



CHURCH OF CHRIST

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White Bluff Church of Christ

July 23, 2023

SUNDAY SERVICES

July 23, 2023

LEAD SINGING: Gabe Orendorff

LEAD OPENING PRAYER: - Jett Smith

PRESIDE: Brant Sweat

SERVE Communion Emblems in JULY: Tate Cocke, Larry Cocke, Carter Cocke, Carson Cocke

SERMON: Doug Couch

ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Cameron Jones

USHERS to Collect Contribution in JULY: Kenny Goodman, Pierre Griffin, Melton Jack, Larry Lampley

Sunday Evening

LEAD SINGING: Gabe Orendorff

SERMON: Doug Couch

Lead Opening Prayer: Nathan Barber

Preside for month of JULY Harold Petty

Lead Closing Prayer: James Sellers

FOOD CALL IN JULY: Jennifer Sellers, Ellen Lee

WASH LINENS IN JULY: Betty Nicks

LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF JULY:

Wade Lynn, Doug Couch

July 16—Attendance—238 Contribution—\$9,877

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



Wednesday Night Summer Series 7 pm

July 26—Jim Suddeath — "Do You Believe?"

Aug. 2 — Jeff Jenkins — "Why Do You Choose Traditions over Me?"

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



Peter, James, John and Andrew in the boat in the Sea of Galilee during the opening skits.

It was a great week at Vacation Bible School at the Sea of Galilee. Thanks to Joanna and Shamron for all of their hard work in organization. Thanks to Jeremy and Denise for the beautiful decorations. Thanks to Julie and all her helpers for the delicious meals each evening. And especially thanks to all the teachers that brought the Word of God to the children in a fun and interesting way. They learned to apply the lessons that Jesus taught to their lives. Please bring your children back to Bible Classes on Sunday morning and Wednesday evening for more eternal lessons.

Under the sea decorations.



Doug's class — healing the demonic man and sending the demons into pigs in the Sea of Galilee.

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

Youth: Ethan Myers 940-783-1668

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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WHAT IS GROWING IN YOUR GARDEN?

Change takes time. Peter's life displays a man who developed spiritually over years with ups and downs. Yet time was not the only factor in Peter's development. Left to time without proper care and nourishment, stagnation comes, and life that once was present will die out. Peter grew because his lifetime was spent cultivating his relationship with God. Foundational to that goal is seeking to understand who God has revealed Himself to be through His word. Peter affirms his belief in the importance of knowing God through scripture in places like Matthew 16:16; Acts 2:14-36, 3:13-26, and 10:43. In fact, his final recorded charge is about the connection between knowing Jesus and knowing Scripture. "But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. To him be the glory both now and to the day of eternity. Amen" (2 Peter 3:18).

Jesus taught the importance of the word of God in the parable of the sower (Luke 8:4-15). The best gardens begin with good soil. But without something to plant, it is just some nice dirt. The seed is where life begins. In Jesus' parable, the soil is the heart of a person (Luke 8:15). The seed—that which gives life—is the word of God (Luke 8:11). Three of the four soil types—pathway, rocky, weedy—all represented different reasons to end up with the same end: no final crop. The seed never produced and the plants eventually died. Yet, the word of God planted in a good heart can yield "a hundredfold." Any farmer would love a soil like that! That is the kind of soil that you KEEP putting seed into. Planting God's word is never a one-and-done concept in our lives.

It is God's word, constantly planted within us, that makes proper change possible. The Psalmist's blessing to the one who delights in the law of the Lord is a lasting, fruitful life (Psalm 1). James' command to receive the implanted word has the effect of salvation (James 1:21). We learn to love from a pure heart because we have been born of imperishable seed (1 Peter 1:22-23)!

Change takes time. But it is only through a constant planting of God's word in our lives that will produce healthy change. Change that is able to "discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable, and perfect" (Romans 12:2).

