



White Bluff News

August 2021

SERMON SERIES:

Sunday, August 1, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens

The Trinity: The Holy Spirit Gives Life

Matthew 3:13-17

Sunday, August 8, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens

I Belong: The Body of Christ

I Corinthians 12:12-31

Sunday, August 15, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens

I Belong: The Lost Son

Luke 15:11-32

Sunday, August 22, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens

I Belong: A Royal Priesthood Exploring Your Calling

I Peter 2:9-10

Sunday, August 29, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens

I Belong: The Widow's Mite The Biggest and Greatest

Luke 21:1-4

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EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

Hello friends, it is my honor and joy to share with you today! I pray that this letter finds you well and that God is richly blessing each and every one of you.

I am enjoying my conversations with you! You are sharing an abundance of life experiences that not only make you unique and wonderful, but that also make White Bluff the great church that it is in the present day. I hope to finish my first round of calls by Labor Day. As of the time of publishing this article, I have contacted 200+ families.

In my conversations, two themes are emerging that I would like to share with each of you.

First, we should value the present membership. We are a mature congregation which means that membership care from your minister and amongst our membership to one another will be very important. We will seek to honor this as we move forward.

Second, children, youth, and young adults are the key to the future of the church. There are few individuals in these categories at present, but through prayer and intentional outreach, I believe that God will bless us in each of these areas as we journey together.

I invite you to do a few things with me as we go through August together. Let's begin with prayer. I ask that we spend time each day praying intentionally for these two priorities... membership care and growing a vibrant younger adult program. Ask God for an openness among the members and leaders of our church to create opportunities that will value both priorities and allow them to flourish at the same time. Also ask yourself, "How can I contribute to these two priorities?" It may be volunteering, through leadership, financially, or another way. Do you remember the vow that we take when we become United Methodists? Will we support our church through our prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness? Will you pray with me over these things?

There are many good things going on at White Bluff! I am looking forward to how God will continue to bless us as we seek His will together. Matthew 6:33 reminds us, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." I do not think that there is a "But" at the beginning by coincidence. It is a choice. If we align with Kingdom priorities, the blessings of God will prosper.

Blessing to you,

Reverend Barry Giddens
Senior Pastor
White Bluff United Methodist Church, Savannah, Georgia

Hymns we've sung in worship since Easter

When Morning Gilds the Skies
Take Up Thy Cross
The Voice of God Is Calling
America the Beautiful
Eternal Father, Strong to Save
The Battle Hymn of the Republic
Lift High the Cross
Whispering Hope
God Leads His Dear Children Along
Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart
Happy the Home When God Is There
Great Is Thy Faithfulness
Faith of Our Fathers
Praise to the Lord, the Almighty
What a Friend We Have in Jesus
O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee
Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
Blessed Assurance
The Old Rugged Cross
God of Our Fathers
My Country, 'Tis of Thee

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light
Ye Servants of God
Precious Name
The Gift of Love
O Spirit of the Living God
Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown
Jesus, United by Thy Grace
O For a Thousand Tongues to Sing
Depth of Mercy
Maker, in Whom We Live
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name
I Need Thee Every Hour
Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus
Spirit Song
To God Be the Glory
Here I Am, Lord
Christ the Lord is Risen Today
Easter People, Raise Your Voices
Crown Him with Many Crowns

Rodney Powers

Director of Modern Worship and Student Ministries

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Church family!

For the month of August:

Children's ministry-Blessing of the backpacks is August 1! Have your young ones bring in their backpacks and we will pray over the school year together. I know it's going to be a good one.

Youth-We are going to resume our weekly meetings! But with a twist...Instead of meeting on Sundays at noon we are going to push it back to 1:30-2:30 so that we all have ample time to get lunch beforehand. I'll make sure to reiterate this often, as I'd love to see a full return of our youth.

Modern Worship-We have tweaked our order of worship a bit and it's certainly streamlined the service a bit, more. Barry's leadership has been fantastic, and if you ever want a change of pace, come hangout with us at 11! We'd love to see you!

Grace and peace,

Bobby

Stewardship Report

Attendance 07/04/21

9:00 am.....154
 11:00 am.....15
 Sunday School.....61
 Online Views.....136

Attendance 07/11/2021

9:00 am.....146
 11:00 am.....13
 Sunday School.....64
 Online Views.....111

Attendance 07/18/2021

9:00 am.....72
 11:00 am.....15
 Sunday School.....72
 Online views.....133

Attendance 07/25/2021

9:00 am.....157
 11:00 am.....14
 Sunday School.....68
 Online views.....95

DEAL THE CARDS
MONDAYS AT 1:00 p.m.

