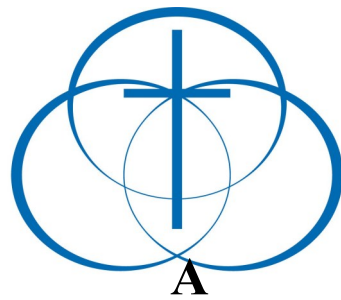


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White Bluff News March 2026

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Hello White Bluff!

Lent is well underway, and I am excited to follow along with you in the daily devotional resource, "Jesus Asking." It's not too late to pick one up. Maybe binge reading is your thing. If so, catch up and keep going! It is such a great resource and you will not want to miss it. Thanks to JD Walt at Seedbed, again, for writing it!

Many of you have asked me what I am giving up for Lent. This year, I have chosen to not give anything up, per se, but instead to make a greater, intentional focus on Bible study and prayer. I have been reading and journaling in the Psalms now for some time.

In the Lenten spirit of dying to self so that Jesus may thrive, I am a part of a men's small group that meets once a week called a "Discipleship Band." The idea came from a guy at Seedbed named Mark Benjamin. Mark did his doctoral program at Asbury Seminary on creating Discipleship Bands. Now, there are thousands of bands across the world that meet once a week for one hour. Basically, it is an accountability group where members share their hearts. We begin by asking each other John Wesley's classic question of "How is it with your soul?" followed by "What were your struggles and successes this week?" We then ask "How did the Word and Spirit speak into your life over this past week?" We conclude with asking if there is any sins we are trying to keep secret, confess them, and then ask forgiveness. Discipleship Bands are an awesome experience where we get to see the true self of each other, encourage and pray for one another, and hold one another accountable. My group members say they now think twice before sinning because they would have to confess it in a meeting! It's not only been a great accountability mechanism, but also a way to form strong, lasting Christian friends who pray for one another, no matter what time/day of the week it is.

I tell you all of this to say that the Discipleship Band meetings can be done by anyone! The group is usually 3-4 people of the same gender who commit to confidentiality and honestly share their successes and struggles during a one hour weekly meeting. It can be in-person or on-Zoom. I have grown immensely from the experience. If you want to know more or want to form a group, check out DiscipleshipBands.com. Discipleship Bands are yet another way we can die to self as we allow Jesus to flow in and through us not only during Lent, but every day of the year. If you want to form one or have a group, I would love to help get you started!

As a reminder, there will be a WB New Member Class/ Evening coming up in March. We will have a dinner on Sunday, March 29 from 5-7 pm at Craig and Lisa McGalliard's home. It will be an awesome evening for those coming into the church to fellowship with some of our WB church leaders as well as to have a short Class 101 on our Christian beliefs, Wesleyan theology, and Q & A. It should be a lot of fun. If you are considering membership and/ or are new to White Bluff, this would be the perfect opportunity for you to learn more and become a part of the family!

The WB Prayer Team did an awesome job of distributing prayer packets to every person who was present in worship recently, and Mina gave a great testimony of her daily prayer cycle. If you missed it, watch the beginning of the service for February 22 on YouTube, and then come pick up a prayer packet. The prayer packets are still available in the lobby and we would love for you to have one.

See below dates for up-and-coming activities.

Dates:

Sunday, March 8: Daylight Savings Time (set the clock FORWARD (not back!) one hour)

Wednesday, March 11 @ 9 am: The WB Prayer Team assembles (all who are would like to participate are welcomed)

Monday, March 23: WB Finance (6 pm) followed by Council (7 pm)

Wednesday, March 25 @ 9 am: The WB Prayer Team assembles (all who are would like to participate are welcomed)

Sunday, March 29: Palm Sunday

Sunday, March 29 from 5-7 pm: New Member Evening at Craig and Lisa McGalliard's

Monday, March 30- Thursday, April 2: 11:30 am Combined WB/ Grace Worship in the WB Sanctuary, 12 pm lunch

Thursday, April 2: 5:30 pm Maundy Thursday service at WB (Grace's service is at 7 pm)

Friday, April 3: 11:30 am Service of the Nails at Grace, 12 pm lunch

Saturday, April 4: 9-11 am Easter Egg Hunt at WB

Sunday, April 5: 9:30 am Easter Service at White Bluff with Cantata, Message, and Holy Communion

Sunday, April 12 @ 9:30 am: WB Women of Faith Sunday

I thank God for each of you and pray frequently for each of you.

