, they would be 'shriven.' We will need pancake flippers and people to help get the word out to the community. The cost will be covered on a donation basis at the door.

Ash Wednesday (February 14 this year), we will offer our annual drive-through for ashes and prayer from 11-12:15. At 5:15, come join us for a pasta salad bar in the social hall followed by the Ash Wednesday Service at 6 pm in the WB Sanctuary.

Altar'd by Susan O Kent will be our Lenten Devotional Resource. It will be available in worship and in the church office. We are asking for a \$13 donation for the book. It is a daily reader during Lent, and you will be invited to begin your participation on Ash Wednesday, February 13. I am excited to journey through this resource with you. The SeedBed website offers the following introduction to the book, "Altars have always represented change. They are the places where sacred space meets our surrender and leads into authentic spiritual transformation. From the beginning of time, God's people have built altars to mark the places where God spoke, gave direction, or gave his blessing. It is the place where God's people surrendered offerings to him in obedience. In the New Testament, Jesus became that surrendered offering, but he also became the place—in his person—for those who were hurting, lost, and who longed to encounter God. In the midst of a world filled with chaos and disappointment, pain and death, there is a promise of restoration and transformation. However, it isn't found at the end of our lives, but at the end of ourselves. It is found when we embrace surrender. This daily reader will awaken obedient hearts and minds to the transforming power of a surrendered life."



Stay Connected!

Please call the church office if you have moved, Changed your telephone number or have a new email Address.

You would not want to miss out on the upcoming events at White Bluff Methodist Church.



Special Gifts

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

Betty R. Downs

Corine Hall
Suzanne Woodrum



Sanctuary Flowers

The 2024 flower chart is posted in the hallway next to the office. The flowers are placed in the Sanctuary in honor of or in memory of your loved ones on Sunday.

The cost is \$30.00 and can be paid with a check made out to White Bluff Methodist Church, marked altar flowers. Either drop the check off at the office or put the check in an envelope in the offering plate.

We love because
He first loved us!
1 John 4:19

March is just around the corner! Sundays in March will be packed, as we have Girl Scout Sunday on March 10 (and the time changes— you lose an hour of sleep), St. Patrick’s Day on March 17 (wear your green at 9:30 am or risk a pinch!), Palm Sunday on March 24, and Easter on March 31. We will feature one service this year on Easter Sunday at 9:30 am. Save the date and invite friends and family! Many folks will come for Christmas Eve and Easter when they will not come any other time of the year! Seize the opportunity!

Holy Week will be March 25- March 29. Each day, we will feature a worship service at 11:30 am in the Sanctuary, followed by a soup and sandwich lunch in Horton Hall. This has been a special time for our church through the years and will be so again this year. Thursday, March 28 will feature our Maundy Thursday service at 7 pm. Saturday, March 30 beginning at 1 pm, we will host our annual Easter Egg Hunt. Again, Save the dates!

I look forward to journeying through Lent with you! Happy Valentine’s Day!

Blessings, Barry

PS- Mike and our Confirmands are heading to the Global Methodist Confirmation retreat at Epworth by the Sea, March 22-24. Please pray for them!

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

WHITE BLUFF Women of Faith

Want to get involved, join one of three circles.

Abigail Circle-Jane Anderson/Mauvaree Nelson
Eve Circle-Martha Adams
Sarah Circle-Anita Pilgrim

Coming Soon!

Women of Faith Sunday
April 6, 2024

All Daughters Luncheon
May 11, 2024

Women of Faith
Church Bazaar
Each Circle is responsible for Craft/Item to sell at a booth.

Church Wide Christmas Dinner
December 2, 2024



DOING THE
MOST GOOD

Dear Friends,

I want to thank you for your very generous donation for the Center of Hope Playground.

We are blessed by the compassion and generosity of our donors and volunteers. The smiles on the faces of the children and adults who receive services provided are the real thanks for the time and financial support invested in helping others. There is no way we could support the Savannah community in the way that we do without the support we receive from donors like you.