**Come play Hand and Foot
 (Canasta), Hearts, Solitaire,
 Quiddler, etc.)**

**August 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30th
 Room 21**

**Bring your own drink and a light
 snack to share.**

Church Onboarding Announcement: Sunday, August 8 from 5:30-8:30 p.m.

Allison Lindsey, Director of the Connectional Ministries Office, will be conducting the White Bluff UMC onboarding session Sunday, August 8 from 5:30-8:30 pm. Onboarding is a process that church leaders are asked to participate in when a new preacher comes to town. I am enjoying being your pastor, and look forward to the opportunity that this experience will offer me to know White Bluff even better. It is open to all Ad Board, SPRC, Trustees, Nominations, and Finance members.

Thanks and Blessings,

Barry

Game Night

**August 6th and 20th
 7:00 p.m.
 Horton Hall**

**Soft drinks provided.
 Bring a snack to share.**


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LINE DANCE CLASS

When: Every Thursday
Time: 10am-11am
Where: White Bluff UMC-gym
Cost: Free (a small donation is requested for church utilities)
Instructor: Susan Morgan

Each class will begin with an easy dance or familiar dance and progress throughout the hour. Bring your own water and you can sit out a dance at anytime.

Social distancing will be observed.
 Masks will be required for all participants.



Happy Birthday
 Greetings extended
 to:

Jim Kaigler
 On celebrating his
 90th birthday on
 August 23rd.

Youth Ministry
**August 8th and 22nd
 Every Other Week**

1:30-2:30pm
Games and Bible Study
Horton Hall



PAPER*PENCILS*SCISSORS*
RULERS*GLUE

During the month of July, the United Methodist Women will be collecting school supplies thru August 8th. Look for the GIANT CRAYON display in the Gym during Connection Café at 10:30 A.M. A list of ideas and suggestions will be on the table; purchase the item(s); then return the item(s) and put them in the collection boxes on the table. This year the school supplies will be shared between White Bluff Elementary School and Windsor Forest Elementary School.

Thank You for your support.

**CASUAL
 SUNDAYS**

**Now
 thru September 5, 2021.**



Trustee Meeting
August 10, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Room 21

WBUMC Mission Statement

The White Bluff United Methodist Church is called by God to **EMBRACE** their salvation in Christ, to be **TRANSFORMED** into His likeness, to be **EQUIPPED** to serve in ministry, as we **IMPACT** the world.



Assistive listening Device

If anyone has an Assistive Listening Device from White Bluff UMC, we would like you to return it to the Soundbooth to be recalibrated.

White Bluff United Methodist Endowment Fund

The White Bluff United Methodist Church Endowment Fund has doubled in the last 4 years! We are still a long way from our goal of 1 million dollars. If you would like to purchase a leaf (\$500.00), acorn (\$1500.00), stone (\$3000.00), or tree (\$5000.00) in memory of someone or to honor someone for the Endowment Tree of Life, contact the church office or Tommy Swinford (507-3982).

Tommy Swinford
 Endowment Chairperson

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Special Gifts

Gifts were given to White Bluff United Methodist Church in memory of:

Jacqueline Anderson

Reathie and Leroy Bailey, Jr.

Jim Booth

Robert and Patricia Stalnaker, Jr.
Covenant Sunday School Class

Donna Lee Longaberger

Suzanne Woodrum

Frank Mullis

Suzanne Woodrum
Covenant Sunday School Class



Dear WBUMC Friends,

I would like to say a big thank you to all my church friends. All of you were so kind and caring while I was ill. I love the beautiful prayer quilt with such special messages and I use it often. Prayers, phone calls and cards were truly appreciated.

Blessings to all,

Pat Beasley

SAVE THE DATE!

CHURCH PICNIC

October 17, 2021
Skidaway Island State Park

COMING SOON

September, October, November (Once a month)

Women of the Bible Devotion and Making Greeting Cards.

More details in September.



Christian love and sympathy are extended to the following families and friends of White Bluff United Methodist Church.

Jerry "Butch" Longaberger, on the death of his mother, Donna Longaberger, on July 4, 2021.

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

August	Seekers
September	Covenant
October	Wayfarers
November	Ampersand/Harmony
December	Journey with Friends

All classes are responsible for the entire month.