



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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White Bluff
Church of Christ
August 20, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES
August 20, 2023

LEAD SINGING: Gabe Orendorff
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: - Harley Pope
PRESIDE: Butch Lee
SERVE Communion Emblems in AUG: Larry Witherow, John Willoughby, Robert Qualls, Pierre Griffin
SERMON: Ethan Myers
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: John Suddeth
USHERS to Collect Contribution in AUG: Cameron Jones, Jeremy Petty

Sunday Evening

LEAD SINGING: Gabe Orendorff
SERMON: Ethan Myers
Lead Opening Prayer: John Willoughby
Preside for month of AUG Brant Sweat
Lead Closing Prayer: Larry Osborne
FOOD CALL IN AUG: Susan Jones, Sherri Jackson

WASH LINENS IN AUG: Tamara Cocke

LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUG:

Daryl Daugherty, David Karnes

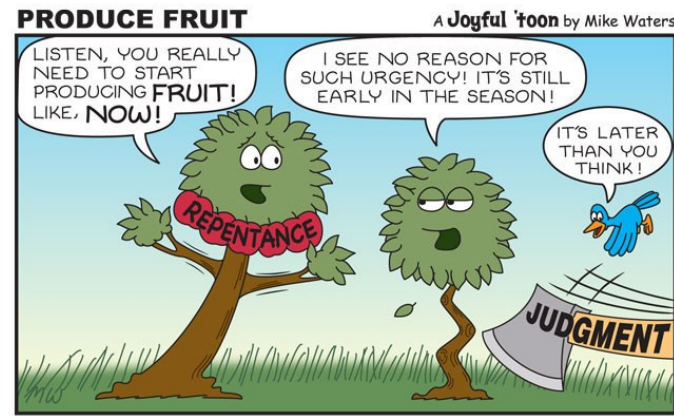
Aug. 13—Attendance— 248 Contribution—\$11,752

Directory Updates, Prayer Request Notifications & Death Notices:

Debbie Couch 615-957-7452 or at couchd25@hotmail.com

If you have announcements to be put on the screen: send email to:

whblchurch@gmail.com PLACE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT YOU HAVE FOR SUNDAY MORNING ON THE CLIPBOARD IN THE LOBBY.



Produce fruit in keeping with repentance. The ax is already at the root of the trees, and every tree that does not produce good fruit will be cut down and thrown into the fire. - MATTHEW 3:8,10 NIV

The first step to getting right with God is to repent, to turn from your own way of doing things, and seek God's way. Our attitude toward repentance should not be casual. It is an urgent matter, because God's judgment could come at any time.

Kind Words are jewels that live in the heart and soul and remain as blessed memories years after they have been spoken.

Marvea Johnson

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Elders:

Buddy Driver Terry Gross
Doug Couch Jay Wilkins
Larry Osborne Brent Welch
Shamron Jackson

Deacons:

Larry Cocke Gale Larkins
Tim Godwin Butch Lee
Mike Jones Jeremy Petty
David Karnes Dean McKaskle
Dwayne Daniel Lee Marlow
Greg Morris

Evangelist: Doug Couch 973-9652

Associate Minister: Daniel Cauthen

Youth: Ethan Myers 940-783-1668

Secretaries: Adelaide Butler 797-3380

Debbie Couch 957-7452

Julie McKaskle 308-8456

Sunday:

Bible Classes 9:00am

A.M. Worship 10:00am

P.M. Worship 5:00pm

Children's Bible Hour 5:00pm

Wednesday:

7 PM Classes for everyone

Thursday: Ladies Bible Class 10:00am

"In Search of the Lord's Way" Sunday AM 7 - 7:30

"Gospel Broadcasting Network"

(GBN) Sunday AM 7:30-8:00

"Good News Today" Sunday AM -8:00

All on Channel WUXP 30

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WHY DO WE OFFER AN "INVITATION"?

Here at the White Bluff congregation, we offer an invitation at the end of the Sunday morning and Sunday evening sermons, and also at the end of Wednesday devotional. We also offer an invitation at the end of our auditorium VBS class as well...but why?

The "invitation" is given as a way for those who have been convinced by the Word of God, to obey the Lord and be baptized into Christ so they can receive forgiveness of sin (Acts 2:38). Some respond to the invitation asking for prayers and guidance for a particular sin or problem they are struggling with.

But, what if a person is so painfully shy, they cannot bring themselves to walk down the aisle during the invitation song? Actually this is a problem for many. What are they to do? Well, to begin with, the "invitation" that is given during a worship service is simply a convenient time for one to obey the Gospel or ask for prayers. The invitation is from the Lord and one may respond to the Lord's invitation at any time of any day. Several examples of this can be found in Scripture. One such example is in Acts 8:26-40.

