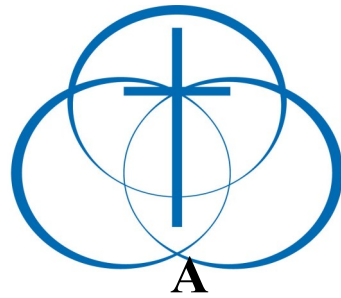


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White Bluff News January 2026

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Hello White Bluff! Happy New Year! As we enter this new year, I pray that 2026 may bring you continued success, growth, and happiness. Thank you for being a faithful member at White Bluff, and I look forward to serving you in the year ahead.

Let me begin by saying how grateful I was for such a great Christmas season. The church-wide Christmas party, the Sunday School parties, the choir cantata, the Blue Christmas service, and Christmas Eve worship with 250 in attendance were all such highlights of mine. Many thanks to all who worshipped God through song, the Word, and service during such a special season at White Bluff.

What will we focus on in 2026? I'm glad you asked!

First, we will continue with our emphasis on Spiritual Parenting. You may remember the worship videos from my conversation with Rich Wilson in December. Spiritual parenting is grounded in faithful discipleship—growing deeper as a disciple of Jesus in Christian community, but also being invitation-al as we realize that we are to make disciples of Jesus Christ who will spread Scriptural holiness across the globe.

Second, I am excited about our White Bluff prayer team. We will continue to develop our prayer ministries at White Bluff through prayer meetings, training session on prayer methods, retreats, and our continued text prayer chain. I look forward to working with Kristen, Melissa, Mina, Delilah, and the entire prayer team to continually deepen our understanding and love for prayer at White Bluff.

Third, yes, we are coming up to the season of Lent beginning Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026. Our Lenten devotional resource will be J.D. Walt's "Jesus Asking: The Three Transformational Questions of Lent." We will make this resource available to you in large print again, as well as a PDF document via email. Schedule wise, mark your calendars now for the churchwide pancake dinner on Fat Tuesday (February 17), the drive-thru Ashing (February 18-11:30-12:30), Ash Wednesday pasta meal followed by worship (February 18), and Easter Sunday on April 5.

Fourth, we will continue to seek tangible ways we can work hand-in-hand with Grace in our ministry offerings. This may include (but not limited to) shared Senior Adult meetings and prayer meetings. I appreciate our connection to our sister church and the ways we are able to work together.

Beyond the activities, we will continue to focus on being the body of Christ where each and every person is important and has a role to play in building up the body. Being the body of Christ signifies we are connected to Christ, empowered by the Holy Spirit, participating in Holy Spirit's work in our church and the world, extending the Holy Spirit's tangible presence in the world through oneness, mutual care for one another, and the shared purpose for making disciples of Jesus.

As we begin 2026, I want to leave you with one of my favorite passages, 1 Corinthians 12 (the whole chapter is awesome, but let's focus on v. 21-26):

²¹ The eye cannot say to the hand, "I don't need you!" And the head cannot say to the feet, "I don't need you!" ²² On the contrary, those parts of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³ and the parts that we think are less honorable we treat with special honor. And the parts that are unpresentable are treated with special modesty, ²⁴ while our presentable parts need no special treatment. But God has put the body together, giving greater honor to the parts that lacked it, ²⁵ so that there should be no division in the body, but that its parts should have equal concern for each other. ²⁶ If one part suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it.

My prayer for White Bluff is that we would seek after and remain one under the Lordship of the One and Only in 2026. I am honored to be your pastor.

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2026 CHURCH COUNCIL AND LAY LEADERSHIP **WHITE BLUFF METHODIST CHURCH**

Church Council Chair	Esma Campbell	Worship Chair	Martha Adams	Members At Large
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Secretary/Endowment Chair	Terri Shiver	Lay Delegate to Annual Conf.	Myron Powell	Jane Beare
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Food Pantry/Membership Secretary	Diana Hodges	Communications Chair	Courtney Seagraves	Nancy Leavitt
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Finance Vice Chair/Treasure	Lydia Barton	Children's Ministry	Melissa Healy	
Chair of SPRC	Rhonda Anderson	Young Adults/College	Kristen Maynard	
	Dee Dee Seagraves	Methodist Men President	Bob Stalnaker	

Stewardship Report

Attendance 12/07/2025

9:30118
 Sunday School.....62
 Online Views.....76

Attendance 12/14/2025

9:30 am.....138
 Sunday School.....65
 Online Views.....61

Attendance 12/21/2025

9:30 am.....179
 Sunday School.....49
 Online Views.....107

Christmas Eve

5:30 pm.....243
 Online Views106

Attendance 12/28/2025

9:30 am.....104
 Sunday School.....43
 Online Views65



Happy Birthday
 Greetings extended
 to:



H. D. McDougald
 January 6th
 on celebrating his
 93rd birthday



The Global Mission

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



**White Bluff
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 Church**

WORSHIP SERVICE TIMES

9:30 A.M. Worship Service
 (Sanctuary)
9:30 A.M. (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

Pins and Needles-Sewing

Monday Mornings

9:00 A.M

Room 21.



