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White Bluff Church of Christ

January 4, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

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LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Carl Hirsbrunner
SERVE Communion Emblems in JAN: Greg Morris, Dean McKaskle, James Stanfield, Donnie Wills
Preside Communion:—Kurt Wagner
SERMON: Doug Couch
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: James Sellers
DOOR GREETERS: Door # 1 — Brenda Lyle & Laurie Parker
Door # 3 — Butch & Ellen Lee
Door # 6 -- Jeremy & Denise Petty
USHERS to Collect Contribution in JAN: Harley Pope, John Suddeth
NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Jessica & Carly Delaney

Sunday Evening Service

LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Harold Petty
SERMON: Doug Couch
LEAD CLOSING PRAYER: Jay Wilkins
PRESIDE FOR MONTH of JAN: Dennis Daniel

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 6:30

FOOD CALL IN JAN: Marilyn Wilkins & Konni Sullivan
WASH LINENS IN JAN: Rebecca Clark
LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF JAN: Tim Godwin, Jay Wilkins

Dec. 28 — **Attendance— 215 Contribution—\$6,530**

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.



In the event of extreme weather conditions such as snow, ice storm, etc. which affects traffic movement, please call 615-957-7452 to check for service cancellation. An email and text message will also be sent.

To our members and visitors:

Welcome to White Bluff!
We are glad you are here!

THE LAND OF BEGINNING AGAIN

by Louisa Fletcher

I wish that there were some wonderful place
Called the Land of Beginning Again,
Where all our mistakes and all our heartaches
And all of our poor selfish grief
Could be dropped like a shabby old coat at the door
And never be put on again.

I wish we could come on it all unaware,
Like the hunter who finds a lost trail;
And I wish that the one whom our blindness had done
The greatest injustice of all
Could be at the gates like an old friend that waits
For the comrade he's gladdest to hail.

We would find all the things we intended to do
But forgot, and remembered too late,
Little praises unspoken, little promises broken
And all of the thousand and one
Little duties neglected that might have perfected
The day for one less fortunate.

It wouldn't be possible not to be kind
In the Land of Beginning Again;
And the ones we misjudged and the ones whom we grudged
Their moments of victory here
Would find in the grasp of our loving handclasp
More than penitent lips could explain.

For what had been hardest we'd know had been best,
And what had seemed loss would be gain;
For there isn't a sting that will not take wing
When we've faced it and laughed it away;
And I think that the laughter is most what we're after
In the Land of Beginning Again.

Elders:

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 615-973-9652
Associate Minister:	Daniel Cauthen 615-587-0965
Youth Minister:	Brant Sweat 580-861-2281

Secretaries:

Debbie Couch	615-957-7452
Julie McKaskle	615-308-8456

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:00am
A.M. Worship	10:00am
P.M. Worship	5:00pm
Children's Bible Hour	5:00pm

Wednesday:

6:30 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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When Jesus Makes Everything New (Rev. 21:5)

Most people have a desire for self-improvement and that is why we make resolutions. A New Year is a time for new beginnings. Some resolve to lose weight, exercise more, or to read the entire Bible through.

Millions of resolutions will be made in the next few days.

“I’m quitting smoking this time!”
“This year, I’m going to control my temper.”
“My resolution is to be nicer to my spouse and children.”

Change is hard. One study found than less than 10% of dieters keep their weight off two years later.

The sad reality is that few resolutions are kept. Our spirits are willing but the flesh is weak (Matthew 26:41). We want to improve but something holds us back.

The following Scriptures mention new things that God gives us:

New song (Psa. 40:3; Rev. 5:9), new strength (Isa. 40:31), new name (Isa. 62:2; 65:15; Acts 11:26), new covenant (Jer. 31:31; Heb. 8:8), new birth (John 3:3; Titus 3:5), new commandment (Jn. 13:34), new life (Rom. 6:4), new & living way (Heb. 10:20), new self (Eph. 4:24), new creature (2 Cor. 5:17), new knowledge (Col. 3:10), promise of new heavens and earth (2 Peter 3:13; Rev. 21:1).

How does all this happen?

“Do not be conformed to this present world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may test and approve what is the will of God—what is good and well-pleasing and perfect” (Romans 12:2, NET Bible).

