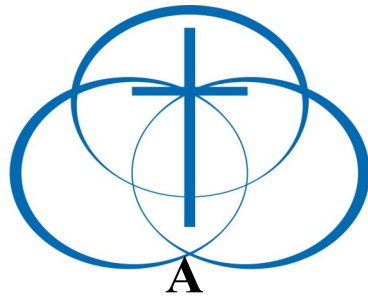


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White Bluff News May 2025

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Hello White Bluff, Barry here. The second Sunday of each May is Mother's Day, this year on May 11. Happy Mother's Day to all the amazing moms out there! We celebrate the extraordinary women who give so much, and for whom we are so incredibly grateful.

When I think of moms, I am reminded of Proverbs 31, specifically verses 10 and 26-31. Lamuel (Solomon) listened to the words of his own mother, Bathsheba and wrote down what she said.

A wife of noble character who can find?
She is worth far more than rubies.
She speaks with wisdom,
and faithful instruction is on her tongue.
She watches over the affairs of her household
and does not eat the bread of idleness.
Her children arise and call her blessed;
her husband also, and he praises her:
"Many women do noble things,
but you surpass them all."
Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting;
but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.
Honor her for all that her hands have done,
and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

From the little things to the big, every day is a testament to your love, strength, and endless dedication. We hope this day is filled with joy, relaxation, and appreciation for everything you do. To all the mothers and women who are like mothers out there, thank you for being the most amazing mothers!

Up and Coming Activities at White Bluff:

Saturday, May 3, 2025 @ 7 pm, the B Sharps will be back with us on the lawn! Bring your lawn chairs and blankets as we look forward to a free and fun concert from the SCAD musical group. They are always a blessing, and you will not want to miss this opportunity!

Saturday, May 10, 2025 @ 12 pm will be our Mother/ Daughter banquet. Sign up now and bring your mother or daughter with you!

Sunday, May 11, 2025 @ 9:30 am will be a very special presentation to honor our moms. Moms, invite your children to come with you and children, bring your mommas to church!

Monday, May 19 @ 6 pm will be Finance followed by Church Council at 7 pm.

Sunday, May 25 @ 11 am will be a church-wide luncheon. All are invited. This luncheon will include a continued time of question and answer as we anticipate next steps related to our building and the ministries of White Bluff. Lisa McGalliard and Michael Larsicy will lead us in this informative question and answer time.

Upcoming Sermon Series:

Over the next seven weeks, our sermon series will be entitled, "Discipleship 101, 7 Keys of Discipleship Sermon Series."

May 4, 2025

"Discipleship 101, 7 Keys of Discipleship: Desire" Psalm 73:23-26 (NIV)

Description: Too often, our approach to the faith lacks the fire or energy that it deserves. The flame of our holy desire has died down to a few burning embers. We find ourselves stuck in patterns that are comfortable and familiar. We become weary, tired, and indifferent. You can gauge the intensity of your desire by reflecting on the following questions: Do I have a desire to continually grow in faith and holiness? Does my life reflect a spirit that is warming, moving, and inviting? Do I prioritize my desire to grow in faith?

May 11, 2025 (Mother's Day Weekend)

"Discipleship 101, 7 Keys of Discipleship: Discernment" 1 Kings 3:3-15 (NIV)

Discernment: Discernment is an interior dialogue with the Holy Spirit, a dialogue that helps us understand how God is calling us to live and follow Jesus. Discernment is not shorthand for "let me think about it," but instead means, "let me converse with God and listen for his voice and direction."

May 18, 2025

"Discipleship 101, 7 Keys of Discipleship: Decision-Making for Christ" Proverbs 3:5-6 (NIV)

Decision-Making for Christ: As we strive to live out our faith and become faith-filled people, we have to continue to choose to say yes to Christ. This is a lifelong journey for each one of us. These yeses to Christ do not have to be dramatic experiences; they can be decisions made in the silence of the heart. Very often they might be associated with special times in our lives.

May 25, 2025 (Memorial Day Weekend)

"Discipleship 101, 7 Keys of Discipleship: Discipline" Hebrews 12:4-12, 28-29 (NIV)

Discipline: Just like a disciplined physical regimen will lead to better physical health, being disciplined in our faith and practicing regularly the Christian disciplines will lead to fruit, train us to be holy, and provide an expression of love, both from God to us and from us to others.

