



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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White Bluff Church of Christ

December 10, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES December 10, 2023

LEAD SINGING: Gabe Orendorff
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Wade Lynn
PRESIDE: Peter Chimera
SERVE Communion Emblems in DEC.: Dean McKaskle, James Stanfield, Tate Cocke, Brad Hartsfield
SERMON: Daniel Cauthen
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Jett Smith
USHERS to Collect Contribution in DEC: Kenny Goodman, Pierre Griffin, Melton Jack, Larry Lampley

Sunday Night Service

LEAD SINGING: Gabe Orendorff
SERMON: Daniel Cauthen
Lead Opening Prayer: Martin Cauthen
Preside for month of DEC: Butch Lee
Lead Closing Prayer: Tim Godwin
FOOD CALL IN DEC : Konni Sullivan & Janie Craun
WASH LINENS IN DEC : Charlene Griffin
LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF DEC: Carl Wood & Shamron Jackson
Dec. 3—Attendance— 202 Contribution—\$13,796

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.

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**



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My relationship with
God is my
number one focus.
I know that if I
take care of that,
God will take care of
everything else.

WBYG FALL 2023



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**3: Area Wide Youth Service @ Walnut Street
COC - Brant***
10: Recharge/Christmas Party - Cocke's
20: M2E @ 6:15 - Heather and Chris
31: Young Men's Service
*driving bus

Feb. 22-25.

The cost will be **\$100 per teen.**

We will leave on Thursday. Friday will be spent doing some fun things around Gatlinburg.



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

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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Who are God's Chosen People?

After Hamas murdered hundreds of Jewish people on Oct. 7, my heart was grieved for those who were abused & killed. How many of them were ready to meet God? I also knew this would bring war & that innocent children would suffer. Afterward, I heard many people, including some TV preachers say that "The Jews are God's chosen people."

However, that is not what the New Testament teaches:

John the Baptist rebuked the Pharisees & Sadducees for thinking that their physical descent from Abraham gave them a special status with God. He warned them that the fruit of repentance is what counts with God (Matt. 3:8).

A short time before His crucifixion, Jesus told a parable to the chief priests & elders where wicked men killed a landowner's son. The owner retaliated by destroying them. Jesus' conclusion: "Therefore...the kingdom of God shall be taken away from you & shall be given to a nation bringing forth the fruits thereof" (Matt. 21:43). That nation was made of Jewish and Gentile Christians who submitted to God's will. God included the Gentiles to make the Jewish people jealous so they would seek Him (Rom. 11:14).

Paul compared the Jewish nation to a domesticated olive tree. Unbelieving Jews were sterile branches that were pruned. They were pruned to open the door to the Gentiles coming to salvation. These believing Gentiles were like branches from a wild olive tree that were grafted onto the domesticated tree. God saved the Gentiles to make the Jews jealous (Rom. 11:14).

Paul warns Gentile Christians who arrogantly looked down on the pruned branches. They need to fear God (Rom. 11:18-21). And when an unbelieving Jew converts to become a Christian, Paul said it was like raising someone from the dead (Romans 11:15).

Does God still love Jewish people? Of course! He also loves Muslims too! Jesus died for all men everywhere. The love of God is so great that it transcends national, racial, language, or gender boundaries.

Christians are now God's chosen people. We are God's chosen race and are a holy nation who belong to Him (1 Peter 2:9-10). Christians are the sons of God as well as sons of Abraham (Gal. 3:26-29). We have become new creatures and are the Israel of God (Gal. 6:16). Paul told the Christians in Rome, "they are not all [spiritual] Israel that are of [physical] Israel" (Rom. 9:6). Jesus told the Jewish leaders that true children of Abraham did the works of Abraham, loved Jesus Christ & heard the word of God (John 8:39, 42, 47).

God promised Abraham that his descendants would bless all families and nations on earth (Gen. 12:3; 22:18). Peter said God's blessing comes to us when Jesus turns us away from our sins (Acts 3:25). Are you God's chosen?

—Doug Couch—

Calendar of Events

- Dec. 9—Gift Wrapping Party for Angel Tree 8:00 am
 - Dec. 10—Elders & Deacons Meeting 3:00
 - Dec. 10—Holiday Party after evening service
 - Dec. 10 — Youth Group—Recharge at the Cockes
 - Dec. 11— Dorcas Sewing Group 10 am
 - Dec. 13—Blood Mobile 12-5
 - Dec. 16—Youth Group girls will have an outing at 10:30
- Check the Bulletin Board for more information on these events.**



Happy Birthday

- Dec. 10—Carter Cocke, Cameron Jones
- Dec. 11—Shirley Adkins
- Dec. 15—Katelynn Petty, Bernice Stokes
- Dec. 16—Xander Crick, Serenity Hamilton

Happy Anniversary

- Dec. 2—Dennis & Shirley Daniel (46)

Thank You

God has blessed me with a wonderful church family, family and many quilting friends. Thanks for all the prayers, cards, meals and help with projects that is hard for me to do any longer. I'm blessed and have been most of life. Even when we've had bad things happen, we can see the good that has come from it. Darlene & Ernest Forriest brought many quilt tops they had, and one of my quilting friends had a friend with a new machine. Together they finished the quilts and brought them to the church. Jay and Marilyn took them to Disaster Relief. Christians help Christians be a light in this dark present world. I really appreciate the Wednesday meals. Please continue to remember me in your prayers.