Blessings to you,

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

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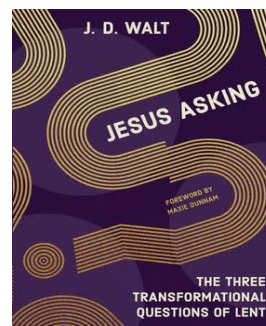
Please call the church office if you have moved, changed your telephone number or have a new email address.

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



The Handbell Choir is in need of new ringers!

Join in the fun! Wednesdays at 11:00 A.M. in the choir room.



LENTON STUDY

Our Lenten devotional book is "Jesus Asking: The Three Transformational Questions of Lent".

Over the forty days of the season of Lent-J. D. Walt weaves together Scripture and stories to enrich our journey to the cross with Jesus. Starting with the questions of all questions-Who do you say I am? J. D. unfolds the compelling story of how his mentor taught him three transformation questions. Simple and profound, these questions will awaken your faith and deepen your walk with Jesus.

It's not to late to pick up a copy of the Lenton Study. We will also make this resource available through our email.

Stewardship Report

Attendance 02/01/2026

No Service-Weather

Attendance 02/08/2026

9:30 am.....122
 Sunday School.....43
 Online Views.....58

Attendance 02/15/2026

9:30 am.....119
 Sunday School.....56
 Online Views.....45

Attendance 02/22/2026

9:30 am.....110
 Sunday School.....54
 Online Views55



The Global Mission

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



Pins and Needles-Sewing

Monday Mornings

9:00 A.M

Room 21.



Happy Birthday

Greetings extended to:

William Briggs

on celebrating his 96th birthday
 March 17th.

Joan Herbster

on celebrating her 97th birthday
 March 26th.



**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



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

Come play Canasta with us.

**March 2, 9, 16, and 23
 Room 21**

Bring your own drink and a light snack to share.



Tuesday Morning Book Study

10:00 A.M.
March 3, 10, 17, and 24
Room 21

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



Daylight Savings Time

Set your clocks **ahead** one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7, 2026

Don't forget to change the batteries in your smoke detectors.

LINE DANCE CLASS



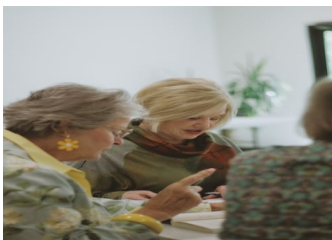
March 5, 12, 19 and 26
No Line Dance: April 2, 2026
Time: 10-11 A.M.

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



Trustee Meeting

March 11, 2026
5:30 P.M.
Room 21



SUNDAY EVENINGS
DINNER/ PRAYER/ BIBLE OR
BOOK STUDY

5:30 P.M.
Horton Hall
Everyone is welcome to join us!



SOCIAL SENIORS

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

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



Finance Committee Meeting

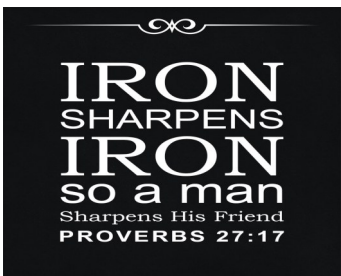
Monday, March 23, 2026
6:00 P.M.
Room 21



Church Council Meeting

Monday, March 23, 2025
7:00 P.M.
Horton Hall

MEN'S MINISTRY



SATURDAY, March 28, 2026
10:00 A.M.

White Bluff Methodist Church
No charge (Donations accepted)

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

2026 EASTER FLOWER ORDERS!

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

Lilies (White) \$15.00 Hydrangeas (Blue) \$25.00

Klancho (Yellow) 15.00 Azaleas (Pink) \$25.00

Order forms will be in the Narthex and the Office.

Place your order now!



Palm Sunday

March 29, 2026
9:30 A.M. Worship Service
Children will pass out Palms



Welcome New Members
You are invited to attend a
New Member Class/Fellowship
hosted by
Craig and Lisa McGalliard

Sunday, March 29, 2026
5:00 P.M. til 7:00 P.M.
Call the Church office for details.



