



CHURCH OF CHRIST

Welcome

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# White Bluff Church of Christ

## January 7, 2024

### SUNDAY SERVICES

January 7, 2024

**LEAD SINGING:** Gabe Orendorff  
**LEAD OPENING PRAYER:** Pierre Griffin  
**PRESIDE:** Robert Qualls  
**SERVE Communion Emblems in JAN:** Butch Lee, Brant Sweat, Daryl Daugherty, Wesley Burns  
**SERMON:** Doug Couch  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:** Harley Pope  
**USHERS to Collect Contribution in JAN:** Brent Welch, James Sellers, Dean McKaskle, Cameron Jones

#### Sunday Evening Serving

**LEAD OPENING PRAYER:** Daniel Cauthen  
**SERMON:** Doug Couch  
**LEAD CLOSING PRAYER:** Jett Smith  
**PRESIDE FOR MONTH:** David Karnes

**FOOD CALL IN JAN :** Ann Heath & Bessie Larkins

**WASH LINENS IN JAN :** Marilyn Wilkins

**LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF JAN:**

Brent Welch & Jeremy Petty

Dec. 31—Attendance—224 Contribution—\$8,979

#### 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](http://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 transac-



# 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.

If you are visiting: User: GUEST

Password: \_ISPYWCZX .



## Youth News

**All parents of the youth** that plan to attend EU and CYC need to meet in the Youth Room Wed. night. Jan. 3 after Bible class

**EU — Evangelism University** is next weekend Jan. 12-14. If you would like to make cookies, brownies or any type of snack for the youth group to take on the tri, it would be greatly appreciated. Please leave the snacks in the downstairs in the kitchen by Friday morning, Jan. 12.

**"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.

## WBYG SPRING 2024



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10: M2E @ 6:15 - Amy  
12-14: Evangelism University (HS only) - Mandy  
21: Area Wide @ Burns COC  
28: Recharge - Ashlie

# F

18: Recharge  
22-25: CYC - Shamron and Joanna  
28: M2E @ 6:15  
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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## The Book of Romans

Many consider Romans the greatest of Paul's thirteen letters. Although Tertius [a slave name meaning "Number Three"] wrote the letter, Paul dictated the words from the Holy Spirit (Rom. 16:22; 1 Cor. 14:37).

The theme of Romans is "How can a righteous & just God forgive sinful man?" If God ignores the sins of men, He is no longer just. If He casts all men into hell because they sinned, then He is no longer merciful and gracious. God resolved these two irreconcilable positions by the Cross of Jesus (3:23-26).

The premise of Romans is found in 1:16-17 [ASV]: "For I am not ashamed of the gospel: for it is the power of God unto salvation to everyone that believeth; to the Jew first & also to the Greek. For therein is revealed a righteousness of God from faith unto faith: as it is written, But the righteous shall live by faith."

What are the main ideas in each chapter?

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|-------------------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1—The Gentiles sinned               | 9—Israel's past                 |
| 2—The Jews sinned                   | 10—Israel's present             |
| 3—All sinned                        | 11—Israel's future              |
| 4—Saved like Abraham                | 12—The Christian's lifestyle    |
| 5—Peace with God                    | 13—Relationship with government |
| 6—Dead, buried, & risen with Christ | 14—Opinions & unity             |
| 7—Delivered from death              | 15—Opinions & unity             |
| 8—No condemnation                   | 16—Greetings from the Churches  |

Romans begins with the phrase "obedience of faith" (1:5) & ends with it (16:26). This bookend phrase means that the faith which saves is the one that obeys.

More than one commentator has remarked, "If you get the book of Romans, God will get you!"

----Doug Couch----

## How a Righteous God Forgives Man's Sin



## Calendar of Events

- Jan. 7—Kids For Christ Carnival after service
- Jan. 8—Dorcus Sewing group 10 am
- Jan. 9—First Meeting of Trail Life for boys 6:30-8:30
- Jan. 12-14—Evangelism University for youth
- Jan. 22—Family Night 6:30— Soups & Chili
- Jan. 14—Deacons' Meeting 4 pm
- Jan. 31—5th Wednesday Night Singing
- Jan. 31—Ladies Day Meeting after service

### Area Events

- Jan. 20 - Girls Day at McEwen Church of Christ 9 am
- Feb. 5-9—Freed Hardeman Lectureship
- April 18-21 — Equipped Workshop, Bowling Green, KY

See Bulletin Board for more details



## Happy Birthday

- Jan. 7—Wesley Burns
- Jan. 9—Karl Craun
- Jan. 10—Linda Hawkins
- Jan. 11—Zenelda Crane
- Jan. 13—Laurie Parker, Victoria Pope

## Thank You

I want to say thanks to all of my family and friends for participating in my 90th birthday celebration. I don't know when I've enjoyed something so much.