The Apostle Phillip was riding in a chariot with a man from Ethiopia and they were studying scripture. The Ethiopian was so overwhelmed with the conviction that he needed to be baptized that they stopped right where they were, and Phillip baptized him into Christ.

Sermons are preached in order to bring people to the Lord. This is always a good time to offer the Lord's invitation but it is not the only time.

People responding to the Lord's invitation can be some of the most exciting times in the church. It is the moment Heaven anticipates, because the scripture says in Luke 15:7, "I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent."

A response to the invitation after services have ended is just as valid as those which take place during the invitation song.

Don't be afraid to approach any of the Elders, Deacons, or Preachers after services have ended if you want to respond to the Lord's invitation. I would encourage those who want to make a "public" response to the invitation, but are too afraid to do so, to consider the following.

If you want to make that trip down the aisle, grab the hand of a fellow Brother or Sister in Christ and ask them to walk with you. I can guarantee that you will find plenty of offers. -Daniel Cauthen

ONLINE GIVING

Go to www.whitebluffcoc.org and click/tap on "GIVE". Or scan the QR code to go directly to the link. Follow the instructions to "contribution by card." There is a slight card fee as expected with all credit card transactions.



Our Theme for 2023: Matthew



Wednesday Night Summer Series 7 pm

Aug. 16—Geoffery Sikes—"How Much Are You Loved?"

Aug. 23—Chris McCurley -"Why Would You Leave the 99 for 1?"

Calendar of Events

- Aug. 20—Mission Committee Meeting @ 4:00
- Aug. 27—Teacher's Meeting 4:30
- Aug. 28—Family Night 6:30
- Sept. 10—Baby Shower for Ashlee & Jett 2pm
- Sept. 12—JOY Group Outing

Area Events

- Aug. 17-24— Polishing the Pulpit in Sevierville, TN
 - Aug. 20— Fall Faith Focus Series at Hilldale CofC in Clarksville.
 - Aug. 26—Ladies' Day at Hilldale CofC in Clarksville.
- Check the Bulletin Board for more information on these events.

Happy Birthday



- Aug. 12—Breanna Chimera
- Aug. 21—Terry Gross, Ralph Story
- Aug. 25—Drake Daniel

Happy Anniversary

- Aug. 23—Dean & Julie McKaskle (26 years)

The Demise of the Sunday Night Service

Traditions come and go. One such tradition in American churches is the Sunday evening service. It's unclear when the tradition started, but records would indicate that churches have been holding evening services for well over 100 years. In recent history, there has been a sharp decline in those who attend Sunday evening services. Even in strong and thriving churches and to the dismay of church leaders, Sunday night attendance numbers continue to be dismal. Since the COVID-19 pandemic, some congregations have discontinued the evening service completely. As a result, church members no longer have to feel guilty about "forsaking the assembly" on Sunday evening and can now enjoy pastimes and pleasures without remorse. Some preachers are relieved, no longer having to prepare an additional Sunday sermon since services have now been cut by a third. Folks who may miss the morning worship for various reasons will not have the opportunity to worship the Lord on the "first day of the week." I would predict that the Sunday evening service will soon be a thing of the past, gone with other "old time" traditions such as the two-week gospel meeting.

So what guidance can God's word give us concerning the demise of the Sunday evening service? Only one passage comes to mind. "Therefore, to him who knows to do good and does not do it, to him it is sin" (James 4:17). Now, we must ask ourselves, "Is meeting together with other Christians for singing, praying, giving, sharing God's word, and partaking of the Lord's Supper on Sunday evening a good thing?" If we are honest with ourselves, I think we all know deep down what the answer is and should be.

Jay Launius, Maud church of Christ, Maud, TX

Prayer Requests

Gail Mosley had hip surgery last week. Cindy Sweat, Brant Sweat's mother, Carl Wood, Diann Smithson, Willie Hamilton, Ricky Johnson, Ronald Johnson's brother, Casey Santilli, son of Mario & Kelly Santilli.

Those Battling Cancer...

