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# White Bluff News September 2023

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Custodian

**Diana Hodges**  
Membership Secretary

Hello White Bluff! Barry here. I hope you are doing well. As we head into the fall months of 2023, I am excited about what God is going to continue to do here at White Bluff. God has blessed us with an opportunity to continually spread the lifesaving message of Jesus in Savannah, Chatham County, and beyond, and I hope we will seize the opportunity to frequently do so.

God recently has been teaching me a lot about the need to live in a continual spirit of worshipping Him. I am amazed how God is revealing Himself in our worship experience at 9:30 am but am also reminded that worship is an invitation to spend every waking moment with our Creator who loves us.

As a mode of worshipping God, we are highlighting the importance of prayer in our church through several prayer opportunities. I am delighted that Global Methodist Pastor Karen Prevatt and her husband Mike have chosen to worship with us and affiliate with our church. As such, Karen is already at work behind the scenes in our prayer room. Karen is going to share with us how we can best utilize the prayer room at White Bluff. In addition, I am thrilled that the prayer room is being made available to other Global churches as a place where they can come and spend time with God. When the WB prayer room was created, a small plaque was placed on the wall that reads in part, "On June 17, 1984, the "chapel" was officially consecrated as the George S. Adams Prayer Room. . . George motivated and recruited a group to go to the Laity Retreat at Lake Junaluska, out of which came the inspiration for a "prayer room," which would be illuminated, open 24 hours a day, seven days a week." Now, we recommit ourselves to the task at hand, which is to fall more in love with Yahweh, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, every day, and to allow this beautiful worship space to be used frequently for the praise and glory of God!

Other initiatives will be launched shortly that will call White Bluff to prayer. In the month of October, I will invite the people of White Bluff to pray the Proverbs along with me. It is very convenient as there are 31 Proverbs and 31 days in the month of October. So, we will read the Proverb that corresponds to the day of the month. I will send out a periodic inspirational message featuring a Bible verse and thought for the day. Soon, we will conduct a community prayer walk. Look for more details.

In August, we conducted The Hope Initiative with our first group. 18 people undertook the mission to become more outwardly and community focused. They were challenged to pray for their community and specifically to identify people that they could invite to church. In addition, they were challenged to undertake Gospel conversations with people in the community, and many Hope Initiative participants have already done so! On an upcoming Sunday, they will share with you about their experiences and how they will continue to be Great Commission Christians moving forward. Our next Hope Initiative group will begin in the coming months. I invite you to look for the opportunity to sign up and join us for the next 30-day experience!



## Special Gifts

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

**Kathryn "Tina, Teeter" Brooker Kiger**

Martha Petrides  
Patty and Eddie Mizelle

**Jacqueline Elizabeth Graham Hood**  
Suzanne Woodrum

**Captain James Albert Van Fossan**  
Savannah Volunteer Guards  
Suzanne Woodrum

**Maggie Emerson**  
Lucille Emerson



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

Barbara Hefner, on the death of her son, Mark Richard  
Hefner, on September 2, 2023.

Carol Downs and Susan Fallon, on the death of their  
cousin, Mike Aimar, on September 8, 2023

**Bishop Jones and the ordinands at the recent South Georgia  
Provisional Annual Conference gathering.**



God is doing a new thing in the Methodist movement by forming the Global Methodist Church. God is calling men and women to serve as laborers in the mission field. We know that disciples who follow Jesus need to belong to a local church. And we know that local churches need preachers who will proclaim the gospel, administer the sacraments, teach the faith and order the life of the church.

The apostle Paul put it clearly in Romans 10:14-15 saying, "But how are they to call on one in whom they have not believed? And how are they to believe in one of whom they have never heard? And how are they to hear without someone to proclaim him? And how are they to proclaim him unless they are sent? As it is written, 'How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!'"

God is raising up and sending a new generation of clergy to participate in this Wesleyan movement. Praise the Lord!

By Bishop Scott J. Jones

Sunday, October 1 @ 11 am, we will have a town hall meeting in the Sanctuary. All are invited to come hear informative presentations from key areas of our church. Included in this town hall meeting will be an opportunity for questions and answers.

Save the date of Wednesday, November 1 @ 6 pm as this will be our White Bluff Global Methodist Charge Conference. All church members are invited. Yes, we will approve the leadership for the 2024 year and the pastor's compensation package during the business portion. But our overall goal will be to celebrate the good things God is doing at White Bluff and to worship together. I look forward to it and invite you to be a part of this worship experience.