Please continue to keep me in your prayers, not only do I have heart & kidney problems, but I injured my leg getting out of the car from church on Sunday which requires extra attention. Encourage Becky as she continues to be my primary caregiver and remember her in your prayers also. In Christian Love, Bernice Stokes

I wish to thank everyone for the cards, phone calls, and for checking with Brenda and I about our needs. There is no way that the word "thanks" can express the love that is shown by this congregation toward each other when someone is sick or has lost a loved one. I am very thankful that over 50 years ago the that God lead Brenda and I to this congregation. Also, I want to thank everyone for the Christmas cards and gifts. May God continue to bless this congregation. Buddy & Brenda Driver



## Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of **Joyce Stacey**. She was the aunt of Connie Wood. Many of you may remember her as a school bus driver for many years. Visitation is Wed, Jan. 3 from 4-7 at White Bluff Chapel Funeral Home and the service is on Thursday, Jan. 4 at 2:00.

Sympathy to the family of **Daniel Kephart** who passed away on Tuesday night, Jan. 2. Daniel was the brother of Jennifer Sellers. Arrangements have not been made at this time. Please remember Jennifer and her family in your prayers.

## Prayer Requests

**Orville Worley**, Sherri Lampley's brother has pancreatic cancer and needs prayers. **Diann Smithson, J.C. Sullivan, Willie Hamilton, Jerry Butler**

## 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** Ouida Polk  
**Diann Smithson** Pamela Todd  
**Roy Hamilton** Willie Hamilton

### OTHERS

	<i>Relationship</i>
<b>Rubie Corkan</b>	Peggy Heath's mother
<b>Jo Corkan</b>	Peggy Heath's aunt
<b>Darryl Northern</b>	Betty Reynold's son
<b>Jean Majors &amp; Kit</b>	Wed. Meal recipient
<b>Joe Pacone</b>	Wed. Meal recipient
<b>Antonia Cangemi</b>	sister of Carol Leblanc
<b>Norman Mayer</b>	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, 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:** 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 January

Please bring any used in good condition **Bible Study materials** to the church building. Jerry Western can ship these materials to churches in need. There is a drawer in the foyer marked **MATERIALS** to place your items.

**MAGI NEEDS: bars of soap**

**PANTRY NEEDS: Dishwashing Detergent, Laundry Detergent, Paper Towels, Toothbrushes**

See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

## Resolve to Involve Everything

With the new year comes resolutions. We like a fresh start, and we generally feel that the start of a brand new year is best time to implement changes. I guess it's because we look back on the previous year and analyze successes and failures and make decisions on what we need to do to better ourselves—and that's not a bad thing. We make plans and determinations with great hope of accomplishing them in our lives.

Most people will make resolutions that improve their body (like eating better and/or exercising more), improve their mind (like reading more or learning something new), or improve their attitude. Without a doubt, these are good things to make positive progress in our lives.

But, in making our resolutions, let us not forget about the most important thing to improve in our lives: our spirituality. As Christians, we should always be striving to be growing closer to God, reading the Bible more, increasing in service, and becoming more mature in the faith. Improving our spirituality will also help us to improve anything else we wish to implement into our lives.

Interestingly, Jesus mentioned all of these areas when asked what was the greatest commandment. He mentioned them in connection with our relationship to God. We read it in Mark 12:30, "And you shall love the LORD your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength." Notice how we are to love God with our all—mind, body, heart, and soul. So, it makes sense that we would always want to improve ourselves in all of these areas.

**Yes, let us resolve to involve every aspect of our lives in loving, honoring, serving, and praising God, and not just at the beginning of each year, but at the beginning of each and every day.**

Even though given to the Israelites, Deuteronomy 10:12-13 should still inspire our resolve to involve our all in our relationship with God: "And now...what does the LORD your God require of you, but to fear the LORD your God, to walk in all His ways and to love Him, to serve the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul, and to keep the commandments of the LORD...?"

Edd Sterchi, Campbellsville, KY



## Family Night

**January 22 @ 6:30** Bring your favorite Soup or Chili to share and fellowship with the brethren.



## New Address

New Address for Ethan & Lauren Myers, 129 Windcrest Circle, Hot Springs, AR 71913

## From the Elders

Make a difference for the Lord in 2024! The Bible shows that the "fervent prayer of a righteous one accomplishes much" (James 5:16).

Sis. Henrietta Bradford suggests:

Pray each day for people who have things in common with you. Wives pray for wives; Parents pray for parents; Retirees pray for people who worked in the same field as you did. Teenagers pray for teens to resist temptation & to grow spiritually; Students pray for students to have a submissive spirit toward parents and teachers. Bible teachers pray that those who teach will refuse to teach ideas opposed to plan of God. Fellow Bible teachers pray for - faithfulness and home and not just physical things. Pray that they will see from nature that God is & that their hearts will be touched as they search for truth. Pray that the Christians of that state will be aware of the lost and teach them.

2024 has 52 Sunday's. Each week we ask that you pray for people in each of our fifty states. This Sunday we begin with **Alabama**. Next week, we will pray for Alaska. We will do so until we cover each of our 50 states in prayer. Pray for our nation as well as all nations also.

If we do not ask, we will not receive (James 4:2). We have God's promise to us that, "If we ask anything according to His will, He hears us" (1 John 5:14). So don't stop praying (Luke 18:1).

## PRAY MORE IN 2024

COME ONE, COME ALL!



**KFC'S CARNIVAL SPECTACULAR**

SUNDAY, JANUARY 7, 2024  
WHITE BLUFF CHURCH OF CHRIST  
STARTS AT 6PM!

FOOD & DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED