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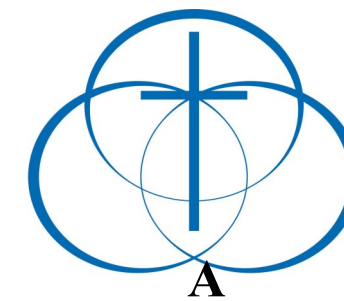
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White Bluff News January 2024

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Hello White Bluff and welcome to 2024! Happy New Year! I am excited to start this new year and all the possibilities that await us. May this year bring you joy, prosperity, health, and happiness. I wish you a healthy and prosperous new year!

Here is a glimpse into some of the near and future happenings at White Bluff in 2024:

Sunday, January 7, 2024, at 9:30 am: Leadership Commissioning during the morning worship service in the sanctuary. All leaders (committees, Sunday School, volunteers, and more) are invited to participate as we invite the anointing of the Holy Spirit to fill us to overflowing as we lead in 2024.

Sunday, January 14, 2024: At 9:30, we will have singers from the Savannah College of Art and Design in morning worship! You will not want to miss this gifted group of musicians as they share their talents with us. At 11 am, we will begin Confirmation for 6th-12th graders who are new to the process. Pray for these youth as they prepare to embark upon a journey of learning more about their Christian faith and what it means to be a Methodist!

Sunday, January 21, 2024 @ 11 am: A churchwide luncheon for two purposes. First, it will be a good opportunity to meet and greet our new members from the past year. Second, it will be an opportunity to learn more about what's going on in your church and ask questions in the second of our quarterly "What's Happening at White Bluff" town halls. Reservations will be needed, so look for more details and signups.

Friday, February 9, 2024 @ 6:30 pm: Churchwide Valentine's banquet sponsored by the Youth. Look for more details. Last year was a great event and we anticipate an equally wonderful event again this year.

Tuesday, February 13, 2024, from 5-7 pm: I am inviting everyone to come to the White Bluff Shrove Tuesday community-wide pancake supper. We will make a special effort this day to share God's love with the surrounding community via a pancake feast. This is a day for White Bluff members and community guests alike to come eat pancakes. 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 by donation basis at the door.



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.



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.



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

John W. Downs, on the death of his mother
Betty R. Downs, on January 1, 2024.



**Composer Weekend
February 23-24, 2024**

White Bluff Methodist Church Choir is sponsoring a Composer Weekend with composer Brad Nix. Church choirs from all over the Savannah-Hilton Head area have been invited to send their singers. We will learn 6-8 of Brad's Christian Choral Anthems.

The weekend will conclude with a free concert of all the beautiful music we have learned-Saturday, February 24th at 7:00 P.M.

If you know a singer who would like to participate in this event, please have them call me-Cindy Layton (512) 985-7057.
The cost is \$75.00

Wednesday, February 14, 2024: From 11 am- 12:15 pm, Cindy Layton and I will impart ashes and pray with people in the third annual Drive By Ashing outside of the office doors. Pull your car up, remain in the car, and we will impart ashes and pray. At 5:15 pm, we will have our annual Ash Wednesday pasta salad meal along followed by the Ash Wednesday Service at 6 pm in the sanctuary.

There is so much more I could tell you about (and too much to list) as we are slated to have a great year at White Bluff! I am excited to grow with you. Let's come expecting an encounter with Jesus at White Bluff in 2024.

Godspeed and Blessings,

Barry

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2024 CHURCH COUNCIL AND LAY LEADERSHIP
WHITE BLUFF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

- Church Council Chair** Lisa McGalliard
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- Senior Adult Ministries** Melissa Healy
- Young Adults/College** Gayle Spilliards/Helen Norman
- Kristen Maynard

- MEMBERS AT LARGE:**
- Debbie Hudgins
 - Bentley Edwards
 - Stuart Lewis
 - Al Harris
 - Linda Futrell
 - Suzanne Shuman



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

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| 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 |
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White Bluff Methodist Church
Special Guest
Bee Sharps
Sunday, January 14, 2024
9:30 A.M. Worship

The SCAD Bee Sharps are the Savannah College of Art and Design's executive vocal ensemble. Specializing in a range of musical genres, from classic standards to spiritual songs, to today's hits, the Bee Sharps are sure to blow you away! Join the Bee Sharps for a fun time!