OUR MEMBERS

Yvonne Quillin
Karl Craun
Kim Marlow
Larry Osborne
Jimmy St. Clair
Willie Hamilton
Joan Jones
Joann Rist

OTHERS W/ CANCER

	Relationship
Sandra Floyd	Glenda Bull's niece
Rhoda Hooper	Linda Hooper's sister-in-law
David Stokes	Bernice Stokes' brother-in-law
Dale Gross	Terry Gross's brother
Scot Lyle	Brenda Lyle's son
Anita Pickard	Pickard's daughter-in-law
June Driver	late Tina Resha's mother
Peggy Donegan	Shirley Daniel's sister
Phyllis Cooper	Debbie Couch's friend
Anthony Bennett	Jerry & Adelaide's son-in-law
Grayson Sawyer	5 yr old friend of Lou Ann Tidwell

Continue to Remember in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS

Carol LeBlanc Bernice Stokes
Sue Murphy Lois Willis
Betty Caldwell Dianne Hall
Larissa Dills Ouida Polk
Diann Smithson Pamela Todd
Roy Hamilton Willie Hamilton

OTHERS Relationship

Rubie Corkan	Peggy Heath's mother
Jo Corkan	Peggy Heath's aunt
Darryl Northern	Betty Reynold's son
Jean Majors & Kit	Wed. Meal recipient
Joe Pacone	Wed. Meal recipient
Antonia Cangemi	sister of Carol Leblanc

In the Nursing Homes

Olive Branch: Mary Buttrey, 110 Luther Rd, Dickson, TN 37055.

NHC: Ouida Polk rm 123, Lisa Butler rm 117B, Freddie Weatherspoon, Barbara Travis rm 303, 812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson 37055

The Meadows: Joan Butler. 8044 Coley Davis Rd. Room A-36B, Nashville, TN 37221.

Hillcrest Health Care Center: Gayle Westcott, Shirley Hamilton, 111 Pemberton Dr, Ashland City, TN 37015 .

Belvedere Commons: Judy Barfield, 303 S Royal Oaks Blvd, Franklin, TN 37064

Life Care Center: Kenny Pack 112 Dickson Rd, Centerville, TN 37033.

Place at the TRACE: Betty Hall, Ruth Nicholson, Gayle Lankford, 8353 TN-100, Nashville, TN 37221

Brookdale Belle Meade: Peggy Blessing, 6767 Brookmont Terrace, Nashville, TN 37205.

Joan Jones has moved back to Alabama for a long stay with her son. Her new address is 118 Hidden Creek Dr. Huntsville, AL 35806

Items Needed for August

MAGI needs: MONETARY DONATIONS

Due to the political unrest in Nicaragua, we will not be able to send MAGI boxes this year. In lieu of donations of actual supplies we are asking monetary donations that will be sent to the churches of Christ in Nicaragua to purchase items for the children. Please see Becky Clark if you would like to donate.

PANTRY NEEDS: Beef Stew, Chicken & Dumplings, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Cereal, Paper Towels

See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

Faith doesn't always take you out of the problem,
Faith takes you through the problem.

Faith doesn't always take away the pain,

Faith gives you the ability to handle the pain.

Faith doesn't always take you out of the storm,
Faith calms you in the midst of the storm.

IN EVERYTHING YOU DO, PUT GOD FIRST,
and He will direct you and crown
your efforts with success.

Proverbs 3:6 TLB

Baby Shower



A Baby Shower will be given for Ashlee and Jett Smith on Sunday, September 10 at 2 pm. They are registered at Walmart and Amazon. It's a Boy. Bonnie Dills is taking up for a group gift.

JOY Group Outing
Tuesday, Sept 12th
LUNCH at Paula Deen's Family Restaurant at Opry Mills

The bus will leave the building at 9:30 AM

Please sign the list in the foyer and indicate if you are driving separately.
Only 32 people can ride the bus.

New Christian

Congratulations to Drake Daniel on his decision to be baptized into Christ. His father, Dwayne baptized him Sunday morning after service. Let's encourage Drake as he grows in his walk with Christ. Drake has had a wonderful example from his family. We rejoice with the Daniel family.



Opportunities to Serve

FAMILY NIGHT

MONDAY, AUGUST 28 AT 6:30 PM

COME AND ENJOY GOOD FOOD AND GOOD FELLOWSHIP.



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Used Bible Drive for South Africa

During the month of August, we will be collecting used Bibles to send to Somerset West School of Preaching in South Africa. They will only accept the following versions of **gently** used Bibles: ESV, KJV, NKJV, ASV and NASV with no rips, tears or stains. Please place the Bibles in the designated collection bin in the lobby.

Nashville Benefit Dinner for WBS

Guest Speaker: David Shannon
President of Freed Hardeman University

Thursday, October 5 at 6:30 at Concord Rd. Church of Christ

See Larry Witherow or rsvp@worldbibleschool.net/Nashville2023 or call 800-311-2006 to reserve your spot.

