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Church of Christ
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WHITE BLUFF CHURCH OF CHRIST DECEMBER 11, 2022



SUNDAY SERVICES December 11, 2022

LEAD SINGING: James Quillen
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Dwayne Daniel
PRESIDE: James Sellers
SERVE Communion Emblems in DEC: Harley Pope, Dylan Daniel, Donnie Wills, Cameron Jones
SERMON: Doug Couch
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Daniel Cauthen
USHERS to Collect Contribution in DEC: Eddie Clayborne, Mike Jones

Sunday Evening Service

LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Greg Morris
SERMON: Singing with Understanding
LEAD CLOSING PRAYER: Cameron Jones
PRESIDE MONTH OF DEC: Butch Lee

Wednesday Evening Devo Dec. 14 –Jett Smith

FOOD CALL IN DEC: Barbara Martin, Bonnie Dills

WASH LINENS IN DEC: Glenda Bull

LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF DEC:

Jerry Western, Dean McKaskle
December 4— Attendance— 207 Contribution — \$12,328

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



Holiday Christmas Party
December 18
after evening service

Everyone is invited. Please bring finger foods and desserts. Drinks will be provided.

Kids for Christ will also have a special gathering with a secret visitor during this time. Please let Dwayne or Leslie Daniel know if your children will be participating, so there will be plenty of goodies.

WBYG Fall
Schedule

DECEMBER

December 11: Recharge and Christmas Party @ the Cocks
December 14: M2E @ 6:15

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 Gabe Orendorff

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

Custodian: (Cleaning)

Dennis Donaldson 615-495-6382
Keri Donaldson 615-946-6944

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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Season's Greetings

If you've watched television or listened to the radio lately, I'm sure you've heard a lot of talk about the fact that some retailers seem to be getting away from saying "Merry Christmas!" and instead are substituting phrases like "Season's Greetings!" or "Happy Holidays!" in their decorations and their advertisements. The President is even under criticism for the Christmas cards he sends out.

Many Christians are outraged at this shift and view this as one more politically correct attempt to remove all references to Christ from our culture. In response, a group has been organized called the "Committee to Save Merry Christmas." Here are some of their thoughts:

This deliberate and intentional substitution of 'Merry Christmas' with un-celebratory phrases are thoughtless, condescending and hurtful. Should you -- the purchasing public -- who honors the American tradition and culture of Christmas, continue to purchase Christmas gifts from these stores when they deliberately and intentionally refuse to acknowledge Christmas? Our committee believes you should not! We, instead, encourage you to shop where the values and meaning of Christmas are cherished."

I have some concerns. On the one hand, I am concerned about attempts (sometimes blatant attempts) to remove all references to God or Christianity from our society. But, on the other hand, I have to remember that God did not give Sears (or any other store) the responsibility of telling people about Christ. He did not give our American government that responsibility. He gave it to those of us who are Christians.

I think it's ironic that a lot of Christians are upset that Target doesn't greet them with "Merry Christmas!" when they walk through the door, but they will make no attempt to talk about Christ in their own lives. We prefer to say, "It's a beautiful day!" instead of "What a beautiful day God has given us!" We prefer to say, "I've been lucky or fortunate" instead of saying "God has blessed me." We would never dream of saying "Christ is the only way of salvation." for fear of being labeled a fanatic. But then we'll get upset at a store which has a banner proclaiming "Happy Holidays" and refuse to do business with them.

Folks, let put the responsibility where it belongs. God has given those of us who are Christians the task of sharing Christ with a world that doesn't know him. If we're going to get upset, let's start getting upset about the fact that WE'VE not been doing that like we should! Have a great day (and a merry Christmas)!

Alan Smith, *Thought For The Day*

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.



Wednesday Night Adult Bible Class

Dec. 14 –Jett Smith—Women Who Worked and Worshipped

Dec. 21– Daniel Cauthen—John, the Baptist



Some great kids in the Youth Group at the 8th Grade Night at WJMS basketball game.

Happy Birthday

Dec. 11—Shirley Adkins, George Green
 Dec. 15—Katelynn Petty, Bernice Stokes
 Dec. 16—Xander Crick, Serenity Hamilton



Happy Anniversary

Dec. 13—Lora and Kyle Deiter (8 years)
 Dec. 17—Karen & Michael Webster (29 years)

Calendar of Events

Dec. 11 -- Elders/Deacons meeting 3:30
 Dec. 11—Youth Christmas Party at the Tamara & Larry Cokes
 Dec. 14—Red Cross Blood Drive
 Dec. 18—Holiday Party with Special Visitor

Jan. 14—Secret Sister Reveal Lunch at Colton's 11 am
 Feb. 17-18—Area Wide Ladies Retreat at Camp Leatherwood.
 Registration will begin soon.
 April 13-16—Couples Retreat in Pigeon Forge—Sign up now

AREA EVENTS

Jan. 9—April 2- Grief Share @ Walter Hill CoC in Murfreesboro

See the Bulletin Board for more information on Area Events

Thank You

Thank you for hosting the wonderful "Ladies Day." Thank you to everyone involved in making it happen. Obviously there was a lot of love, time and work put into it. Just wanted you to know you all appreciated. May God be with you all.

In Christian Love, Nancy Holt

Thank you for the Secret Santa gift, Love the Jackson family!

New Baby

Congratulations to John and Rachel Mosley Jefferson on the birth of **Benjamin David Jefferson**.