In Christian Love, Bernice Stokes

Thank you for the prayers, calls, visits, and food after my surgery. A special thank you to the young ladies that brought pumpkin bread and sang a beautiful song. Laurie Parker

90th Birthday Celebration

In Honor of Bernice Stokes

Saturday Dec. 16 1:00-3:00 pm

White Bluff Church of Christ
Light appetizers will be served
Cash appreciated, but no gifts please



Prayer Requests

Jerry Butler fell and fractured his back. He is scheduled for surgery on Wednesday, December 6th. **Terry Gross** is having a heart procedure Dec. 12. **Carol Todd** is scheduled for surgery Dec. 6 for cancer. **Fred Black** is having health problems and requests prayers. **Amber McCoy**, Penny Rogers daughter, is having seizures and requests prayers. **Carol Hackney** is having a heart procedure Dec. 11. **Willie Hamilton** will have surgery Dec. 7 at Horizon.

Those Battling Cancer...

OUR MEMBERS

Yvonne Quillin
Karl Craun
Kim Marlow
Larry Osborne
Jimmy St. Clair
Willie Hamilton

OTHERS W/ CANCER

	<i>Relationship</i>
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
Peggy Donegan	Shirley Daniel's sister
Anthony Bennett	Jerry & Adelaide's son-in-law
Grayson Sawyer	5 yr old friend of Lou Ann Tidwell
Melanie Barber	Nathan Barber's mother
Lee Shockney	friend of Daryl Daugherty

Continue to Remember in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS

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

OTHERS

	<i>Relationship</i>
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
Andrew Verble	friend of Couches
Cindy Sweat	Brant's mother
Norman Mayer	Michelle Morris' brother

In the Nursing Homes

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

NHC: Peggy Jackson, Ouida Polk rm 123, Lisa Butler rm 117B, 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.

NHC Place at the TRACE: Ruth Nicholson, rm 322, Gayle Lankford, rm 544, 8353 Hwy 100, Nashville, TN 37221

Items Needed for December

PANTRY NEEDS: Beanie Weenies, Crackers, Jelly Spaghetti Sauce

See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

The **Wednesday Meal Kitchen workers** have requested that you save your store bought cake icing containers with lids. Please place any donation in the upstairs kitchen for your convenience.



Opportunities to Serve

JOY GROUP OUTING

Monday, December 11th

Lunch at Legends in Columbia

See the bulletin board for more details and to sign up for the outing.



COOKIE BAKE BAKE AT HOME

This year we are planning to deliver Christmas cookies and candy to our meals-on-wheels recipients on Dec. 20th. Tins can be picked up, filled with homemade cookies, and returned by Dec. 17th. We will put candy in each tin along with the cookies before they are delivered. There will be a sign-up sheet with the tins that are picked up so we know how many tins will be returned.

IF EVERY MEMBER
WERE JUST LIKE ME
WHAT KIND OF CHURCH
WOULD MY CHURCH BE?

EASTERN EUROPEAN MISSIONS

Our annual collection for Eastern European Mission's "Campaign for Hope" happens this Sunday. This time it will consist of the entire amount contributed over our regular budget. Those fortunate enough to have heard Bro. Bill's message Sunday night know about the great work of getting God's Word into the hands of willing learners, not just in Ukraine but in other places, even the public schools, in Eastern Europe. This collection goes entirely toward this, not even to other good works. See if the Lord will allow you to give a little extra toward this!

LOVE EACH OTHER AS GOD LOVES YOU,
WITH AN INTENSE AND PARTICULAR LOVE.
BE KIND TO EACH OTHER.
IT IS BETTER TO COMMIT FAULTS WITH GENTLENESS
THAN TO WORK MIRACLES WITH UNKINDNESS.

DECEMBER 10

HOLIDAY PARTY

EVERYONE IS INVITED



A special visitor will be around for the kids. Please bring finger foods and enjoy a time of fellowship together. Drinks will be provided.

The Youth Group will have RECHARGE and a Christmas Party at the Cocke's on Dec. 10 at 5:00 pm.

Angel Tree Gift Wrapping Party

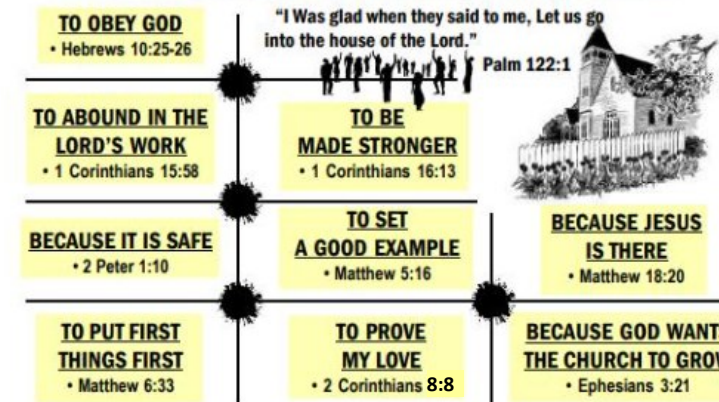
Saturday, December 9 - 8:00 am downstairs.

Please bring wrapping paper, tape and scissors.

A Christian is not sinless
but he will
sin less and less and less.

Why Attend All the Services of the Church

One Should attend all the services of the church ...



DO YOU FAITHFULLY ATTEND ALL THE SERVICES OF THE LORD'S CHURCH?