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METHODIST
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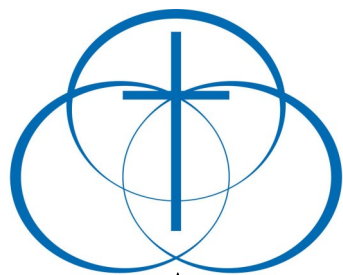
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GLOBAL
METHODIST CHURCH

White Bluff News May 2026

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"From Easter to Pentecost"

Hello White Bluff, Barry here.

Easter isn't a day. It's a season!

The period from Easter to Pentecost is a 50-day liturgical season known as Eastertide, celebrating the resurrection of Jesus Christ and culminating in the descent of the Holy Spirit. This "great Sunday" spans seven weeks, symbolizing a period of joy, resurrection, and the birth of the Church. It is celebrated as one continuous feast, representing the "week of weeks," and begins with the resurrection of Jesus. The Ascension of Jesus to Heaven is a part of this season, and occurs 40 days after Easter. Pentecost is on the 50th day after Easter, marking the Holy Spirit's descent upon the apostles and the birthday of the Church. It is through this season that we are now journeying, and I invite everyone to continue to journey with me in this Easter season. April 19, we were in the Upper Room, and learned the importance of Jesus' scars. April 26, we learned more about one of my favorite topics, the Great Commission, "Go therefore and make disciples." This is not only our call to sharing Jesus with those who do not know Him, but also our mission as Global Methodists, "We exist to make disciples of all nations, spreading Scriptural holiness across the globe."

As we continue through this Easter season, I would like to invite you to a continued journey into prayer. Prayer is such an important part of our faith and there are seemingly endless resources nowadays to help us to pray. As such, the National Day of Prayer will be on Thursday, May 7, 2026 National Day of Prayer.org). I will be leading a gathering that morning out in front of Grace Methodist (6412 Waters Ave.), and all are invited— both White Bluff and Grace alike! I chose the location because it is situated close to the heart of Savannah and will serve as an opportunity to let our community see us united together in prayer. (This is the only Global Methodist prayer gathering in Savannah currently listed on the National Day of Prayer's website, and only one of two in all of Savannah!) Our local gathering will begin at 8 am and will be open to anyone who feels called to pray, even if they are a member of another church or don't go to church at all. What will we do at the prayer gathering? We will pray! We will seek to pray for our churches, our families, our friends, our nation, and our world (other requests are welcomed as well!). You will not want to miss it. And, don't forget that we will have our next combined White Bluff/ Grace Wednesday Night Supper and prayer meeting at Grace on Wednesday, May 13, 2026— prayer at 5 pm and supper at 6 pm. White Bluff hosted in April, so it's Grace's month to host before our summer break. Please sign up in the church office.

The SPR recently announced that Malinda Smith and Carolyn Anderson were both be retiring at the end of April. They both have decided to spend more time with family and to travel, and we wish them well. We thank Malinda and Carolyn for their service to White Bluff Methodist. The SPR has a good transition plan in place as we move forward and will let you know more very soon. For now, I would like to appreciate and thank Malinda and Carolyn for serving us.

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

Blessings to you,

Barry

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



All Daughter's Luncheon

Saturday, May 9, 2026

At 11:30 A.M.

White Bluff Methodist Church

**For more information call
Lisa McGalliard (912) 658-7556**

Food, Fun and fellowship

Adult Ticket \$15.00

Child Ticket \$ 7.00

**Call Lisa McGalliard for more
information or tickets**

(912) 658-7556



Being a servant is not just about doing chores or tasks for someone else; it's a mindset that embraces love, kindness, and humility. In the scriptures, we are taught that serving others is not only a beautiful practice but also a command from God that shapes our character.

In Isaiah 6:8, the verses states: "Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, "Whom shall I send/and who will go for us?" And I said, Here am I. Send me!"

She has volunteered in the ministries of children, youth and adults. She has served on committees to raise money for mission trips to Honduras and youth trips. She has served on the kitchen team for too many years to count. She is the head of our prayer chain that keeps us connected and faithful to our prayer time.

The women of Faith are pleased to announce the 2026 White Bluff Methodist Women of the Year is Delilah Meadows

Stewardship Report

Easter Cantata 4/05/26

9:30 am.....242
 No Sunday School.....
 Online Views.....122

Attendance 04/12/2026

9:30 am.....150
 Sunday School.....53
 Online Views.....69

Attendance 04/19/2026

9:30 am.....109
 Sunday School.....44
 Online Views.....71

Attendance 04/26/2026

9:30 am.....100
 Sunday School.....44
 Online Views32



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.** (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



Pins and Needles-Sewing

Monday Mornings
 9:00 A.M.
 Room 21.



**WEDNESDAY MORNING
 BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 A.M.
 Room 21



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

**Come play Canasta with us.
 May 4, 11, 18, and 25
 Room 21**

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



Tuesday Morning Book Study

10:00 A.M.
May 5, 12, 19, 26
Room 21

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



National Day of Prayer
Thursday, May 7, 2026
8:00 A.M.
Grace Methodist Church
6412 Waters Avenue

Along with White Bluff Methodist Church

We will gather together with Rev. Dr. Barry Giddens to pray for our churches, families, friends, our nation, and our world. This is an opportunity to let our community see us united together in prayer. Everyone is invited to join us.