He was born on Nov. 29 weighing in at 7 lbs, 14.5 oz. Proud grandparents are Don and Mona Mosley and great grandmother, Viola Puckett.

Blood Drive

Red Cross Blood Mobile will be at our church building on December 14. This is to honor **Kadence Clark**. **Kadence** is a Sophomore at Creek Wood High School and has leukemia. Please sign up online to give blood.

Prayer Requests

Dennis Donaldson is in the Burn Unit at Skyline Medical Center after suffering severe burns from a gasoline explosion. The Donaldson's address is 3584 Trace Creek Rd. in White Bluff. **Sandra Hill** had medical tests on Monday, Pray for good results. **Malcolm McCoy**, grandson of Penny Rodgers has a cancerous melanoma. **Aline Kerr** has been moved to NHC room 218. **George Green** is in Horizon Hospital with pneumonia. **Shelly Runkle's father** was taken to ICU after having seizures.

Those Battling Cancer...

Anthony Bennett	Sandra Floyd	Yvonne Quillin	Rhoda Hooper
Karl Craun	Kim Marlow	David Stokes	June Driver
Kathleen Wilson	Dale Gross	Megan Axelson	Doug Utley
Priscilla Roebuck	Scot Lyle	Larry Osborne	Jimmy St. Clair
Kaendence Clark	Willie Hamilton	Jay Wilkins	Teresa Owen
Debbie Story	Deanna Anglin	Anita Pickard	Dwight Driver
Robert Petty			

Continue to Remember...

Rubie Corkan	Jo Corkan	Aline Kerr	Cecelia Black
Carol LeBlanc	Lois Willis	Margie Spicer	Joyce Spicer
George Green	Betty Caldwell	Sandra Stiles	Joan Jones
Darryl Northern	Charles Carver	Pamela Todd	Joann Rist
Dianne Hall	Ouida Polk	Sue Murphy	Ronnie Chandler
Carolyn Ricketts	Sue McEndree	Bernice Stokes	

In the Nursing Homes

Olive Branch: **Freddie Weatherspoon, Mary Buttrey**, 110 Luther Rd, Dickson, TN 37055. NHC: **Charles Carver**, Rm 129, **Ouida Polk** rm 123. **Aline Kerr** rm 218. 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. THE TRACE: **Betty Hall, Ruth Nicholson, Gayle Langford, Catherine Wright** 8353 TN-100, Nashville, TN 37221 Brookdale Belle Meade: **Peggy Blessing**, 6767 Brookmont Terrace, Nashville, TN 37205. West Meade Place: **Dianne Hall**, 1000 St. Luke Drive, Nashville, TN 37208.

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of **Marie Resha**. She passed away of cancer on Nov. 30. A graveside service will be on Dec. 7 at Harpeth Hills. A Celebration of Life will be held on Sat. Dec. 10 at 2:00 at the First Baptist Church in Pegram.

Sympathy to the family of **Terry Wrenn**. He was Linda Hooper's brother-in-law. There will be a private funeral on Friday, Dec. 9 and Burial will be Union Cemetery.

Sympathy to the family of **Charles Carver**. He passed away on Tuesday, Dec. 6. Arrangements are not complete at this time.

Please return the tin full of cookies by Dec. 11. We will then add some candy and get them ready to be delivered by Wednesday meals. If you would like to deliver some, please check on the table in the foyer. Names will be on each tin. Contact Janet Osborne if you have questions.



Please return the ANGEL TREE GIFTS by Dec. 14.



COUPLES RETREAT AT WALDEN LODGE

APRIL 13-16

SIGN UP NOW TO RESERVE YOUR CABIN.
A DEPOSIT OF \$100 IS NEEDED BY DECEMBER 18TH.

A Nameless Church

By Hugo McCord

Many churches have special names, but the New Testament church has no name. Denominations have proper names. The word "denominate" means to "name" something. The New Testament church is called the house of the Lord, the family of God, the body of Christ and kingdom of Christ (Galatians 6:10; Ephesians 1:22-23; Colossians 1:13; Hebrews 3:5-6; 1 Timothy 3:15), but it has no proper name.

The individual members of the New Testament church have a proper name. Their name is not "disciple," though they are disciples (Acts 9:1). Their name is not "brethren," though they are brothers and sisters (Acts 9:30). Their name is not "saints," though they are saints (Acts 9:32). Their proper and divinely given name is "Christian" (Acts 11:26; 1 Peter 4:16), but to call the church the "Christian Church" is to denominationalize that great institution.

To speak of the New Testament church as "the church of Christ" is right as it is to speak of it as "the church of God" (Romans 16:16; 1 Corinthians 1:2), but neither is a proper name. To speak of "Church of Christ" congregations, "Church of Christ" preachers, is to denominationalize the church. The New Testament church has no proper name.

Items Needed for December

MAGI needs Hair Brushes and Combs

PANTRY NEEDS: **Mac & Cheese** **Crackers** **Bar Soap**
Canned Ham See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

Wedding Nuptials



Secret Sisters playing Secret Santa by putting together food baskets for needy families this winter. Signup sheets are in the foyer if you would like to take part in Secret Sisters in 2023.

No Wednesday Meals will be delivered on December 21.

Baby Shower



A Baby Shower will be given for **Meredith Welch Whitehead** by the Bull family on December 11th at 2:00. She is having a BOY and is registered at Amazon and Target. See Bonnie Dills if you would like to go in on a group gift.