Everyday we receive requests for help. Some of those needs include housing people at our shelter, providing nutritious meals, a warm bed, and vital case management services. Increased enrollment in our after-school program, reaching underserved children, and educational, physical, and social opportunities for seniors at our Community Center. We can meet these needs because of amazing, generous partners like you.

Thank you for supporting the great work of the Salvation Army. Together we are truly “Doing the Most Good”.

Sincerely,

Shelley Hammond
Director of Development



Choir Events

The Choir will have special music for Holy Week Services March 24 thru March 29

Cantata
Easter Sunday
March 30, 2024
9:30 A.M.

“The Day He Wore My Crown”



EASTER FLOWER ORDER

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

Lilies \$12.50
Begonia (Yellow) \$12.50
Kalanchoe (Pink) \$13.00
Hydrangeas (Blue) \$20.00

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

(912) 925-5924

The suppliers need the orders early to ensure a delivery.

Order Deadline is February 26, 2024.



Thank you to everyone who supported our Food Pantry with your donations this past year. We will still need your support in 2024. Please review the list below and donate as you can.

Diana Hodges, Pantry Coordinator
Gloria Jordan, Volunteer
Donna Dickson, Volunteer

Canned Chicken	Canned Green Beans	Spaghetti
Canned Roast Beef	Canned Green Peas	Small Bags Rice
Canned Tuna	Canned Greens	Shelf Life Milk
Tomato Soup	Canned Corn	Pancake Mix
Spaghetti Sauce	Applesauce	Pancake Syrup
Canned Ham	Canned Peaches	Peanut Butter
Spam	Canned Pears	Jelly or Jam
Chicken Noodle Soup	Canned Apples	Saltine Crackers
Vegetable Soup		Large Boxes Cereal

Happy
Valentine's
Day



GIRL SCOUT SUNDAY
March 10, 2024
9:30 A.M. Worship Service



Celebrate National *Girl Scout* Day and honor the legacy of amazing young women. Troop # 30019 will join us in worship on this day. The Troop consist of Brownies, Juniors, and Cadettes. The girls learn about team work, technology, business skills, government, being creative, hiking, camping and more! This Troop meets here at the church each week and appreciate the church being such a welcoming space for us!

Troop Coordinator-Ashley Hazlett

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

February	Covenant
March	Wayfarers
April	Joyful Believers
May	Young Adults
June	Seekers Sunday School Class
July	Covenant
August	Wayfarers
September	Joyful Believers
October	Young Adults
November	Seekers Sunday School Class
December	Wayfarers

All classes are responsible for the entire month.

Free Pancakes Day

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, 5-7 pm

Join Us for Shrove Tuesday

@ White Bluff Methodist
11911 White Bluff Rd, Savannah

- *Pancake Dinner
- *Entertainment
- *Inflatables
- *Kiddie Barrel Ride



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February 14 is Ash Wednesday: Impartation of the Ashes, Supper, and Service

Ash Wednesday is coming! This year it is February 14. We will offer the same opportunities this year as last as we invite you to begin the Lenten season (the 40 days before Easter) in style! Rev. Barry Giddens and Cindy Layton will offer a drive thru impartation of the ashes with prayer from 11:15 am-12:15 pm. You are invited to drive thru the area of the parking lot where the office is located, stay in your vehicle, and Brother Barry will impart the ashes upon your forehead or on your hand and pray over you.

At 5:15 pm, we will have our evening meal followed by an Ash Wednesday worship service beginning at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary with the impartation of the ashes at the service. You are invited to participate and we encourage you to share this opportunity with a friend as well.

Ash Wednesday Supper February 14, 2024 5:15 P.M. Horton Hall

The Salads are back!!
Chicken salad, shrimp salad, tossed salad, Caesar salad, potato salad, Jell-O salads, chicken nuggets for the children and much, much more.

\$8.00 Adults
\$5.00 Children

Reservations sign up sheets will be in the Narthex or call the church office.
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Stewardship Report

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9:30 am.....162
Sunday School.....71
Online Views56



The Global Mission

Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



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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
Young Adults	Room	16
Nursery	Room	9
Flourish Kids (3rd grade thru 5th)	Rm	14
Pre-K thru 2nd grade	Room	10



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

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

February 5, 12, 19 and 26
Room 21



The Handbell Choir is in need of new ringers! Join in the fun! Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. in the choir room.

