



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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White Bluff Church of Christ

February 25, 2024

SUNDAY SERVICES February 25, 2024

LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Wade Lynn
PRESIDE: John Willoughby
SERVE Communion Emblems in FEB: Kenny Goodman, Brent Welch, Dennis Daniel, Wayne Hooper
SERMON: Doug Couch
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Daniel Cauthen
USHERS to Collect Contribution in FEB: Wesley Burns, Peter Chimera, Wade Lynn, Daryl Daugherty

Sunday Evening Serving

LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Greg Morris
SERMON: Daniel Cauthen
LEAD CLOSING PRAYER: Jeremy Petty
PRESIDE FOR MONTH: Karl Craun

FOOD CALL IN FEB: Ann Mitchell & Edie Stewart
WASH LINENS IN FEB: Joyce Morey
LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEB: David Karnes & Larry Cocke

Feb.18—Attendance—221 Contribution - \$ 7,110

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.



PRAY MORE IN 2024

INCLEMENT WEATHER INFORMATION

If the roads are bad with snow & ice then for the safety of everyone, the service will be cancelled.

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

If you are visiting: **User:** GUEST
Password: 8NCXCWEM .



Youth News



The Youth Group had a great time eating nachos and playing games at Jay and Marilyn's house Sunday night! The Wilkins are wonderful hosts and we are very grateful for their hospitality.

They will be leaving Thursday for CYC in Gatlinburg. If anyone would like to donate desserts or snack foods for our youth to take with them to CYC, please leave them on the downstairs kitchen table by tonight.

WBYG SPRING 2024



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9: Dudes' and Dads' Day
13: M2E @ 6:15
24: Recharge
TBD: Dickson County Area Wide

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
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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DEMONS, RATTLESNAKES AND ARSENIC

Question: Please explain Mark 16:14-20. Can one today cast out demons, speak tongues, handle serpents, drink poison, and heal the sick?

Answer: No passage can ever be understood until a determination has been made of 1) speaker 2) those addressed and 3) conditions of narrative. An examination of the text reveals that 1) Jesus was speaking, 2) the eleven apostles were those addressed by Christ, and 3) Jesus was rebuking the eleven for their refusal to believe the resurrection reports of other disciples. As Mark describes this last meeting between Jesus and His chosen apostles, eighteen plural and eight singular pronouns are used. It is obvious that if one can determine the identity of each pronoun, then the meaning of this passage will be understood.

One has no trouble in determining the antecedents of each pronoun until verse 17. "And these signs shall accompany THEM that believe..." Two possibilities exist for the meaning of THEM. THEM could refer to the gospel believers who are baptized or THEM could refer to the apostles who believe in the resurrection of Jesus. Assuming the first is correct, this would mean that every child of God (them that believe) could perform signs by the authority of Christ, i.e. cast demons, speak tongues, handle venomous snakes, drink poison, and heal sick people.

If such be the case I would like to see some Christian clear out all of the sick beds of the hospitals. Even Paul understood that all Christians did not have this power for he asked the rhetorical question, "Are all workers of Miracles?" (I Cor. 12:29). There must be another meaning of Mark 16:17.

Verses 19-20 show that after Jesus ascended into heaven, "they (apostles) went forth and preached everywhere, the Lord working with them (the apostles), and confirming the word (gospel of v. 15) by the signs (demons, tongues, etc. of vs. 17-18) that followed." Preaching was accompanied by signs, Preaching came first, then came signs. This is exactly what verse 17 says. Signs would follow "them that believe." When did signs follow? After preaching. Who was preaching? The apostles. Clearly, then, the THEM of verse 17 are apostles who believe in the resurrection of Christ, and the signs were for the apostolic age. Attempts to duplicate these signs today are foolish because one runs the risk of personal injury not to mention the danger of tempting God (Matt. 4:5-7)

—Doug Couch—

To our members and visitors:

WELCOME TO WHITE BLUFF! WE ARE GLAD YOU ARE HERE!

Calendar of Events

Feb. 26—Clothing Give-Away @ 6-7 pm
 Feb. 28—M2E for Youth
 Mar. 3—Compassion Card Signing after service
 Mar. 10—Deacon's Meeting at 4:00
 Mar. 11—Dorcas Sewing Group @ 10 am
 Mar. 17—Area Wide Youth Devo
 Mar. 18—Family Night @ 6:30

Area Events

Mar. 2—Ladies Day @ Walnut St. from 8:30-10:45
 Mar. 16—Ladies Day @ Centerville
 Mar. 16—Intergenerational Ladies Day @ Walter Hill CofC



Feb. 26—Tamara Cocke, Kim Willoughby

Happy Anniversary

Feb. 25—Gale & Bessie Larkins (63 years)

There is a very sweet sister in our congregation that will be turning 90 years old on March 9th. Sis. Dorothy Hunter has not been able to get out and worship with us since Covid, but watches online. We would like for her to get 90 birthday cards to celebrate. There will be a basket in the foyer to collect the cards and we will deliver them to her. Thanks for your participation.

