



# White Bluff News

## June 2021

### SERMON SERIES:

EMBRACE    TRANSFORM    EQUIP    IMPACT

**Sunday, June 6, 2021**

Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth  
“A Great Cloud of Witnesses”  
Hebrews 11:29-12:2

**Sunday, June 13, 2021**

Rev. David Thompson  
District Superintendent

**Sunday, June 20, 2021**

Rev. Barry Giddens  
“Finding Hope”  
Luke 5:1-11 (NIV)

**Sunday, June 27, 2021**

Rev. Barry Giddens  
Senior Pastor



### Staff

**Rev. Barry Giddens**  
Senior Pastor

**Rodney Powers**  
Director of Music  
Ministries

**Bobby Floyd**  
Director of Modern  
Service and Student  
Ministries

**Suzanne R. Woodrum**  
Church Organist

**Rick Weeks**  
Audio/Visual Coordinator

**Carolyn Anderson**  
Administrative Assistant

**Malinda Smith**  
Financial Administrator

**Sarah McGalliard**  
Nursery Director

**Audrey Tilton**  
Custodian

Barry is a native of Cairo, Georgia. He graduated from Georgia Southern University with a BS in Sociology and minor in History. He attended Asbury Seminary where he graduated with his Masters in Divinity. He is currently pursuing his Doctorate of Ministry with an emphasis in Growing and Multiplying Churches from Talbot School of Theology with church growth authority Dr. Gary McIntosh. He just finished his year 3 residency and hopes to defend his dissertation shortly. Barry is an Ordained Elder in the United Methodist Church. Barry is an avid supporter of Pastoral coaching, including Savannah's own Living Tall Ministries with Rev. Karen Prevatt ([livingtall.com](http://livingtall.com)). He is an alum of Church Leader Insight's Silver, Gold, and Titanium Levels of coaching with Dr. Nelson Searcy ([churchleaderinsights.com](http://churchleaderinsights.com)). He has taught church growth courses in both Assimilation and Evangelism through Church Leader Insights. He is a SYMBIS (Saving Your Marriage Before It Starts) Certified Premarital Counselor and enjoys working with couples in both marriage preparation and sustaining healthy marriages. He has written two books with accompanying Bible Studies. His book Rebuild focuses on personal and church growth while The Blessed Life helps persons to experience the blessings of Almighty God each day.

Barry was married to Erin Cramer, a native of Glennville, Georgia, on July 7, 2007 (07-07-07). Her parents both served at Fort Stewart. Erin received her BS in Radiology from Armstrong Atlantic University in Savannah, Georgia and her Masters in Public Administration from Valdosta State University. She received her Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Valdosta State and is a Registered Nurse. She has served as the Director of Radiology at both Middle Georgia Technical College and Oconee Fall Line Technical College. She works part-time for Kettering National Seminars teaching Radiology review courses all over the United States and as an emergency room travel nurse.

Barry and Erin have three sons, Maddux, 11 – 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Paxton, 9 – 4<sup>th</sup> grade, and Lennox, 6 – 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Erin calls her three boys "the X Men"! The boys will attend Georgetown Elementary (K-8) in the fall. It is anticipated that they will be active in the school's gifted program. Maddux likes video gaming. Paxton likes playing football and baseball. Lennox likes soccer. All boys enjoy swimming at the beach and in the pool, especially with friends.

Barry's passion for ministry centers around Romans 8:38-39, "For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord." Barry remembers well the strong history of White Bluff, having historically served with pastors and lay persons in South Georgia Conference leadership positions and attending camp at Epworth with White Bluff children and youth. Barry and Erin are delighted to come to White Bluff to serve hand-in-hand with White Bluff members as we grow in Christian discipleship, serve the Savannah community, and reach beyond the walls to bring others in.

You see above why the SPR Committee is so excited to have the Giddens family coming to White Bluff!

Jerome Butler  
Staff Parish Relations Chairman

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**Director of Modern Worship and Student Ministries**

**[bfloyd@wbumc.org](mailto:bfloyd@wbumc.org)**

Church family,

I hope you're doing well. I've been and will continue praying for our community as we move into and through this transitional time. I am thankful for each of you.

Updates:

1. VBS will be on the 21st-24th of June from 5:30-7:30. We need volunteers! I'm hoping to perhaps do a rotation with the Sunday School Classes. One class every evening to help serve food, decorate, and supervise our kids. I think it'll be a wonderful opportunity to come together as a full church body in worship and service. Be on the lookout for me, because I'll probably be popping by some of your classes just to chat and see what you all think about it.
2. Youth Ministry is getting its furniture this month (Thanks Kathy Swinford!!) So we will have our own space back, which is very exciting. I also am likely going to move Youth from the noon time after church to an evening event for the summer. Be on the lookout for a concrete decision on that very soon. Also, June 16th at 6:30 p.m., which is a Wednesday, I'm planning on taking our youth out to an event! I haven't decided precisely what, but it'll be loads of fun. I'm thinking probably mini-golf or bowling, maybe Go Karts. Don't worry, I'll have gallons of hand sanitizer ready just in case, but since we are moving to a more normal way of life again, I figured this could be an excellent celebration of that. So make sure your young ones know about it!