White Bluff Methodist Church
May 10, 2026
9:30 A.M. Worship Service

Invite your mother to church!

SUNDAY EVENINGS

**DINNER/ PRAYER/ BIBLE OR
BOOK STUDY**

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



Grace Methodist Church and White Bluff Methodist Church Dinner and Prayer Meeting

Grace Methodist Church is hosting this prayer dinner
6412 Waters Avenue

May 13, 2026

5:00 P.M. Prayer
6:00 P.M. Dinner \$10:00

Please see Kristen Maynard to make reservations on Sunday in Horton Hall or text her at (912) 657-3634. Reservations **must** be placed no later than Monday.



Tuesday, May 12, 2026
5:30 P.M.
Room 21

LINE DANCE CLASS



No Line Dance May 7th

May 14, 21, and 28

Time: 10-11 A.M.

Where: White Bluff Methodist Church
Gym

Cost: Free

(a small donation is requested for church utilities)

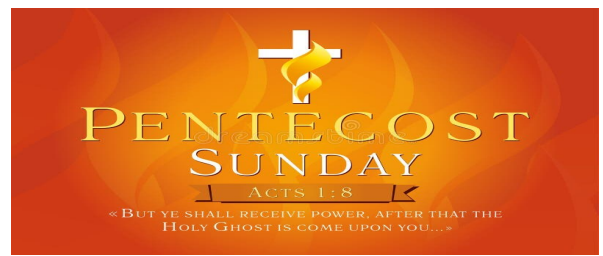
Instructor: Susan Morgan



Finance Committee Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026
6:00 P.M.
Room 21



Church Council Meeting
Monday, May 18, 2026
7:00 P.M.
Horton Hall



May 24, 2026
We will be wearing red for worship
Invite a friend to church!



WE WILL BE
CLOSED
FOR
Memorial Day
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



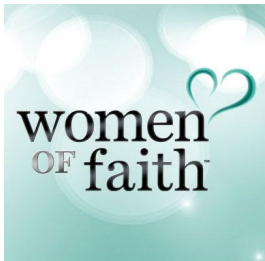
May 25, 2026

Circle Meetings

Sarah Circle May 5, 2026
 10:00 A.M.
 Horton Hall

Eve Circle May 12, 2026
 11:30 A.M.
 Ann Wilson Host

Abigail Circle May 21, 2026
 6:00 P.M.
 Jackie Rossler Host



MAY MISSION

The **FRESH AIR HOME** at Tybee Island is our mission for MAY. The **FRESH AIR HOME** at Tybee is a camp for underprivileged children. It was founded in 1897 by the Froebel Circle and has quite a history. The circle currently has 50 members.

They have 4 sessions per the summer months with approximately 70 children per session. Their daily programs include beach time, supervised games on campground, crafts, music, Bible stories, and field trips.

The purpose of the camp is to improve the health of the children, to build character, and to help them grow into better men and women, both physically and morally.

The motto the Froebel Circle chose: Matthew 25:40, "In as much as ye have done it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye have done it unto me." It chose as its text, Isaiah 11: 6, "A little child shall lead them."

DONATION ITEMS NEEDED

BEACH TOWELS

BEACH TOYS: BUCKETS, SHOVELS, BEACH BALLS, FRISBEES, BUBBLES

GRANOLA BARS – CHIPS – COOKIES (INDIVIDUALLY PACKAGED) – JUICE BOXES

POPSICLES (LIQUID IN PLASTIC TUBES THAT THEY CAN FREEZE)

SUNSCREEN SPF 50 (CHECK EXPIRATION DATE)

PAPER TOWELS – TOILET TISSUE (SEPTIC SAFE) – LIQUID LAUNDRY DETERGENT

BODY WASH (MILD) -- SHAMPOO CONDITIONER

MISSION VERSE: HEBREWS 13:16 Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have, for such sacrifices are pleasing to God.



SOCIAL SENIORS

Wednesday, May 20, 2026

11:30 A.M.
Fellowship Hall

Bring a covered dish
 Meat and drink provided

Children's Ministry

May 3rd - Acts 1:3-8

The Bible lesson is based on the story from Acts 1 where the Apostles see Jesus ascend to Heaven. The aim of this lesson is to help students to understand that believers are never alone because the Holy Spirit lives inside their heart.

Bible Story: Apostles witness Jesus' Ascension

May 10th - Luke 24:4-10

Have you ever watched a movie where everything looked lost? The hero was gone... hope seemed finished... and everyone thought the story was over? That is exactly how Jesus' friends felt. Jesus had died on the cross. They had watched Him buried in a tomb. The stone was rolled in front. The guards stood outside. It looked like the end. But God had the greatest surprise in history waiting for them. Three days later... something amazing happened. The stone was rolled away. The tomb was empty. Jesus was alive! Easter reminds us of the greatest truth in the world:

Because Jesus rose from the dead...

