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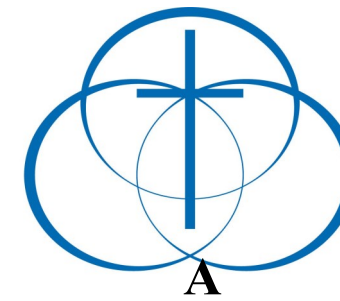
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Greetings, White Bluff! Barry here. How are you all doing? I hope everything is going well for you. In this month's newsletter, I'd like to highlight a couple of items that are near and dear to my heart.

First, as Thanksgiving approaches, it's a time to reflect on all that we are grateful for in our lives. From the people we love to the things we have, there is always something to be thankful for. Thanksgiving is a time for family, friends, and food. It's a time to come together and share a meal, to catch up on old times, and to make new memories.

Whether you're cooking a turkey or just enjoying the company of loved ones, Thanksgiving is a time to appreciate the people in our lives and the moments we share together. But Thanksgiving is also a time to think about those who are less fortunate. It's a time to give back to our communities and to help those who may be struggling. Whether it's volunteering at a local shelter or donating to our church's food pantry, there are many ways to make a difference in the lives of others.

So as we gather around the table this Thanksgiving, let's remember to be grateful for all that we have and to share our blessings with those around us. Let's make this Thanksgiving a time of love, kindness, and generosity, and let's carry that spirit with us throughout the year.

Second, as Christmas is just around the corner, we will be doing our third book/ Bible study special emphasis. I love the one-month format because it allows people frequent on ramps through which they can share in the experience. In both The Hope Initiative (August) and Proverbs and Prayer (October), we have seen great sharing amongst text group members. In addition, the daily postings through Facebook and texts have touched people far and wide. I realize that for some, the idea of group texting is not their cup of tea, and that's okay too! The goal is for you to jump in as you are able and to grow in your relationship with the Lord. The goal of these studies is to grow closer to Jesus and to find urgency in sharing Jesus with everyone we meet.

Our December emphasis will be "Protagonist: Stepping into the Story of Advent". We will have a daily reading and an opportunity for you to have group text chats (if you so choose). Protagonist is a Seedbed resource that includes daily Advent Devotions leading up to Christmas. I am praying for God's blessing as we share in this study together.



Special Gifts

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

Mike Hefner

Carol Kemp



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

Mike McCann, on the death of his sister, Elaine Leos McCann, on October 19, 2023.

Robert "Bob" Jenkins, on the death of his wife, Dorothy Kay Jenkins, On October 28, 2023.

Ashley Hazlett Sullivan, on the death of her father, Jason Hazlett, On October 31, 2023.

Poinsettia Order

Red and White Poinsettia to be placed in the Sanctuary at Christmas

\$15.00 each

The supplier gave us a few more Poinsettias just in case you did not make the deadline. Call the church office (912) 925-5924.

Currently available to purchase
15 Red and 4 White

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

November Wayfarers

December Joyful Believers

All classes are responsible for the entire month.



And that's not all! We have a Wednesday Bible study every Wednesday morning at 10:00 am in Room 21. Those folks are serious about their Bible study! This year has taken us chapter by chapter through much of the writings of Moses. Anyone can jump in at any time, so we would love to invite you to this study. Except for one or two Wednesdays a year, the group faithfully meets.

My prayer for you is that you would be a person of Bible study and prayer, because those two mediums connect us to our God who loves us and gave Jesus on the cross so we can have life to the fullest. God stands ready to open the fountains of blessing to us as we faithfully seek Him.

