



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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White Bluff Church of Christ

December 24, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES December 24, 2023

LEAD SINGING: James Quillin
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Daryl Daugherty
PRESIDE: Karl Craun
SERVE Communion Emblems in DEC.: Dean McKaskle, James Stanfield, Tate Cocke, Brad Hartsfield
SERMON: Daniel Cauthen
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Don Mosley
USHERS to Collect Contribution in DEC: Kenny Goodman, Pierre Griffin, Melton Jack, Larry Lampley

NO SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE AT THE CHURCH BUILDING

Sunday Evening Serving
Short Devotional on YOUTUBE:
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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. 17—Attendance— 223 Contribution—\$9,833

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**



WiFi Info— If you would like internet access while you are at the church building, please see Debbie Couch to set up a password.

If you are visiting: **User:** GUEST
Password: _ISPYYWCZX .



Youth News

"Singing in the Rain" Girl's Day at McEwen Church of Christ on January 20th with Kelsey Rose speaking. Let Amy Sudeath know if you are interested in going.



The Youth Group had a great time at the home of the Cocke's for Recharge and Christmas Party. 26 were in attendance to hear Jose Bermudez speak.



Around 20 of our youth got to enjoy a Predators Hockey game in Nashville on Tuesday night. Thanks Brant & Mary for the tickets.



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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\$3.99 Vase Found at Goodwill Sold for \$107K

"One person's trash is another person's treasure," says an old cliché. A bargain hunter in Richmond, Virginia recently found that it is true. A woman saw a beautiful vase that turned out to be a rare piece from the 1940s.

However, Jessica Vincent thought the beautiful glass vase with the letter "M" on the bottom might be worth more than the Goodwill price of \$3.99. Her decades of thrift-shopping had given her an eye for undervalued treasures at thrift stores. She wondered if the "M" stood for Murano, an Italian island known famed for its glass-making.

After buying the vase, she learned that its designer and creator was an Italian architect named Carlo Scarpa (1906-1978), who created this series of vases in the 1940's. On 13 December 2023, Vincent's vase was sold for \$107,100 to an unnamed art collector in Europe. <https://www.newser.com/story/343973/woman-buys-399-vase-at-goodwill-sells-it-for-107k.html> (article written by Evann Gastaldo, posted 18 Dec. 2023).

The true worth and value of anything is based on what one is willing to pay to own it. How much are you worth? Some are so wounded by life they don't think much of themselves. The hurts they carry, the guilt they feel, the painful memories that haunt them—make them think of themselves as unworthy.

God, however, sent His Son to live a perfect life under the Law of Moses (Gal. 4:4). God then used Jewish and Roman authorities to falsely accuse Him of religious and civil crimes & condemn Him to death (Acts 2:23). Jesus was murdered on the Cross to pay for our crimes against Heaven to save us from the wrath of God (Rom. 5:9; 1 Thess. 1:10).

God thought so much of us that His grace did for us what we could never do for ourselves (Eph. 2:8-9). He wants us to live a life worthy of His Son's sacrifice (Eph. 4:1). "He who did not spare His own Son but gave Him up for us all, how will He not also with Him graciously give us all things" (Rom. 8:32)?

You are valuable to God!

----Doug Couch----

To our members and visitors:
WELCOME TO WHITE BLUFF! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Calendar of Events

Dec. 24—No Evening Worship Service at the church building
Find us on Youtube at White Bluff Church of Christ
Dec. 31—Young Men have evening service
Dec. 31—Secret Sisters turn in forms

Area Events

Jan. 20 Girls Day at McEwen Church of Christ 9 am

Happy Birthday

Dec. 24—Ernest Forrest
Dec. 25—Ronald Johnson, Mark Morey
Dec. 27—Ava Heath, Gabe Orendorff
Dec. 28—Kaden Burns, Bettie Reynolds
Dec. 30—Teresa Hall

Happy Anniversary

Dec. 27— Ralph & Janie Taylor (66 years)

Thank You

Thank you for the wonderful going-away party you held for us. We appreciate all the kind words and gestures you have shown us.

In Christian Love, Lauren & Ethan Myers

Thank you to all of the ones who baked cookies for the shut-ins. Over 100 tins were delivered this week. We appreciated all that you do in the name of the Lord.

Janet Osborne

Sunday morning, Dec. 24, our Bible classes and worship services will be the same. However, there **WILL NOT** be a Sunday evening service, Watch the devotional on youtube.com.

What is Your Gift to Him?

The Christmas holidays are here upon us, and the world around us is filled with the noble notions of gift-giving. "What am I going to get my spouse?" "Will my kids like this gift?" "What can I do for my boss and co-workers?" Giving gifts is a godly behavior, and we should all remember that our Lord said it is better to give than to receive (Acts 20:35). It is good to rejoice in giving!

