



White Bluff News

July 2021

SERMON SERIES:

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

Sunday, July 4, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens
“Finding Hope at White Bluff”

Genesis 12:1-4
Matthew 16:13-18

Sunday, July 11, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens

Sunday, July 18, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens

Sunday, July 25, 2021

Rev. Barry Giddens

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Hello White Bluff! Wow, what a first couple of weeks that it has been in Savannah!

Thank you for welcoming us with open arms. From the well-maintained, spacious parsonage to the first Sunday brunch, we definitely feel the love and are grateful. Erin was snake-bitten, but she is well on the road to recovery. We would not have wished for it, but we are glad that it was not worse. Thank you for the expressions of love and the prayers.

June 26, I talked about telling your life's story and its importance to church growth. Our story (or testimony as some call it!) is the key to bringing others to Jesus Christ. It is so important, that I chose to make it the topic of this article.

First, I am listening to your stories in a variety of ways. I am learning much about you, White Bluff, and the surrounding Savannah community. God has blessed each person with a unique story, and I want to hear yours! I ask for your patience as it will take your preacher some time to work through the many people within White Bluff, but your story is important.

Second, I plan to listen to the stories of those surrounding our church. Statistics tell us that most people who come will do so from within five miles of the campus. I look forward to chatting with community leaders and residents who can help me to understand how our church can serve and reach out to them as we value their story.

Third, we need to share our stories. My hope is that you will consider your own story and how you can share it. Remember, Paul shared his story to King Agrippa in Acts 26. He began with 1) his life before Christ followed by 2) his conversion experience and concluded with 3) his life since knowing Christ. You and I can follow Paul's template as we consider 1) What was our life like before Christ? (It may be before conversion or before He delivered you from a life circumstance.) 2) What happened in your conversion experience or when Christ brought you out of the depths of a situation? 3) How has my life changed for the better as a result of being redeemed by Christ? and 4) How can you tell this story within two minutes? (Telling your story within two minutes is important because most people have short attention spans.)

I hope that we will share our stories far and wide. I hope that some of the White Bluff staff and leadership in time will share their two-minute stories in church. John Wesley and Charles Finney both realized the power of sharing a testimony, so they encouraged it frequently in their worship experiences. My story is one of life-long Methodism. I grew up in Cairo FUMC. I was blessed with a great Christian family. I accepted Christ November 22, 1991 at Epworth by the Sea in Strickland Auditorium at a Methodist retreat. Since then, God has blessed me beyond measure with a wonderful wife and three beautiful children. I do not deserve God's forgiveness or love, but because Jesus died on the cross for my sins, I am forgiven and will enjoy life forever in Heaven because I believe in Jesus as my Lord and Savior. Just like me, others can claim forgiveness of their sins and claim eternal life if they will 1) confess with their mouths that Jesus Christ is Lord and 2) believe in their hearts that God raised Him from the dead. (Romans 10:9)

Your story may be messy (coming to Christ may include a story of how God heals). Or, your story may be more like mine—I have not had to endure as much as some other people I know. Either way, you are important to God and so is your story. I cannot wait to hear yours!

Blessings to you,

Barry
Reverend Barry Giddens
Senior Pastor
White Bluff United Methodist Church

COMING SOON: ANNUAL CAMP MEETING STYLE



The annual camp meeting style worship services will be held in our sanctuary on July 18th, July 25th, and August 1st. All of our music will be the gospel favorites from several different Hymnals. We will be using dueling pianos instead of the organ. It should be several fun Sundays of worship. See ya then!



HANDBELL CHOIR

There will be an organizational meeting for the HANDBELL choir on Sunday, July 11th immediately after the 9:30 a.m. worship. The purpose of the meeting is to determine a practice time that is agreeable to everyone. The meeting should not last more than 30 minutes. Let's get a donut and coffee and sit at our own round table in the gym to discuss plans.