Blessings to you all, Barry

Rev. Dr. Barry Giddens

Senior Pastor, White Bluff Methodist, Savannah, GA

**Save
the
Date**



- November 1 Church Charge Conference 6:00 P.M.
- November 5 All Saints Day
Daylight Savings Time ends
- November 19 Children will Sing during Worship Service
- November 23 Office Closed (Nov. 23 & Nov. 24)
- November 27 Finance /Church Council Meetings
- December 4 Church Wide Christmas Dinner
Everyone is invited. Pre-k thru 5th grade will be presenting a Christmas play.
- December 10 Cantata 9:30 A.M. Worship Service
- December 16 Lunch with Santa and Mrs. Claus
Time: 12:30-3:30 p.m. \$10 per family
- December 24 9:30 A.M. Worship Service
5:30 Candlelight Communion Christmas

**Thank you to all who support our Food Pantry.
We are in need of the following items:**

- Large Canned Chicken**
- Canned Ham**
- Large Canned Roast Beef**
- Large Canned Beef Stew**
- Large Canned Tuna**
- Large Box Saltine Crackers**
- Instant Potatoes**
- Canned Turnips**
- Canned Collards**
- Canned Yams**

If you have questions, please do not hesitate to contact me

**Diana Hodges
Food Pantry Coordinator**

**Children's Ministry
FALL FESTIVAL**

Thank you to all volunteers that helped to make this a success this year. Everyone had a great time.



You are invited

**Church Wide Christmas Dinner
Monday, December 4, 2023.**

6:00 P.M.

Gym/Horton Hall

We are asking folks to bring unwrapped gifts to present to Wesley Community Center along with toys for children 6 weeks-12years old. Cost: Adults \$10.00 Children \$5.00 ages 10 and under.

Pre-K thru 5th grade will present a Christmas play.

This will be a great time of fellowship for our church. Be sure to make a reservation by calling the church office at (912) 925-5924.

(Sponsored by the Women of Faith Women's Circles)

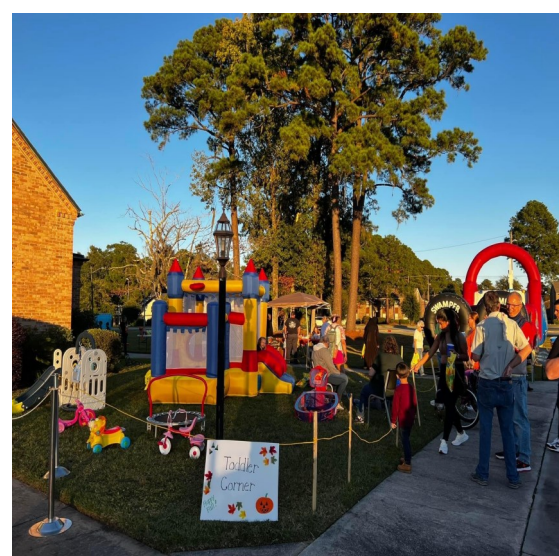


**Composer Weekend
February 23-24, 2024**

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





SOCIAL SENIORS

November 15, 2023

Celebrating Thanksgiving

11:30 A.M.

Fellowship Hall
Meat and drink provided;
Bring a covered dish to share.



Christmas Lunch
Thursday, December 14, 2023
Carey Hilliard's
\$10.00

Reservation Required by December 5th.

See Harriet Cobb for Details



White Bluff Methodist Women's Circles

Sarah Circle	Eve Circle
November 14, 2023	November 14, 2023
10:00 A.M.	11:30 A.M.
UMW Room	Ann Wilson Home

Abigail Circle Meeting
November 16, 2023
6:00 P.M.

Sunday School Door Decorating Contest

November 26th thru December 3rd
Theme: Jesus Is The Light Of The World!

Prize for 1st and 2nd place winners.
Judging December 3 at 12:30 p.m.

See Lisa McGalliard for details.



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

Ashley Edwards	Profession of Faith
Victoria Edwards	Profession of Faith
Debbie Kissee	Profession of Faith
Ron Kissee	Profession of Faith
Mike McCann	Profession of Faith
Kaitlyn McCann	Profession of Faith
Lauren Mole	Profession of Faith



Worship in Horton Hall is BACK!!