But in all of our giving, did we remember to put God on our list? Did we remember to present ourselves to God as a living sacrifice (Rom. 12:1)? Did we think to walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him (Col. 1:10)? Did we remember to wrap up a huge present of thankfulness for salvation through Christ Jesus (Col. 1:12)?

In all the hubbub and scrambling to find the perfect present for those we love, did you remember to put the Lord on your list? Let's remember Him today and every day for His indescribable gift (2 Cor. 9:15)!

Matt Clifton

Bulletin Digest

Prayer Requests

Jerry Butler is in Horizon Rehab after surgery on a fractured vertebra. **Diann Smithson, J.C. Sullivan, Willie Hamilton, Ann Cauthen,** Daniel's aunt has Alzheimer's and **Ellie Sellers** needs prayers.

Those Battling Cancer...

OUR MEMBERS

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

OTHERS W/ CANCER

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 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
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

Kind words smooth all the paths of life

And smiles make burdens light,

And uncomplaining friends can make

A daytime out of night.

Carrie Jacobs Bond

Items Needed for December

PANTRY NEEDS: Beanie Weenies, Crackers, Jelly Spaghetti Sauce

See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

Sympathy



Our hearts are saddened this week by the loss of Sister Linda Baker. She passed away Saturday night with a massive heart attack surrounded by her family at a Christmas party. We have lost a wonderful wife, mother, sister, and sweet friend. Please remember James and all the Baker family in your prayers as they grieve her passing.

Should I Celebrate Religious Holidays?

The title of our article asks an important question. Should New Testament Christians celebrate religious holidays? In the text of our lesson today (Romans 14:1-12) the subject is discussed because some Jewish Christians were holding on to the "special days" set aside by the Old Testament. This can also be seen in the letter of Galatians (4:9-11). As Paul attempted to teach them to let go of the traditions of the old law he also taught acceptance of Non-Jews who held different or no traditional holidays at all. Because of their spiritual immaturity those who keep such days were allowed to do so until they learned better.

So where does that leave the modern day Christian when it comes to religious holidays? First, remember that the Gospel is for people worldwide (Rom. 1:16) with many customs and traditions. As those people come to Christ they bring those traditions with them. For instance, a person might come from a denominational background in which certain days of fasting are observed. It would be very difficult for that person's conscience to suddenly stop observing the tradition. Therefore tolerance for such is allowed in the "Law of Liberty." However, the New Testament does not require Christians to observe religious holidays thus freeing us from such binding traditions.

Jay Launius, Maud church of Christ, Maud, TX



SANTA'S REINDEER:

PROPULSION OR NAVIGATION?

This true "Ask an Engineer" question appeared in 2013 on an MIT website and was also answered by a graduate student. This student deconstructs the poem, "Twas the Night Before Christmas" to analyze the navigation, guidance system, and control of Santa's sleigh. It is a truly bizarre read, but nevertheless, with scholarly efficiency, this student shows the relationship between reindeer, Santa, and a sleigh as a controllable vehicle. By the way, the answer this student came to is that the reindeer are for propulsion and for navigation. I cannot escape the nagging feeling that this grad student missed the point entirely.

Jesus had a very volatile relationship with the Pharisees and Sadducees. There were many times they would come testing Him to see if He would produce a sign to show He was from heaven (Matt. 16:1). Yet, as Jesus did an abundance of teaching and miraculous evidence that He is God, they discounted all of that evidence in the search for "just one more sign" to prove His authority (Matt. 21:23-27). Even as Jesus hung on the cross, the chief priests still mocked him and challenged him to "come down from the cross and we will believe Him" (Matt. 27:42). It can be said that they missed the point of His ministry entirely.

Many approach the Bible and miss the point entirely. Some will study because they think that the more scriptures they know and memorize, the more it assures that they will go to heaven (cf. John 5:38-40). Some will study the Bible to become experts or so scholarly so that they can put down others and their beliefs and find loopholes to prove "right-ness" with God (Matt. 15:1-9; Luke 11:25-29; 1 Cor. 8:1). Some people will look at their Bible to try to justify a sinful practice making observations like, "well, the Bible doesn't condemn this practice" without ever asking the question, "does this practice glorify God?" (cf. 1 Cor. 10:31; Col. 3:17). These students of the Bible have missed the point entirely.

What's the point of our approach to the Bible? Paul sums it up well, "The purpose for the command is love from a pure heart, from a good conscience, and from sincere faith" (1 Tim. 1:5). **We honor God in worship** because we love God from a pure heart (Matt. 5:8). **We serve God and our neighbor** as we should because we love Jesus. What we do every day is love God with ALL our whole heart, soul, and mind, and love our neighbor as ourselves (Matt. 22:37-40). Don't miss the point: God and His love for us is our propulsion and navigation!

Andy Baker, Graeber Road church of Christ, Rosenberg, TX