As a housekeeping item, (93) "Our Great Redeemer's Praise Hymnals" have been purchased for use in our sanctuary in honor or memory of someone. If you would like to join in our hymnal initiative, you may do so by contacting Dee Dee Seagraves or Gayle Spilliards. If you feel led, there is still time for you to honor or memorialize someone or a group.

My door is always open. I welcome the opportunity to pray and share Jesus with you and others.

Blessings to all,

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



**White Bluff  
 Methodist  
 Church**

**CHURCH WIDE  
 TOWN HALL MEETING  
 October 1, 2023  
 11:00 A.M.  
 Gym**

All members are invited to attend the town hall meeting. Lunch will be served. Free of charge.

We ask that you make a reservation by calling the church office at (912) 925-5924 no later than September 27, 2023.



- October 1 Church Wide Meeting 11:00 A.M.
- October 21 Fall Festival Time: TBD
- November 5 All Saints Day  
Daylight Savings Time ends
- December 4 Church Wide Christmas Dinner (Adults only) More details are coming.
- December 10 Cantata 9:30 A.M. Worship Service
- December 16 Breakfast with Santa Time: TBD
- December 24 9:30 A.M. Worship Service  
5:30 Candlelight Communion Christmas Eve Worship Service.



Thank You!

I want to give a special thanks to all my White Bluff family for all your prayers and cards during my illness.  
 God bless You All!

Gloria Jordan



Thank You!

White Bluff Methodist Church,

On behalf of our teachers and students at Windsor Forest Elementary, we would like to say THANK YOU for our amazing school supplies. Your generosity brightened our day. These supplies will be put to good use.

With gratitude,

Windsor Forest Elementary School

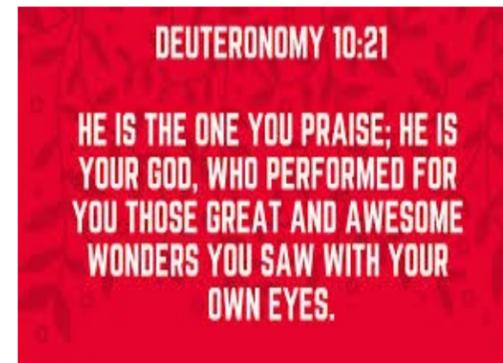


THANK YOU!

Thank You so much for letting us practice this past season in your church gym. We always appreciate your kindness and hospitality.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Watson  
 Treasurer Savannah Banana Nanas



On August 31, 2021, my mother Maggie Emerson was funeralized in your beautiful sanctuary. I have not forgotten the love, kindness, and support my family received from Rev. Dr. Barry Giddens and his entire staff. All of you made my promise to my mother that she would have a church funeral a reality during the pandemic. May God continue to bless this house of God and may His blessings overwhelm you. May His countenance shine on you. May the love you gave return to you many times over.

Thank You!

Miss Luci Emerson



**Celebrators Conference  
 Steadfast Love  
 October 16-19, 2023  
 Leconte Center  
 Pigeon Forge, Tennessee**

Good music, Great preaching, and the sweet spirit of friendship

**Speakers:** David Jeremiah, Phil Waldrep  
 Candace Cameron Bure, and Tim Lovelace

**Musicians:** Jason Crabb, Ricky Skaggs,  
 Charles Billingsley, Keith & Kristyn Getty,

If you are interested in attending this conference see Doug and Harriet Cobb for details.

**Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up**

- September** Seekers
- October** Covenant
- November** Wayfarers
- December** Joyful Believers

All classes are responsible for the entire month.

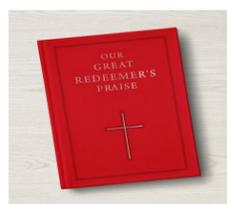


We would like to welcome our newest members to White Bluff Methodist Church

- |                    |                             |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|
| David Stevenson    | Profession of Faith         |
| Linda L. Futrell   | UMC Transfer                |
| Drew Schuman       | Profession of faith         |
| Suzanne A. Schuman | Other Denomination transfer |
| Nancy T. Smith     | Profession of Faith         |



Christmas Cantata will be presented on December 10th in worship. If you would like to join the choir for the cantata, we will rehearse on Wednesdays from 7:00-7:30 P.M., beginning on Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>. Will meet in the choir room.



**OUR GREAT REDEEMERS PRAISE HYMNALS**

The Trustees are raising funds to purchase new hymnals. Hymnals cost \$30 each.

Would you like to purchase one in honor of someone or in memory of someone? Please complete a Hymnal order form and return it to the main office with your check.

If you have any questions, please see Gayle Spilliards or Dee Dee Seagraves.

Please mark your check payable to: White Bluff Methodist Church and mark "Hymnals".