June 1, 2025

"Discipleship 101, 7 Keys of Discipleship: Dwelling in the Word" Hebrews 4:12-13 (NIV)

Dwelling in the Word: How can we do what the Word of God says if we do not know what the Word says?! This sermon will encourage us to develop a daily reading plan as we set aside time every day, followed by a daily time to respond to God with a thankful heart to how He has spoken to us in our daily readings and prayer.

June 8, 2025 (Pentecost)

"Discipleship 101, 7 Keys of Discipleship: Dependence on the Holy Spirit" Acts 13:1-12 (NIV)

Dependance on the Holy Spirit: Cultivating a dependence on the Holy Spirit is especially important for our continued intimacy with Jesus Christ and life-change. Our growth in relationship with Jesus Christ could not happen without the power and presence of the Holy Spirit. The Holy Spirit helps us grow in holiness by bringing us to a deeper understanding of God's gift to us of sanctifying grace.

June 15, 2025 (Father's Day and Trinity Sunday)

"Discipleship 101, 7 Keys of Discipleship: Doing" Luke 10:38-42 (NIV)

Doing: Essential to our growth in discipleship is the moving of our faith from our head to our heart and to our feet and hands (doing). Our inner faith is evidenced by our outer fruit as we have a fire and deep desire to make disciples of Jesus who will spread Scriptural holiness across the globe.

It is great to be in ministry with you! Blessings, Barry

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

Stewardship Report

Attendance 04/06/2025

TOWN HALL

9:30 am.....146
 Sunday School.....4
 Online Views.....48

Attendance 04/13/2025

9:30 am.....122
 Sunday School.....61
 Online Views.....86

Attendance 04/20/2025

9:30 am.....258
 Sunday School.....20
 Online Views.....80

Attendance 04/27/2025

9:30 am.....104
 Sunday School.....47
 Online Views60



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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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

Everyone is welcome to join us.



BEE SHARPS CONCERT

White Bluff Methodist Church

**Tonight, May 3, 2025
 7:00 P.M.**

Side Lawn of Sanctuary

(Bring your lawn chairs, bug spray, water, etc.)
 (We will move inside the Sanctuary in case of rain)

Invite your friends and neighbors.



**Suzanne Woodrum
 "Piano Recital"**

**White Bluff Methodist
 Church**

Today, May 3, 2025

2:00 P.M.

Sanctuary

Everyone is invited.



All Daughters Luncheon

May 10, 2025

12:00 Noon

Horton Hall

Cost: \$15.00 Adults \$10.00 Children

Come join us as we celebrate
women of all ages.

Entertainment, door prizes and more.
The men will be serving.

See any member of Abigail, Eve or Sarah
Circle for tickets. Tickets are also available in
the office.



White Bluff Methodist Church

May 11, 2025

9:30 A.M. Worship Service

Sanctuary

Special recognition of the babies born since
last Mother's Day to our church members.

Invite your mother to church!



Trustee Meeting

Wednesday, May 14, 2025

5:30 P.M.

Room 21



Finance Committee Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2025

6:00 P.M.

Room 21



Church Council Meeting

Monday, May 19, 2025

7:00 P.M.

Horton Hall



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

**May 5, 12, and 19
Room 21**

Come play Canasta with us.

**If you are interested in other games come and play.
This is a great opportunity to get to know people
and just have some good fun.**

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

LINE DANCE CLASS



May 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



SOCIAL SENIORS

Wednesday, March 21, 2025

11:30 A.M.

Horton Hall

Speaker: JoAnn Hirata

**Master Gardner
White Bluff Member**

If you have a plant to swap or just give away.

Bring a covered dish to share

Meat and drink provided

You are invited to come join us!

This is the last meeting before summer break.

We will not meet June, July and August.