BEE SHARPS CONCERT

White Bluff Methodist Church

January 18, 2026

9:30 A.M.

Free to the public.

Invite your friends and neighbors.



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

Come play Canasta with us.

January 5, 12, 19 and 26
Room 21

Bring your own drink and
a light snack to share.



Trustee Meeting

January 14, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Room 21



Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2026

5:30 P.M.

Room 21



Tuesday Morning Book Study

10:00 A.M.
January 6, 13, 20 and 27
Room 21

This is a great learning visual experience, and lively discussions follow. Come join us at 10:00 a.m. in Room 21.



Church Council Meeting

Monday, January 19, 2026

7:00 P.M.

Horton Hall

LINE DANCE CLASS



January 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



UNDECORATE THE CHURCH

Sunday,
January 11, 2026
11:00 A.M.
Sanctuary



SOCIAL SENIORS

Wednesday, January 21, 2026

11:30 A.M.
Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish
Meat and drink provided

MEN'S MINISTRY



SATURDAY, January 31, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Windsor Forest Church
12521 White Bluff Road

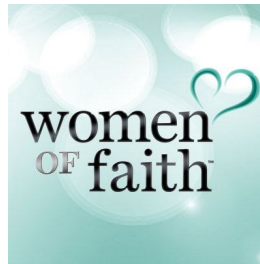
No charge (Donations accepted)

RSVP: sign up in the Narthex or the church office.



REMINDER: Pledge envelopes for 2026 are located in Narthex.

If your envelopes are not available and you are an active contributor, please see Malinda Smith in the finance office.



Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle January 6
10:00 A.M.
Horton Hall

Eve Circle January 13
11:30 A.M.
Horton Hall

Abigail Circle January 15
6:00 P.M.
Horton Hall



Sanctuary Flowers

The 2026 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.



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.





Week 1 — Press Start: New Year, New You

- Bible Story: New Creation in Christ (2 Corinthians 5:17)

Week 2 — Choose Your Player: God Knows You by Name

- Bible Story: God's call of Jeremiah (Jeremiah 1:5)

Week 3 — The Ultimate Cheat Code: Prayer

- Bible Story: Pray about everything (Philippians 4:6–7)

Week 4 — Final Boss: Jesus Resists Temptation

- Bible Story: Jesus in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1–11)

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Thank you to everyone who supported our Food Pantry with your donations this past year. We will still need your support in 2026. 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		Boxed Cereal



2026 Save the Date

- 17 February Shrove Tuesday (Pancakes)
- 18 February Ash Wednesday
- 29 March Palm Sunday
- 2 April Maundy Thursday
- 3 April Good Friday
- 5 April Easter

Prayer Corner

Prayer is an opportunity to spend time with God. To really understand the heart of God, you need to pray. In John 15:15, Jesus says He no longer calls us his servants, but calls us His friends. Talking with God develops a deeper relationship with Him.

Why Pray?

Prayer is how we communicate with God and participate in His works. It grants us the privilege of experiencing God, keeps us humble before Him, strengthens the bonds between believers and can succeed where other means have failed.

Personal Renewal and Moral Awakening

Ask God to help us:

Confess our sins, Seek his direction, and rely on Him instead of ourselves.

Churches and Ministry Organizations

Ask God to help them:

Stand strong in their convictions

Be Bold in their witness

Meet America's spiritual needs

Be a place of hope and healing

Why pray for our families?

God designed the family to be a place of love, support, spiritual growth, and of course prayer.

Ask the Lord to bring peace, guidance and healing to families that are struggling every day.

Why pray for our youth?

The youth today will lead the Twenty-first century America. Each day conflicting moral standards, violence, and the latest media scandals bombard them. Ask the Lord to make them bold and steadfast in their faith.

Why pray for our communities?

Pray for our own city or town, asking God to bless your efforts to reclaim your neighborhood in His name.

Crosswalk

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

Harriet Cobb

Bill and Sara Gentry



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

Granade family, on the death of George Edward
Granade, on December 30, 2025.

Susan Carol, on the death of her father, Milton
"Oz" Osbourn of Gainesville, GA.



2026

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
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December	Covenant