Lenten Devotional Beginning
February 14 (Ash Wednesday) at
White Bluff

SUSAN O. KENT

Altar'd

THE TRANSFORMING
POWER OF SURRENDER



**WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**
10:00 A.M.
Room 21
Everyone is welcome
to join us.



New Date
February 12, 2024
5:30 P.M.
Room 20



SOCIAL SENIORS

Wednesday, February 21, 2024

11:30 A.M.
Fellowship Hall
Bring a covered dish
Meat and drink provided



HELP OUR YOUTH SPREAD GOD'S WORD AND LOVE.
OUR MISSION FOR JANUARY AND FEBRUARY IS OUR YOUTH AT WHITE BLUFF METHODIST. MIKE MCCANN IS PLANNING A MISSION TRIP THIS SUMMER FOR OUR YOUTH. TEACHING OUR YOUTH ABOUT OUTREACH AND SPREADING GOD'S WORD AND LOVE. PLEASE HELP THEM WITH THEIR MISSION BY DONATING YOUR SPARE CHANGE. ALL SPARE CHANGE COLLECTED WILL BE MATCHED TO AID OUR YOUTH IN THIS VERY IMPORTANT MISSION

SPARE CHANGE BOTTLES WILL BE LOCATED IN HORTON HALL FOR YOUR CHANGE.

HEBREWS 13:16
DO NOT NEGLECT TO DO GOOD AND TO SHARE WHAT YOU HAVE, FOR SUCH ACRIKICES ARE PLEASING TO GOD.



**Pins and Needles Sewing
Group**

February 5, 12, 19 and 26
9:30 A.M.
Room 21



Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, February 19, 2024

6:00 P.M.
Horton Hall



Church Council Meeting
Monday, February 19, 2024

7:00 P.M.
Horton Hall

LINE DANCE CLASS



February 1, 8, 15, 22 and 29
Time: 10-11 A.M.

Where: White Bluff Methodist Church
Gym
Cost: Free
(a small donation is requested for church utilities)
Instructor: Susan Morgan

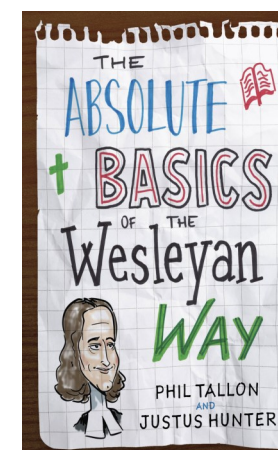
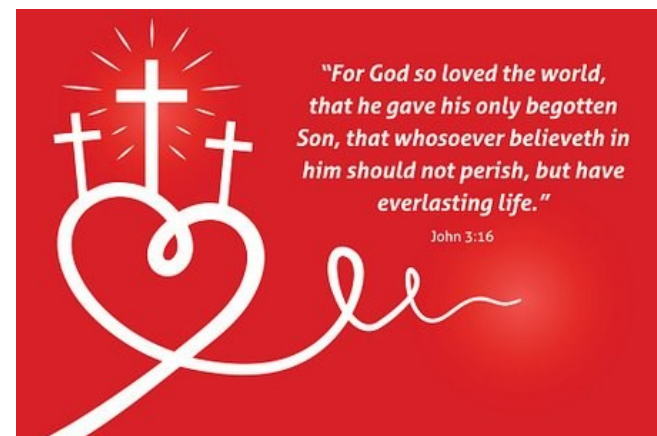
**Overcomers
Tuesday Morning Book Study**



February 6, 13, 20 and 27

10:00 A.M.
Room 21

You are invited to join us!
Bring your ideas.



Confirmation 2024
**The Absolute Basics of the
Wesleyan Way**

Classes now thru April 2024
during Sunday School hour

Confirmation Camp at Epworth
by the Sea

February 23rd-25th

If you have a child that would like to
join us or like to be a prayer partner,
contact Mike McCann.



Youth Sponsored
Valentine's Dinner at White Bluff
Friday, February 9 @ 6:30 pm