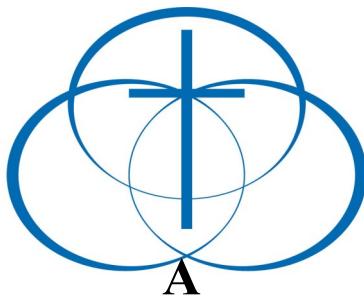


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# White Bluff News

## May 2025

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)

Dependence 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

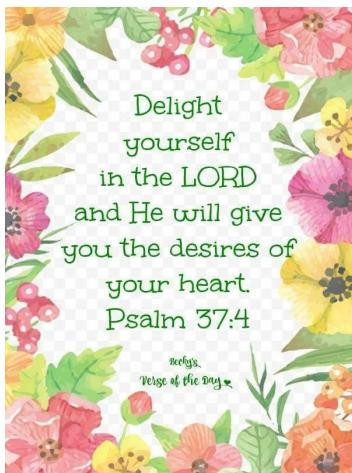
9:30 am.....122  
Sunday School.....61  
Online Views.....86

### 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 Views .....60



**Suzanne Woodrum  
“Piano Recital”**

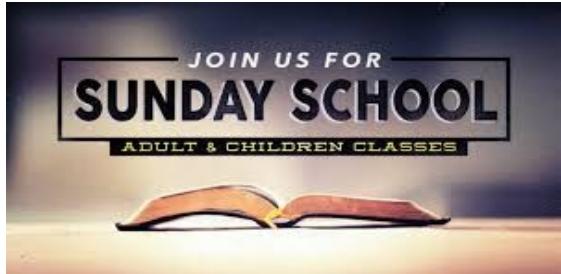
**White Bluff Methodist  
Church**

**Today, May 3, 2025**

2:00 P.M.

Sanctuary

Everyone is invited.



### 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.



**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



### 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.



## 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**

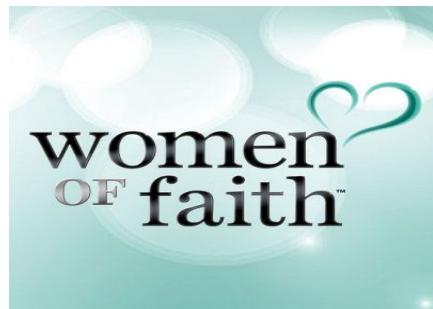
**11:00 A.M.**

**Horton Hall**

**All are invited!**

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

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. The locked suggestion box is still available for you to leave your thoughts and questions to be addressed.



## **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 MINISTRY**



**SATURDAY, May 31, 2025**

**10:00 A.M.**

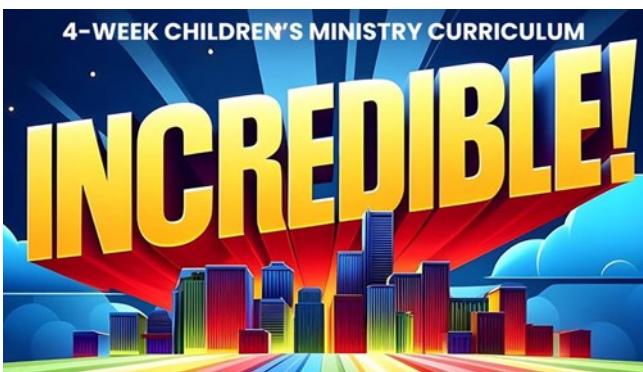
**Horton Hall**

**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.

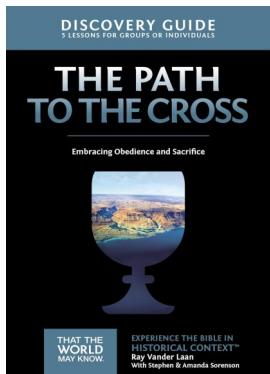
**Week 1:** "What Got Into Them?" Peter and John, Speak Up!  
(Acts 4:1-22)

**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 6<sup>th</sup>-The Lamb of god**

**May 13<sup>th</sup>-The Weight of the World**

**May 20<sup>th</sup>-Roll Away the Stone**

**May 27<sup>th</sup>-Power to the People**

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>-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

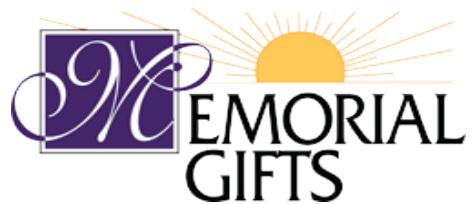
<b>May</b>	Young Adults
<b>June</b>	Seekers Sunday School Class
<b>July</b>	Covenant
<b>August</b>	Wayfarers
<b>September</b>	Joyful Believers
<b>October</b>	Young Adults
<b>November</b>	Seekers Sunday School Class
<b>December</b>	Covenant

All classes are responsible for the entire month.

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## Special Gifts

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

**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.



**Monday, May 26, 2025**