2026 Save the Date

- 30 March-April 2 Holy Week
Midday Service 11:30 am
Soup and Sandwiches 12 pm
- 2 April Maundy Thursday Service 5:30 pm
- 3 April Good Friday
Service of the Nails (11:30 am)
(Meet at Grace Methodist Church)
- 4 April Easter Egg Hunt 9-11 am
- 5 April Easter Sunday
Worship Service, Cantata and Communion
- 12 April Women of Faith Sunday



WHITE BLUFF METHODIST EASTER EGG HUNT

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APRIL 04, 2026 | GAMES AND EGG
HUNT | 9AM

Easter Egg Hunt

April 4, 2026

9 til 11 A.M.

Ages: Birth thru 5th Grade

Come join the fun.

We served over 300 children last year.

Volunteers are needed for this event.

If you would like to Volunteer- Call Sarah at (912) 658-6773 or
the church office at (912) 925-5924.

Donations Needed: Plastic eggs or individually wrapped candy.
(No Chocolate)

The children's committee would gratefully accept it.

Prayer Focus

When it comes to prayer, I think that Matthew 18:19-20 says it best. "Again, truly I tell you, if two of you on earth agree for you by my father in heaven. For where two or three gather in my name, there I am with them."

In service on Feb. 22 we made our prayer packets available for anyone who wants to participate with us. For those who missed the service each packet has a prayer card with 5 index cards that you can use to make your prayer lists personal for you. Each day of the week has a different focus.

Monday-WB Church, Pastor, and Staff

Tuesday-Sick and shut ins

Wednesday-Our neighbors, community, nation and government

Thursday-Our family

Friday-Charities or foundations we support

Saturday-Churches and Pastors in preparation of Sunday services

Sunday-International ministries and missionaries around the world.

Our hope is that as we grow in prayer as individuals, we are strengthened as a group. Friedrich Schiller a German Philosopher and playwright is credited with the saying that "there is strength in numbers." We have all heard the saying that "The squeaky wheel gets the oil." The more of us that focus our prayer life together, the easier it is for God to hear us. In Exodus God heard his people as they cried out to him to be delivered out of Egypt.

We will continue to provide new opportunities for prayer and will make everyone aware of them as we go forward. As always our meetings are open and everyone is invited to join us. Our March dates are as follows:

Wednesday, March 11, 2026 9:00 A.M.

Wednesday, March 25, 2026 9:00 A.M.

As always I am available for any information. Please feel free to contact me, Kristen Maynard at (912) 657-3634.

PRAYER

Dear Father God,

We thank you for all the opportunities that you provide us to draw closer in our relationship with you. We love you and thank you for always being available to listen to us. Lord you are our Father and we know you love it when we come to you. When we thank you for the blessings you provide, when we beg for your forgiveness if we have done wrong, or when we humbly ask for your help in our lives. It is in these times that we grow our relationship with you Lord, we let you into our lives and discover the beauty that you have for us.

Lord we thank you for family in faith that we have here at White Bluff. Lord we pray that we collectively as a church family hold each other up in not only our times of need, but also with love. Please Lord silence the chaos and confusion around us so that we can hear your voice. Help Lord to provide us the direction that we need in order to grow your family of faith.

God please continue to walk with each of us and use us as your hands and feet in the world. Free us from our burdens so that we may become obedient to your will. Father, we ask all this in the name of your son, Jesus Christ.



Prayer Requests

Maggie Briggs

Cheryl Hampton

Pat Straw

Bobby Gee

Joan and Jamie Herbster



Thank you!

Rejoice in the Lord Always. Paul told us to rejoice in all things! Because of your hard work and caring, our family could rejoice in welcoming all those who came to celebrate the life of our wonderful husband, father, brother, grandfather, uncle, cousin and dear friend Al.

Thank you, Thank You, for all the hard work and love you've shown. We were truly blessed by your endeavor of Love. During a time like this we realize how much our family and friends really mean to us.

Your expression of sympathy will always be remembered.

Debbie and the Hudgins family

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

Al Hudgins

Anna Vance
Vernon Gandy and Dale Matthews
Jerry & Mary Alice Hendrix
Cynthia Hardy
Suzanne Woodrum
Tom and Debbie Nash
Beverly Jo Bowen Bicker

Michael Knorr

Vernon Gandy and Dale Matthews



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

H. D. McDougald, on the death of his Sister in Law,
Mary Sue McDougald, on February 11, 2026.

2026

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

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	Covenant

All classes are responsible for the entire month.