Sunday, November 26, 2023

9:30 A.M.

Come and be blessed!



DECORATE THE CHURCH

Sanctuary

Sunday, November 26, 2023

11:30 A.M.

Volunteers are needed.

If you have questions, see Lisa McGalliard

Finance Meeting

November 27, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Room 21

Church Council

November 27, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall

Stewardship Report

Attendance 10/01/2023

9:30150
Town Hall Meeting
Online Views.....72

Attendance 10/08/2023

9:30 am.....168
Sunday School.....55
Online Views.....81

Attendance 10/15/2023

9:30 am.....143
Sunday School.....71
Online views96

Attendance 10/22/2023

9:30 am.....162
Sunday School.....79
Online views67

Attendance 10/29/2023

9:30 am.....169
Sunday School.....52
Online views66



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.

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



WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY

10:00 A.M.

Room 21

Study of Deuteronomy
Everyone is welcome
to join us.



White Bluff Methodist CHURCH CONFERENCE

November 1, 2023

Time: 6:00 P.M.

Sanctuary



ALL SAINTS DAY

November 5, 2023

9:30 A.M. Worship

We remember those who have died this past year. Listed below are the church members and their family members.

CHURCH MEMBERS:

- Howard Miller Sanders
- Shannon Butler
- Gloria Andrews Sumner
- Dorothy Mae Wade
- Stanley Maurice Mullings
- Kathryn "Tina" Kiger
- Jacqueline Elizabeth Graham Hood
- Captain James Albert Van Fossan
- Dorothy Kay Jenkins

FAMILY MEMBERS AND FRIENDS

- Sally Ann Slocum
- David Blake Alexander
- JoAnn Fowler
- Mark Richard Hefner
- Mike Aimar
- Elaine Leos McCann
- Marsha Anderson Fiveash
- Jason Hazlett



GAME NIGHT
(First and Third Fridays)

November 3 and 17

7:00 P.M.
Horton Hall

Soft drinks provided
Bring a snack to share



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

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

November 6, 13, 20, and 27
Room 21

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



**Pins and Needles Sewing
Group**

November 6, 13, 20, and 27

9:30 A.M.
Room 21



College Night
(College Students)

November 8, 2023

6:00 P.M. Dinner
(Horton Hall)

6:30 P.M. Worship
(Sanctuary)

See Mike McCann for
Details.



TIME CHANGE

Daylight Savings Time End

Remember to set your clocks back

**before you go to bed on Saturday Night,
November 4, 2023.**

**Remember to change your batteries in your smoke
alarm detectors.**

Overcomers
Tuesday Morning Book Study



November 7
"More Than a Carpenter"

November, 14, 21 and 28
Max Lucado's "Because of Bethlehem"
A DVD Study

\$11.00 per book

Contact Doug Cobb if you would like to
purchase a book.

10:00 A.M.
Room 21

Facilitators: Doug Cobb and Nancy Leavitt

Children's Ministry
Highlights of Children's Sabbath



White Bluff Methodist Church

Missions Ministry

November: **Salvation Army**

In November we will have an angel tree set up in Horton Hall and will be collecting items for Christmas for the Salvation Army. Each angel will have an item, toys, clothes, etc. for families in need and the Salvation Army will give these to needy families in time for Christmas. New and unwrapped.

LINE DANCE CLASS



November 2, 9, 16 and 30

NO CLASS: November 23

December : No Line Dance Classes

Time: 10-11 A.M.

**Where: White Bluff Methodist Church
Gym**

Cost: Free

(a small donation is requested for church utilities)

Instructor: Susan Morgan



Be a good steward of what God has entrusted to us.

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

November 12, 2023

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

Sanctuary

Please bring your pledge card to
Worship on Commitment Sunday
that was mailed to you.

If you cannot attend worship, please
mail or bring your pledge card to the
office.



November 8, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Room 21