Take a Moment to Listen

Take a moment to listen today
 To what your children are trying to say;
 Listen today, whatever you do
 Or they won't be there to listen to you.

Listen to their problems, listen for their needs
 Praise their smallest triumphs, praise their smartest deeds;
 Tolerate their chatter, amplify their laughter,
 Find out what's the matter, find out what they're after.

But tell them that you love them, every single night
 And though you scold them, be sure to hold them;
 Tell them "Everything's all right; tomorrow's looking bright!"

Take a moment to listen today
 To what your children are trying to say.
 Listen today, whatever you do
 And they will come back to listen to you.

Denis Waitley

Pray for Delaware this week.

Prayer Requests

Debbie Couch had knee replacement surgery on Feb. 21.
Connie Wood is having shoulder surgery on Feb. 27.
Sandra Hill request prayers for encouragement. She is facing several health issues.
Carolyn Cauthen, Daniel's mother has stage 4 kidney failure.
Ruth Jesse, Mark Morey's friend from East Tenn. needs our prayers.
Carol LeBlanc is having surgery this week.

Al Moffenbier, Mandy Cocke's dad, is in the hospital in Arizona with kidney problems

Those Battling Cancer...

OUR MEMBERS

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

OTHERS W/ CANCER Relationship

Sandra Floyd *Glenda Bull's niece*
 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*
 Janet Harris *Debbie Butler's mother*

In the Nursing Homes

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

NHC: Peggy Jackson, rm 101, Ouida Polk rm 300, Lisa Butler rm 11B, Barbara Travis rm 303, Jerry Butler rm 113, 812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson 37055

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

Hillcrest Health Care Center: 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, 8353 Hwy 100, Nashville, TN 37221

Items Needed for February

MAGI NEEDS: bars of soap

PANTRY NEEDS: Spam, Jelly, Cereal, Green Beans, Corn, Pork n Beans

See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

Clothing Giveaway

Monday, February 26
 6:00 - 7:00 PM



Please bring your own shopping bags.

Help is needed for set up at 9:00 AM and during the Giveaway. We are taking only Children's Clothing at this time.

Please do not bring any more clothing to the closet until after the Give-Away. Everything has already been sorted and organized

On **Saturday, March 16**, Centerville Church of Christ is having a **Ladies Day** with **Shelia Butt** speaking. We will be taking the church van. If any of the ladies would like to ride the van please sign the sheet in the foyer or let Lori Goodman know you plan to ride. They plan to leave the building parking lot around 7:30. Let's try to support their first Ladies Day.

The Powerful Weapon of Doubt

One of the greatest weapons Satan has is the powerful weapon of doubt. Doubt in the Savior, doubt in the brethren, and doubt in ourselves. Doubt is the world's most powerful weapon. Satan discourages Christians with these thoughts: "Are you sure you are a Christian...Do you really think you can stay faithful...How can you believe that Jesus really cares for you...does God really exist?" To help us with confidence consider this small list:

Obedience to God. "And hereby we do know that we know Him, if we keep His commandments" (1 John 2:3).

Imitation of Christ. "He that saith he abideth in Him ought himself also so to walk, even as He walked" (1 John 2:6).

Possession of the Spirit. "And he that keepeth His commandments dwelleth in Him, and He in him. And hereby we know that He abideth in us, by the Spirit which He hath given us" (1 John 3:24).

Love for the brethren. "We know that we have passed from death unto life, because we love the brethren. He that loveth not his brother abideth in death" (1 John 3:14).

Pursuit of Righteousness. "We know that whosoever is born of God sinneth not; but he that is begotten of God keepeth himself, and that wicked one toucheth him not" (1 John 5:18).

Jonathan Burns, Findlay church of Christ, Sparta, TN

Journey Toward Eternity

Life is a journey toward eternity. We are on a path. "The path of the just is like the shining sun, that shines ever brighter unto the perfect day" (Proverbs 4:18). There are only two destinations (Matthew 7:13-14). This world is not our home (Hebrews 11:13-16).

DON'T GIVE UP WHAT YOU WANT THE MOST FOR WHAT YOU WANT AT THE MOMENT.

I Cor. 6:18-20



The Ladies had a wonderful time at the Leatherwood Retreat last weekend. Emily Jones appeared as Steve Harvey to entertain us. Peggy Coulter was our speaker, and did an excellent job when our scheduled speaker was hospitalized. Make your plans to join us next year when Celine Sparks will be here!