CHURCH WIDE LUNCHEON

May 25, 2025

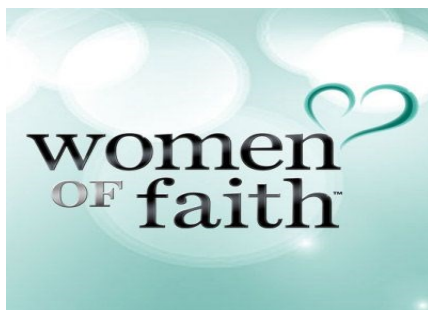
11:00 A.M.

Horton Hall

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Facilitators: Michael Lariscy and Lisa McGilliard will lead us in this informative question and answer time.

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White Bluff Methodist Women's Sunday

Our Woman of the Year was awarded to
Gayle Spilliards for her dedication and hard work.

Thank you Rev. Sue Jackson for the sermon.

Thank you to Huxsie Scott for the great music.

MEN'S MINISTY



SATURDAY, May 31, 2025

10:00 A.M.

Horton Hall

Speaker: LTC RaJa Kandanada

Garrison Chaplin

Hunter Army Airfield

No charge (Donations accepted)

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY



Introducing the "Incredible: 4-Week Children's Ministry Curriculum" – an exciting lesson series for children on how the Holy Spirit empowers them to be brave, kind, and transformative. Through engaging stories from the Book of Acts, kids will learn how ordinary people, filled with the Holy Spirit, achieved incredible things for God's kingdom. By the end of this series, children will have a deeper understanding of how the Holy Spirit works in their lives, equipping them with the incredible power to overcome challenges, share God's love, and grow in their faith. Watch your kids be inspired and transformed, ready to impact their world!

Main Idea: The Holy Spirit gives me incredible power.

Gospel Connection: When we believe in Jesus, He forgives our sins and fills us with the Holy Spirit, enabling us to show His love through our actions.

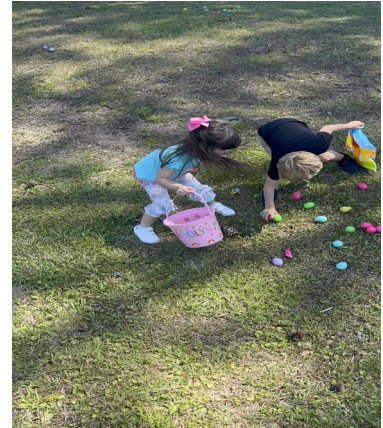
Week 1: "What Got Into Them?" Peter and John, Speak Up! (Acts 4:1-22)

Week 2: "What's Her Story?" Lydia's Conversion (Acts 16:11-15)

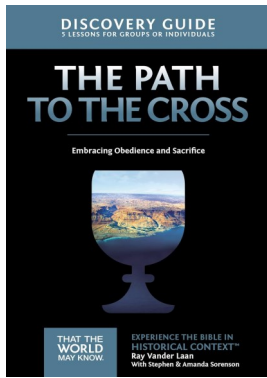
Week 3: "Can Villains Change?" Saul's Conversion (Acts 9:1-19)

Week 4: "Let's Get This Straight!" Priscilla, Aquila, & Apollos (Acts 18:24-28)

What a wonderful Easter weekend at White Bluff. Thank you to all our volunteers and families that came to celebrate and worship with us. We had over 200 children in attendance.



Tuesday Morning Book Study



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

“The Path To The Cross” by Ray Vander Laan. Discover how the passionate faith of God’s people prepares the way for Jesus and his ultimate act of obedience and sacrifice at the cross. There are DVD sessions.

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

May 6th-The Lamb of god

May 13th-The Weight of the World

May 20th-Roll Away the Stone

May 27th-Power to the People

June 3rd-Total Commitment (Last Session on Book)



Sanctuary Flowers

The 2025 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.



FOOD PANTRY DONATION NEEDS

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



2025

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.

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Corine Hall

Jane Anderson
Suzanne Woodrum

Thomas E. "Eddie" Mitchell

Doug and Harriet Cobb

Honor Gifts

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

Rev. Dr. Barry Giddens

Stephanie Harrell

Carolyn Anderson

Stephanie Harrell



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

Oscar Hall, Dr. Michael Hall, Janice Hall,
on the death of their mother, Corine O. Hall,
on April 19, 2025.



WE WILL BE
CLOSED
FOR
Memorial Day
HONORING ALL WHO SERVED



Monday, May 26, 2025