Let me know if you have any questions or would like to volunteer for anything special! Keep in mind I still would like to have more children's volunteers than we do currently. So I'd love to see more people there.

Bobby

## Stewardship Report

### Attendance 05/02/21

9:00 am.....125  
11:00 am.....13  
Sunday School.....52

### Attendance 05/09/2021

9:00 am.....156  
11:00 am.....15  
Sunday School.....51  
Online Views.....141

### Attendance 05/16/2021

9:00 am.....124  
11:00 am .....14  
Sunday School.....52  
Online views.....89

### Attendance 05/23/2021

9:00 am.....130  
11:00 am .....20  
Sunday School.....55  
Online views.....98

### Attendance 05/30/2021

9:00 am.....131  
11:00 am .....20  
Sunday School.....56  
Online views.....129

## TRUSTEE NEWS

The Trustees welcome everybody back to Sunday services, Sunday School, circle meetings, Bible study classes, and all the ministries and outside groups utilizing the church property.

Maintenance request forms are available throughout the church and in the office. If you see something that needs repair, replacement or for some reason needs the Trustees' attention, please fill one out to let us know. This will help us maintain the facility and budget for the future.

The Trustees have been at work on several items that needed attention. The HVAC system in the kitchen has been replaced, thanks to Alan and Kay Williamson. The WiFi has been upgraded. The sound booth is getting a much needed upgrade in electrical service. Several toilets and faucets have been repaired or replaced. Both stoves and ovens in the kitchen have been professionally cleaned and calibrated, thanks to Tom Everett. Almost 100 light bulbs have been replaced and the exterior of the bus pressure-washed, thanks to Joey Drescher. The pastor photos have all been remounted in new frames and will be displayed in a prominent location. Last fall, under the watchful eye of Lewis Hodges, the parking lots were resealed.

Trustees are looking into making the church facilities more ADA accessible. Ideas are being explored for making the choir loft, the restrooms near Horton Hall and the playground area all wheelchair accessible.

We are awaiting bids to upgrade our security system, clean the steeple, refinish the gym floor and some other long-range projects.

The washing machine in the laundry area has died and the dryer is incredibly old. If anybody is planning on updating their washer and dryer and the current one still works, please consider donating them to the church instead of Goodwill. We would appreciate it!

Joe Drescher  
Trustee Chairperson



**Happy Birthday**  
**Greetings extended**  
**to:**

### **Barbara I. Anderson**

On celebrating her  
86st birthday on  
June 16th.

### **Edsel Mock**

On celebrating his  
90th birthday on  
June 23rd.

### **John Knox**

On celebrating his  
92nd birthday on  
June 25th.



Bishop R. Lawson Bryan, episcopal leader of the South Georgia Area of The United Methodist Church, announced his intent to retire, effective Sept. 1, 2021.

“It has been a great joy, and I thank you for the willingness you have had for us to be in ministry together. We are greatly blessed by the South Georgia Conference. This Conference is ready, not only for today, but even for tomorrow, because we are being Alive Together in Christ.”

**NEW WORSHIP SERVICE TIME**

- 9:30 A.M.** Traditional Worship (Sanctuary)
- 10:30 A.M.** Connection Café' (Coffee & Doughnuts-Gym)
- 11:00 A.M.** Open Table Modern Worship (Horton Hall)
- 11:00 A.M.** Kids' Table (Room 9)
- 11:00 A.M.** Sunday School (Sanctuary)



**Trustee Meeting**  
**June 8, 2021**  
6:00 P.M.  
Room 21

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

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

June 7, 14, 21, and 28th  
Room 21

Bring your own drink and a light snack to share.



**Youth Ministry**  
**June 13, 2021**  
Every Other Week  
**12:00 Noon**  
**Horton Hall**



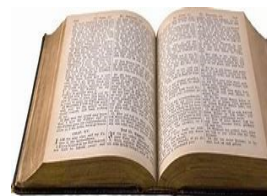
**Game Night**

**June 18, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Horton Hall**

Soft drinks provided.  
Bring a snack to share.



**Hasbro Gaming**



**WEDNESDAY MORNING BIBLE STUDY**

10:00 A.M.  
Room 21

Everyone is welcome to join us.



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Come join us for Vacation Bible School 2021 at  
White Bluff United Methodist Church!

Monday, June 21, thru Thursday, June 24th,  
5:30-7:30 p.m.  
Ages 3-12



Starting the adventure from an amazing lighthouse on a magical island, we are going to explore an island in search of five mysterious infinity lanterns to help light our way! We will need to use our Bibles to help us find these lanterns and discover how God's light shines in Old and New Testament stories as well as in our own lives.