See you there.
Rodney Powers

Director of Modern Worship and Student Ministries

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Hey church family!

About time for our newsletter for the month of July! June really flew by for me; I don't know about all of you.

1: Youth- July 11th and 25th we will be meeting at noon for games and bible study! Hope to see our youth group continue to grow! Also be on the lookout for other events during the coming weeks. I will post any events I plan on our Instagram and it will be in the bulletin.

2: VBS went great. A HUGE thank you to all of you who helped out with that. Without all of our willing spirits to help out, we could not have made that happen.

If you would like to jump in to help with Children's Ministry we certainly need more regular volunteers! Just give me a call if you're be interested! I cannot stress enough how important it is that we have as many volunteers as possible for our children's church services. If we don't, we will have to end up cancelling, which none of us want. Contact me if you can help please!

3: Modern Worship is back in full swing after we missed a week in June! So feel free to invite all your friends.

Thank you again for all the love and support you give, church family. I'm thankful for you all.

Grace and peace,

Bobby

Stewardship Report

Attendance 06/02/21

9:00 am.....132
 11:00 am.....15
 Sunday School.....54
 Online Views.....131

Attendance 06/13/2021

9:00 am.....109
 11:00 am.....15
 Sunday School.....60
 Online Views.....129

Attendance 06/20/2021

9:00 am.....161
 11:00 am.....14
 Sunday School.....38
 Online views.....144

Attendance 06/27/2021

9:00 am.....150
 11:00 am.....16
 Sunday School.....60
 Online views.....107



Happy Birthday

Greetings extended to:

Qunette Guthrie

On celebrating her 95th birthday on July 8th.

Elmyra Fields

On celebrating her 92nd birthday on July 13th.

Molly Ryon

On celebrating her 90th birthday on July 22nd.

Marian Happy

On celebrating her 99th birthday on July 23rd.

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

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

July 5, 12, 19, and 26th
Room 21

Bring your own drink and a light snack to share.

Game Night

July 2 and 16, 2021
7:00 p.m.
Horton Hall

Soft drinks provided.
Bring a snack to share.

Youth Ministry

July 11 and 25th
Every Other Week
12:00 Noon
Games and Bible Study
Horton Hall

Trustee Meeting

July 13, 2021
6:00 P.M.
Room 21

JOB OPENING
Nursery Worker Needed!

Contact: Sarah McGalliard
 (912) 658-6773 or call the Church office at (912) 925-5924.

BISHOP'S RETIREMENT RECEPTION

Bishop R. Lawson Bryan's retirement celebration will be on Sunday, August 15, 2021 from 3pm to 5pm at Vineville UMC. Please hold the date. We are inviting people to come to Vineville that day for the Bishop's send off.

Rev. David Thompson
 Coastal District of the UMC
 Superintendent

Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

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

All classes are responsible for the entire month.

The Food Pantry

We are in need of the following items:

cereal, cookies, canned items such as soup, boxes of mac and cheese, vegetables and fruit, tuna, chicken, saltine crackers, rice, beans and spaghetti sauce. Please check the expiration date on all donations. Items can be brought to the office.

FLOWER CHART

The 2021 flower chart is posted in the hallway next to the kitchen. The cost is \$25.00 and can be paid with a check made out to White Bluff United Methodist Church. Either drop the check off at the office or put the check in an envelope in the offering plate.

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.

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

Jacqueline Anderson

Connecticut Police and Fire Union

Joseph "Joey" Jones

Michael and Elizabeth Cassiday
Carlton and Carol Kemp
Cheryl Hampton
Kenny and Lisa Wilson

Doris Spruill

Suzanne Woodrum



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 brother.

Dee Dee Seagraves, on the death of her brother, Jim Booth, on June 28, 2021.

Happy
4TH OF JULY

We will be closed Monday, July 5th
in honor of

Independence Day



**WEDNESDAY MORNING
BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 A.M.

Room 21

Everyone is welcome to
join us.