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

- January** Seekers Sunday School Class
- 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.



Wow! Hard to believe another year has come and gone. We finished off 2023 with our Annual Lunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus! We had a fantastic turn out with 16 families who attended. They got to listen to the Christmas Story, decorate gingerbread houses, shop for their parents, eat pizza and visit with Santa and Mrs. Claus! I want to say a big thank you to our 2023 Children's committee for all of the hard work you put into our events this year. I can't wait for all the fun 2024 has in store.

Some events important dates to remember for the beginning of 2024!

- Children's Church 9:30am-10:30am (Every Sunday) Pre-K – 5th Grade
- Sunday School 11:00am-12:00pm (Every Sunday) All Ages
- Palm Sunday March 24th (Children will process in with Palm Branches during the opening hymn)
- Easter Egg Hunt March 30th
- Easter Sunday March 31st

Peace and Love
Sarah McGalliard
Children's Assistant Director



Stewardship Report

Attendance 12/03/2023
9:30130
Sunday School.....75
Online Views.....80

Attendance 12/10/2023
9:30 am.....218
Sunday School.....78
Online Views.....142

Attendance 12/17/2023
9:30 am.....64
Sunday School.....39
Online Views.....95

Attendance 12/24/2023
9:30 am.....162
Sunday School.....79
Online Views50

Christmas Candlelight
5:30 pm.....209
Online Views211

Attendance 12/31/2023
9:30 am.....91
Sunday School.....26
Online views57



The Global Mission

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



White Bluff Methodist Church

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.

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|------------------------------------|------|----|
| 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.

January 8, 15, 22 and 29 Room 21

Happy Birthday Greetings extended to:



H. D. McDougald on celebrating his 91st birthday on January 6th.



UNDECORATE THE CHURCH

Sunday, January 7, 2024
11:00 A.M.
Sanctuary



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



January 10, 2024
5:30 P.M.
Room 21



SOCIAL SENIORS

Wednesday, January 17, 2024

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



Church Wide Luncheon

January 21, 2024

11:00 A.M.

Horton Hall

Everyone is invited!

Come meet our new members and learn more
about what is going on in your church.

Make your reservations by calling the church
office at (912) 925-5924.



**Pins and Needles Sewing
Group**

January 8, 15, 22 and 29

9:30 A.M.

Room 21



Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, January 15, 2024
6:00 P.M.



Church Council Meeting
Monday, January 15, 2024
7:00 P.M.

LINE DANCE CLASS



January 4, 11, 18, and 25

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**



10:00 A.M.
Room 21

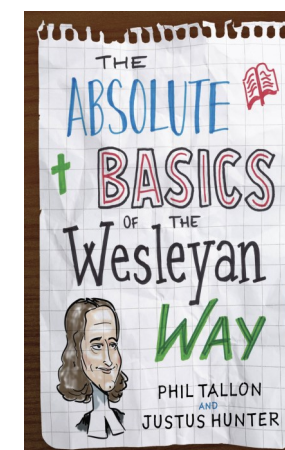
January Study
“The Great Disappearance”
David Jeremiah
6 sessions-study and DVD-begins January 9th
January 16, 23 and 30

Facilitators: Doug Cobb and Nancy Leavitt



**NO
GAME NIGHT**

January 2024



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

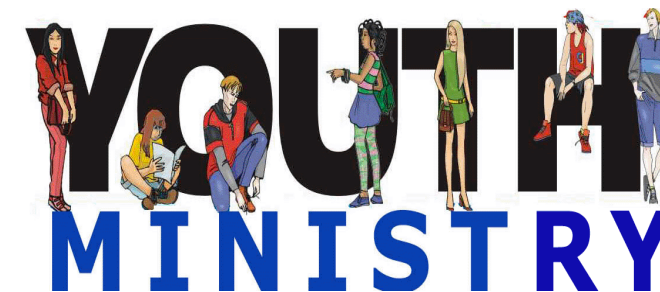
Classes start
January 14, 2024 thru April 2024
during Sunday School hour

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.

**JANUARY- FEBRUARY
MISSION
SPARE CHANGE
CHALLENGE**



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 ACRIFICES ARE PLEASING TO
GOD.**