**Thank you to all who support our Food Pantry. We have received monetary contributions which we are using to order bulk lo-cost items on-line but still need the following:**

- 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**



**Coming Soon**

Make Plans now to order your Poinsettia for the upcoming Christmas Season.

Floral suppliers are asking florist to get their orders in early to guarantee delivery in December 2023.

**Stewardship Report**

**Attendance 8/06/2023**  
 9:30 .....144  
 Sunday School.....46  
 Online Views .....75

**Attendance 8/13/2023**  
 9:30 am.....150  
 Sunday School.....54  
 Online Views .....82

**Attendance 8/20/2023**  
 9:30 am.....153  
 Sunday School.....73  
 Online views .....71

**Attendance 8/27/2023**  
 9:30 am.....154  
 Sunday School.....65  
 Online views .....86



*the Lord  
is my  
Strength  
and my  
Shield*

Psalm 28:7



**The Global Mission**

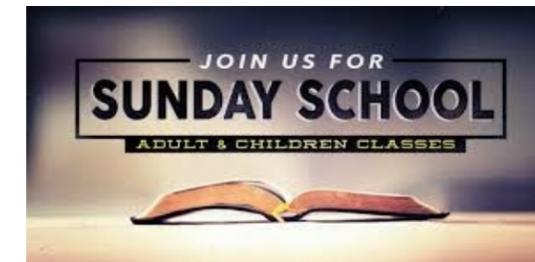
Our mission is to make disciples of Jesus Christ who worship passionately, love extravagantly, and witness boldly.



**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 |



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

Good Morning White Bluff,

I pray all is going well with you today.

I would like to offer a resource to you that will help connect you to our Global Methodist denomination through news and updates. You can subscribe to the email newsletter by going to

<https://globalmethodist.org/connect/>.

I invite you to join me in learning more about our denomination and connecting with the good things God is doing in the Global Methodist Church.

Blessings to you and yours

Barry

Rev. Dr. Barry Giddens  
Senior Pastor  
White Bluff Methodist Church



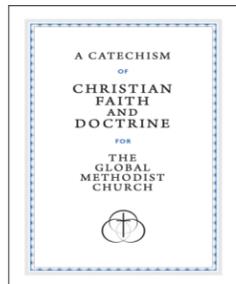
**DEAL THE CARDS**  
**MONDAYS AT 1:00 P.M.**

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

**September 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
Room 21**

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

**Overcomers  
Tuesday Morning Book Study**



**Global Methodist Catechism**

**10:00 A.M.  
Room 21**

**Facilitators:** Doug Cobb and Nancy Leavitt



**GAME NIGHT**  
(First and Third Fridays)

**September 1<sup>st</sup> and 15<sup>th</sup>**

**7:00 P.M.  
Horton Hall**

Soft drinks provided  
Bring a snack to share

# Handbells

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



**WEDNESDAY MORNING  
BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 A.M.  
Room 21

Everyone is welcome  
to join us.

**LINE DANCE CLASS**



**September 14<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Time:** 10-11 A.M.

**Where:** White Bluff Methodist Church  
Gym

**Cost:** Free

(a small donation is requested for church utilities)

**Instructor:** Susan Morgan



**CHURCH VAN**

If you drive the van or if you are interested in driving the van, please stop by the church office to see Carolyn to update your drivers license and insurance information.



September 13, 2023

5:30 P.M.

Room 21

## Children's Committee Meeting

September 14, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Room 21



**SOCIAL SENIORS**

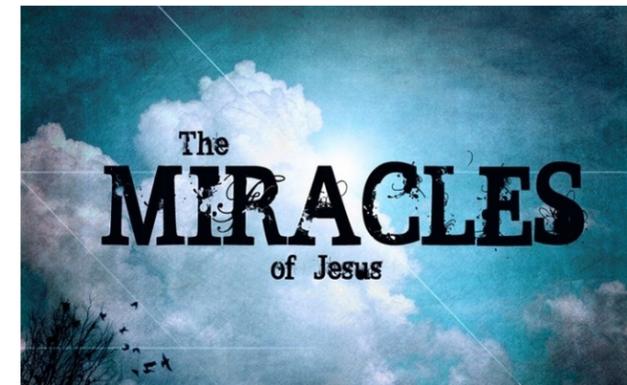
September 20, 2023

11:30 A.M.

Fellowship Hall

Meat and drink provided;

Bring a covered dish to share.



Abigail Circle Meeting

September 21, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Room 21



**Pins and Needles Sewing  
Group**

September 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

9:30 A.M.

Room 21



**Finance Meeting**

September 25, 2023

6:00 P.M.

Room 21



**Church Council**

September 25, 2023

7:00 P.M.

Fellowship Hall