----Doug Couch----

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Calendar of Events

Jan. 4—Sister’s in Christ will meet to draw names for 2026
Jan. 4—First Sunday of Month Eat Together
Jan. 4—Group #1 will meet after evening service to sign cards
Jan. 5—Sit n Sew at 10 am
Jan. 16-17 - Evangelism University for Youth Group
Jan. 19 – Family Night 6:30
Jan. 23-24—Men’s Retreat at Leatherwood

Check the bulletin board for area events.

Jan. 12—Nashville School of Preaching Spring Term begins
Jan. 24—Songfest at Walnut St. CoC from 2-4 pm
Jan. 31—Lads to Leaders at FHU

Happy Birthday

Jan. 4—Tim Godwin, Butch Lee, Dean McKaskle
Jan. 5— Mark Hedrick
Jan. 6– Martin Cauthen, Carly Delaney
Jan. 7 Wesley Burns
Jan. 9—Karl Craun
Jan. 10—Linda Hawkins

Thank You

Thanks so much for all the cards, calls, visits and other acts of kindness shown to me while I was in the hospital and in the Trace. A special thanks to the men who came and repaired a window and prayed with us. It is good to be home, but I still have work to do. Feeling blessed to be part of this loving church family!

Karl Craun

Congratulations to Mike & Mandy Cocke on the birth of their granddaughter *Charlee Dawn Cocke*. Born on Dec. 23. Asher is loving his new baby sister!

Important dates for 2026:

Leatherwood Men’s Retreat – January 23 -24
Leatherwood Women’s Retreat – February 27-28
Gatlinburg Couples’ Retreat - April 9 – 12
Spring Sing – April 26
Graduation Dinner - May 3
College Secret Pal Reveal – May 17
Bible Camp - June 14 – 20
Vacation Bible School – July 19 – 22
Bible Bowl – Sept. 12
Ladies Day – October 24
Trunk or Treat – October 31
Cookie Bake for Shut-ins – December12

Pray For One Another Daily

Gary Burgess has been diagnosed with pancreatic cancer..

Sympathy

Our sympathy is extended to the family of **Marcus Kiehl**. He passed away suddenly of a heart attack on Dec. 12 while visiting his brother in Jasper, Georgia. He helped deliver the Wednesday Meals to shut-ins for many years. He attended the Men’s Bible Study Group every Tues-day morning. No service has been planned. Please pray for his family

Sympathy to the family of **Elizabeth Waller**. She was Tereasa Will’s mother. She passed away on Dec. 27. Visitation is from 101m –8pm on Fri. Jan. 2 at Spann Funeral Home. The Funeral service will be on Saturday, Jan. 3 at 1:00 at Spann.

Those Battling Cancer

OUR MEMBERS
Karl Craun
Larry Osborne
Elizabeth Daugherty
Bud Martin
Ruth Nicholson
Gary Burgess

OTHERS W/ CANCER	Relationship
Sandra Floyd	Glenda Bull’s niece
David Stokes	Bernice Stokes’ brother-in-law
Dale Gross	Terry Gross’s brother
Peggy Donegan	Shirley Daniel’s sister
Anthony Bennett	Jerry & Adelaide’s son-in-law
Melanie Barber	Nathan Barber’s mother
Lee Shockney	friend of Daryl Daugherty
Will Petty	grandson of Aline Lampley
Bill Shouse	Debbie Story’s father
Sherry Stuart	Wade Lynn’s sister
Edward Gasser	Wesley Burn’s uncle
Eddie Hooper	nephew of Wayne Hooper
Jimmy Butner	son-in-law of Ruth Nicholson
Harriett Reed	mother of Denise Petty
James Tipton	friend
Ashley Lynn	Wade Lynn’s daughter

Continue to Remember in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS
Carol LeBlanc
Betty Caldwell
Janie Taylor
Larissa Dills
Rusty Crick
Larry Witherow
Buddy & Brenda Driver

OTHERS	Relationship
Jo Corkan	Peggy Heath’s aunt
Yvonne Smithson	Wed. meal recipient
Jean Majors & Kit	Wed. Meal recipient
Norman Mayer	Michelle Morris’ brother
Donna Lindsley	Carol LeBlanc’s friend
Charles Gross	Terry Gross’s brother
Kenneth Godwin	Tim Godwin’s brother
Gavin Bowman	Mandy Cocke’s cousin
Eulene Tanner	Charlene Griffin’s mother
Joe Paone	friend of Carol LaBlanc
Alec Wagner	Kurt Wagner’s son
Luke Bass	Konni Sullivan’s Grandson