- Sin is defeated
- Death is defeated
- And we can have new life with Him forever

In this lesson we are going to discover why the resurrection changes everything.

May 17th - Luke 24:45-53

Jesus gave us special promises prior to His departure for Heaven. He went up to be with God the Father, but He will return someday. We can await that, but can also spread His love to others around us. This lesson looks at the event and promises of the Ascension. Have fun exploring some "science experiments" as well as thought-provoking questions.

May 24th - John 16:12-15

Young students may develop a habit of faith, following the coat tails of parents. Perhaps they attend church and Sunday School because that is just what they have always done, and they don't think much of it. But it is important to establish early on how important it is to truly follow Christ. It means more we might have to make hard choices or give things up, but He is with us, and He is the only way to Heaven.

The Lesson focus this week is: Following Jesus means more than simply admiring His work or saying that we love Him. Sometimes it is tough to do what He says, but the rewards are endless.



MEN'S MINISTRY



SATURDAY, May 30, 2026

10:00 A.M.

Windsor Forest Church

No charge (Donations accepted)

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

Prayer Focus

Jesus tells us that prayer is a lifeline to God. We pray for comfort in our troubled times, we pray with thankfulness in our happy times, but we always need to keep others as the focus of our prayer. In 1 Timothy 2:1 we are instructed “First of all then, I urge that supplications, prayers, intercessions, and thanksgiving be made for everyone.” Can we say that again....”For Everyone.”

Prayer is our personal conversation with our Father, but is not to be focused only on ourselves. We should never keep the spotlight on our issues, but pray with supplication for the world around us.

We hope that everyone who has received a prayer packet is enjoying it and that it is enhancing your time talking to our Father. There are still some available and if you can not get to church to pick one up please, contact Kristen Maynard (912) 657-3634 to coordinate getting one to you.

Beginning in April, on the second Wednesday of each month, we will be starting an evening prayer gathering followed by a supper. This is going to include the church family at Grace Methodist and will be hosted between both locations. Our first gathering will be April 8th here at White Bluff in Horton Hall. We will begin our prayer service at 5 pm with dinner to follow at 6pm. There is a \$10.00 charge for dinner and you can call the church office to assist us with a head count, but don't let this stop you from coming if you are not on a list. You are ALWAYS welcome.

Our prayer team is very excited about the prayer focused direction that we are walking here at White Bluff. We continue to daily hold up our church family prayer requests and the campus sale to our Father. Our meetings are always open to all who would like to join us.

Next Meeting: April 22, 2026, 9am in Conf. Room.



Prayer Requests

Pat Straw	Cheryl Hampton
Bobby Gee	H. D. McDougald
New Members	Military
White Bluff Transition	

PRAYER

Dear Heavenly Father,

We come before you now to thank you for all you have given to us in our lives. Lord, we thank you that even in times that it is hard to hear you, we know that you are there. You have your spirit ready for us Lord, all we have to do is ask. We boldly come before your throne Lord and ask for so many things, healing, love, direction, discernment, comfort, acceptance, strength, clarity, faith, grace and forgiveness.

Lord, everyday we fall short of your glory, we try but we fail. Father, we can not do this on our own. We kneel before you and ask that you put your spirit upon us, to guide us. Father God, we pray that rather than getting wrapped up in what we want for ourselves, that we except the direction and plan that you had for our lives from before we were born.

Lord, we have the opportunity everyday to reflect your light into the world and I pray that each of us answers your call. Pray for that stranger, love someone in need, provide support for our neighbor, and be a leaning post for someone who is broken. Father God, help us to remember that we are your tools in this world. I pray Lord that as in Isaiah we are able to answer “Here Am I, Send Me!”

In the name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

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



Thank you!

Dear Women of Faith,

I am deeply humbled and genuinely surprised to be voted Woman of the year! To be recognized by women I respect, love and admire means more to me than I can express. Serving our church is a joy, but working alongside you all is the true blessing. This recognition is only possible because of the unwavering support, love and prayers you all share. I share this honor with all of you, as we are all sisters in Christ walking together. Thank you for your love and for this incredible honor.

With love and gratitude

Delilah Meadows

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

Bobby Gee

Wanda Ferrell
Charlene and Ken March
Tommy and Kathy Swinford

Faye Kirschner

Al Hudgins

Covenant Sunday School Class

Hugh "H.D." McDougald

John and Debbie Abbott
Tommy and Kathy Swinford

John Rechtzigel

Tommy and Kathy Swinford

Martha Usry

Tommy and Barbara Stevens
Lanie Curry
Lee and Jennifer Amick
Jeffrey and Kellie Stevens

Laurie Darwin



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

Peggy Tucker, on the death of her father, Bobby Wayne
Gee, on April 11, 2026.

Julie Diebolt and Brenda Anderson, on the death of
their father, Hugh "H.D." David McDougald, on
April 12, 2026

Iris Amick and Scott Usry, on the death of their mother,
Martha Simmons Usry, on April 12, 2026

Paula Morris and Phil Teague, on the death of their
mother, Geneive Teague, on April 13, 2026

2026

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

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.