Is the word of God growing in your life and mine? Or are there some other seeds that have been sown that are unnecessarily taking the place of His word? What is growing in your garden? Logan Summers Graeber Road church of Christ, Rosenberg, TX

To our members and visitors:

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

Calendar of Events

July 22—Nora Welch & Kyle Wilkerson's Wedding

July 24—Secret Sisters Work/Play Night 6:00 pm

Aug. 5— KFC at Hensley Park from 10-12

Area Events

July 19-22—VBS at Sylvania CofC 7 pm—each night

July 23-26 - VBS at Chapel Hill Church of Christ

July 26-29—CONNECT CONFERENCE @ Crieve Hall CofC

July 30—Day of Prayer & Giving –Potter's Children's Home

Aug. 4—Women's Fellowship @ Clearview CofC Cottontown, TN

Aug. 12—Men's Fellowship @ Clearview CofC in Cottontown, TN

Happy Birthday

July 23—Baylor Albert, Mack Bevin, Margie Sensing

July 28— Jerry Western

July 29 —Becky Clark, Shirley Daniel

Happy Anniversary

July 24—Lori & Kenny Goodman (43 years)

July 25—Harley & Victoria Pope (9 years)

July 27—Drew & Lezlee Daugherty (10 years)

Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of **Robert Petty**, Jeremy's father. He passed away early Monday morning. Visitation will be this Friday, July 21st from 4-8 p.m. and Saturday, July 22nd from 10 until the funeral at 12 noon at Taylor Funeral Home. Burial to follow at Scott Cemetery in Kingston Springs. Please pray for Jeremy and his family.

Sympathy to the family of **Barbara Clark**, Jeff Clark's mother. She passed away on Monday, July 17. Visitation for her will be on Thursday, July 20 from 10:00-12:00 with the funeral service at 12 noon.

Sympathy to the family of **Lois Marsh**, Tammy Karnes, aunt, She passed away on Monday, Visitation is Thursday, July 20 at Taylor Funeral Home from 4 –8 pm and on Friday from 10-1 pm with the funeral service at 1:00.

A Giving Church

This congregation gave \$1,650 for the **Carenet** Baby Bottle "Change for Life" campaign. This organization is committed to helping mothers and babies, both physically and eternally. They are committed to reducing the loss of life b stopping abortions.

Items Needed for July

MAGI needs: SCHOOL SUPPLIES

PANTRY NEEDS: Chili, crackers, Mac & Cheese, Vienna Sausage. Ravioli and boxes for packing food
See Glenda Bull with monetary donations.

Prayer Requests

Ricky Johnson, Ronald's brother, has pneumonia and request prayers. **Antonia Moore**, sister of Carol LeBlanc, needs prayers. **Freddie Weatherspoon**, Jerry Butler's sister, fell and is now at NHC for therapy. **Larissa Dills** will be under a Doctor's care for several more months, please continue to remember her in prayer. **Jay Wilkins** had eye surgery on July 19. **Diann Smithson** is in need of prayers . Vanderbilt Drs. cannot find a diagnosis or treatment for her. **John Sud-death** had post surgery complications but is now home. **Dennis Donaldson** will have reconstructive surgery on his hand this week.

Those Battling Cancer...

OUR MEMBERS

Yvonne Quillin

Karl Craun

Kim Marlow

Larry Osborne

Jimmy St. Clair

Willie Hamilton

Joan Jones

Joann Rist

OTHERS W/ CANCER Relationship

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*

Anita Pickard *Pickard's daughter-in-law*

June Driver *late Tina Resha's mother*

Peggy Donegan *Shirley Daniel's sister*

Phyllis Cooper *Debbie Couch's friend*

Anthony Bennett *Jerry & Adelaide's son-in-law*

Grayson Sawyer *5 yr old friend of Lou Ann Tidwell-*

Russ Lindsey *Shamron's cousin's husband*

Continue to Remember in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS

Carol LeBlanc Bernice Stokes

Sue Murphy Lois Willis

Betty Caldwell Dianne Hall

Larissa Dills 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

In the Nursing Homes

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

NHC: Ouida Polk rm 123, Lisa Butler rm 117B, Freddie Weatherspoon, 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.