In the Nursing Home

Olive Branch: Dorothy Hunter, Freddie Weatherspoon, 110 Luther Rd, Dickson, TN 37055.
NHC: Marvinne Johnson rm 400, Ouida Polk rm 300, Lisa Butler rm 408, 812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson
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 324, 8353 Hwy 100, Nashville, TN 37221

It’s time to sign up for Food Calling and Washing Linens for 2026. See the list in the foyer to choose a month that is convenient for you. Only 5 spots left. We need your help.

Additional volunteers are needed to assist in the nursery on Sunday mornings during worship services. If you are willing to support this effort, please contact Debbie Johnson. Volunteers will typically be scheduled once every other month.

A Challenge For One Month or Maybe the New Year

1. Resolve not to miss a single service of the church. No excuses this time but, for a change, made a few sacrifices for the Lord.

2. Try praying every time you have a problem or decision to make. If you feel the slightest need, pray! And while you're at it, try praying for your enemies (those with whom you don't get along too well).

3. Make it your responsibility to bring at least one visitor to services, preferably a family. Don't just invite them, make a date with them.

4. Take at least one afternoon or evening to go visiting. Not with the ones you know or like best. This time, visit someone you do not know too well, perhaps someone with whom you feel a "little "strained." Get to know them and see the difference it makes.

5. Read and study your Bible every day, even if you have to tum off the TV. Follow these simple rules, and you might be surprised at the results.

Clyde Freeman

Coming Events

Men’s Retreat— January 23-24, 2026
Camp Leatherwood in White Bluff
Matt Wallin Speaking
Cost is \$40 for meals and a bunk!

WARRIOR SUMMIT 2026
CAN I GET SOME HELP
Help Help Help

Register online at: [www/
https://tithe.ly/
eventregistration/#/10319687](https://tithe.ly/eventregistration/#/10319687)

AI vs. I AM

Artificial intelligence (AI) is truly impacting our lives in ways we cannot begin to imagine. You can never be positive if that telephone solicitation call you get at dinner time is made by a human or an AI “robot.” The most powerful application of in-telligence knows so much, for it has “read” everything ever written by anyone and seems to know the answer.

I asked the question, “is there anything that AI does not know?” and was surprised at the answer. It suggested there were several things AI could not give a trustworthy answer to guide you.

- AI affirmed that it does not have emotional intelligence. It lacks the ability to experience or understand human emo-tions.
- AI affirmed that it cannot accurately deal with questions that require ethical decisions. While it can be programmed with human ethical values, it cannot grasp the complexity of moral reasoning.
- AI affirmed that it cannot deal with contextual understand-ing. It does not have the answer that requires deep contextual knowledge. Answers that depend on specific social contexts or historical backgrounds cannot always be given.
- AI affirmed that it cannot give future predictions. It might identify patterns, but accurately predicting future events is beyond its ability.
- AI affirmed that it cannot give answers to personal taste or subjective experience. These choices are inherently sub-ject, and AI cannot deal with personal subjective matters. Now look at the title of this article. We know what AI is, but what is I AM? I purposely removed the spacing from I AM; now let me put in the space. AI knows absolutely nothing compared to what I AM knows. When Moses asked God what he should tell the Jews in Egypt if they asked for God’s name. The Divine answer is “I AM” (Ex. 3:14).

I AM is omniscient in that He is all-knowing. He knew the con-tent of every book that has been written or ever shall be writ-ten, before they existed.

I AM has total understanding, and because He became flesh, we know He is touched and understands all our feeling (Heb. 4:15). I AM has given a Book that deals with every ethical decision of every ethnicity and has written a Book in such simple words we can understand it. I AM gives simple, perfect instructions as to how to deal with every specific social situa-tion (2 Pet. 1:3). I AM knows the future. He knows the end from the beginning (Isa. 46:10). I AM allows personal choices, but He sets the boundaries.

Never Trust AI over I AM.

There is no comparison!!

Therefore if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: the old is gone, the New is here!” 2 Cor. 5:17 (NIV)