Place at the TRACE: Betty Hall , Ruth Nicholson, Gayle Lankford, 8353 TN-100, Nashville, TN 37221

Brookdale Belle Meade: Peggy Blessing, 6767 Brookmont Terrace, Nashville, TN 37205..

*Let all that you do
be done in Love*

1 Corinthians 16:14

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If you are visiting: User: GUEST

Password: ISPYWCZX .



CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Monday, August 7

6:00 - 7:00 PM



If you can help set up the Giveaway, please come at 9:00 AM.

Due to space limitations, we cannot accept donations for the closet at this time. After the August Giveaway, we will be needing winter items. Thanks for all your donations.

If I Recall

The Consumer Product Safety Commission protects the public from dangerous products. They might fine companies for bad practices or force them to recall products that are too dangerous.

To facilitate that mission, they made 80,000 lapel buttons, but they had to be recalled since the edges were too sharp. And the paint had too much lead. And the clips could break off and be swallowed by children.

Maybe it is easier to see the mistakes than to make the product perfect. It is easy to find fault in what others do. Maybe that fault is warranted but don't make the mistake of thinking that in doing so you are in a superior position. Criticizing is easy. Creating is hard.

Too many folks think they are doing something special when they spend their time finding faults and pointing out mistakes. It may be something but it isn't special. Any fool can complain and criticize (and most do). Yet that doesn't make anything and may not even make the thing better.

Don't reward the critic with more praise than the doer. Don't think finding fault with what is done is as high as doing something.

Anyone can find fault. Greats find solutions.

Barry Haynes, Hope church of Christ, Hope, AR

After Baptism, What am I to Do?

- ◆ I am to Walk in newness of life (Rom. 6:4)
- ◆ I am to desire the sincere milk of the word (1 Peter 2:22-23).
- ◆ I am to bring glory to the name of Christ (1 Peter 4:16).
- ◆ I am to continue steadfastly (Acts 2:42).
- ◆ I am to seek those things that are above (Col. 3:1-2).
- ◆ I am to tell others about the Savior (Acts 9:20).

Wendall Winkler

ARE YOU EXCITED ABOUT THE CHURCH?

In the Psalms, we see a certain eagerness and excitement connected with the "house of the Lord." Now, the Lord's house in those times was the tabernacle (and later the temple), and also used symbolically as faithfulness in God's kingdom. But for today, we know that the church (the people of God) is the house of the Lord (1 Cor. 3:16; Eph. 2:19-21) and we need to be a faithful part of it. Knowing that, let's look at a few verses from the Psalms about the house of God, what the Psalmist felt about it, and apply it to Christians and the church today.

"I will dwell in the house of the LORD forever" (Psa. 23:6; see also Psa. 27:4). The Psalmist wanted to make sure that he was always connected to the Lord's house. Christian, can you honestly say that you always be a part of the church or is the church low on your totem pole of priorities?

"I went with them to the house of God, with the voice of joy and praise" (Psa. 42:4; see also Psa. 122:1). The Psalmist was excited about going to the house of the Lord—so much so that he verbally expressed it. Christian, do you show joy every time the church meets, or does it seem a burden to you to have to come?

"But I am like a green olive tree in the house of God" (Psa. 52:8; see also Psa. 92:13). The Psalmist knew that he was most productive when serving the Lord as a faithful member of His house. Christian, do you look at your fullest potential as being productive in the church, or are you content with being a passive member?

Some things to seriously consider. The church is important. Jesus built it (Matt. 16:18) and purchased it with His blood (Acts 20:28). It is important to God and needs to be important to us. Are you excited to be a part of the church? If so, let is show in your life and keep it first and foremost always (Matt. 6:33).

Edd Sterchi, Broadway church of Christ, Campbellsville, KY

I KEEP
MY EYES ALWAYS ON
THE LORD.
WITH HIM
AT MY RIGHT HAND,
I WILL NOT BE SHAKEN.
- PSALM 16:8