We will provide a snack meal (Nuggets, pizza, hotdog, sandwiches, etc.) so make sure to get registered so we can ensure we have enough for everyone! You can register on the website: [wbumc.org](http://wbumc.org) by clicking on the registration link or by calling (912) 925-5924. Looking forward to seeing you there!

## COMING SOON!

**Social Seniors**  
September 2021  
(Third Wednesday of the month)

**Adult Ministry Monthly Movies**  
Resume September 2021



## 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.

White Bluff United  
Methodist Church

2021  
Church Directory

## New Church Directory 2021

Looking for someone to research companies and direct this project. If you would like to take on this project or help with it, call the church office at (912) 925-5924.



I'm looking for a timpani player for traditional Sunday Service. Please spread the news around. Contact Rodney Powers.

Email: [rodneykp@gmail.com](mailto:rodneykp@gmail.com)  
(912) 223-8642

### JOB OPENING Nursery Worker Needed!

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



The Chancel Choir invites you to join them on Wednesday evenings at 7:00 p.m. for rehearsal. We have an encouraging time in Christ through music. We practice until 8:30 p.m. Sunday Mornings we warm up at 9:00 a.m. for worship at 9:30 a.m. We leave the choir loft during the middle hymn to sit with our families. Consider joining this valuable ministry.

### See Something - Say Something

The Trustees are responsible for the maintenance of the White Bluff United Methodist Church facilities and would appreciate your help. If you notice an area that needs attention, please take a few moments to let us know the specifics of what you have seen. Your contact information is not required, but it may be valuable if we have questions.

Maintenance request forms will be in the sanctuary and throughout the Sunday school wing, Horton Hall, and the office. Feel free to complete and place the form in the collection plate or the trustee box in the main office.

Thank You and Stay Safe!

*Joe*

Joe Drescher



Please call the church office if you have changed your home address or phone number.

### Fellowship/Coffee Time Clean-Up

<b>January</b>	Ampersand/Harmony
<b>February</b>	Journey with Friends
<b>March</b>	Seekers
<b>April</b>	Covenant
<b>May</b>	Wayfarers
<b>June</b>	Ampersand/Harmony
<b>July</b>	Journey with Friends
<b>August</b>	Seekers
<b>September</b>	Covenant
<b>October</b>	Wayfarers
<b>November</b>	Ampersand/Harmony
<b>December</b>	Journey with Friends

All classes are responsible for the entire month.



**Special Gifts**

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

**Jacqueline Anderson**

Doug and Harriet Cobb  
Jane Anderson  
Katherine B. Kiger  
Alan and Kay Williamson  
Covenant Sunday School Class  
Mac and Patty Thompson  
Suzanne Woodrum  
Michael and Melinda Bailey  
Sarah Cooper

**Nancy Blackwell**

Michael and Melinda Bailey

**Fryn Clark**

Kathryn B. Kiger

**Joseph "Joey" Jones**

Doug and Harriet Cobb  
Lary and Deborah Blackston  
Daisy Gantt  
The Canady family  
The Mull family  
Suzanne Metzger  
Guerry Lumber Company  
Suzanne Woodrum  
Mac and Patty Thompson  
Michael & Melinda Bailey  
Alan and Kay Williamson  
Valerie B. Carter  
Wyndale & Wanda Tanner  
Cheryl and Ring Finger  
Mark and Amy Dixon  
Joe and Donna Maggin  
Leigh Tinker  
Jane Anderson  
Sarah Cooper  
Michelle & Butch Longaberger and family

**Thomas Harrell**

Doug and Harriet Cobb  
Kathryn B. Kiger

**David Smith**

Linda Croom



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

Susan Watkins, on the death of her daughter, Kimberly "Kim" Sue Watson, on May 29, 2021.

Susan Ganas, on the death of her mother, Doris Waddell Spruill, on June 2, 2021.

**Prayer Corner**

**A Prayer for Father's Day**

Loving and Merciful God, our thoughts and prayers today are turned towards our fathers. For those whose fathers have increased the joy in their lives, we give you thanks.

For those whose father's presence is greatly missed, may we take time to gratefully recall all they have given to us, providing for us in our growing. For those whose fathers have recently been lost or who are facing the imminent loss of their fathers, may they find comfort in their grief, hope in their despair, courage in the love that their fathers have given them. We give thanks, God, for the fathers who sustain and support us in our living, who love us no matter what! We give thanks to you, O God, for all those whose gift for fatherhood is so strong that they have used your gift to minister to others, providing guidance and stability, nurture and love.

We pray, too, for those men who, for whatever reason, have not been good fathers. We pray, compassionate God, for those whose fathers have been a source of hurt and pain, and have caused them to suffer. May their wound be healed. May they find in you, in us, in others, the nurturing and sustaining love which they need for growth and well-being.

We recall with sadness fathers who are separated from their children through life choices made by them or others. Give them the insight and wisdom, the courage and perseverance to parent in whatever creative and life-giving ways may be open to them.

We remember single fathers and single mothers who struggle to be both parents to their children- to provide all the emotional, physical and spiritual needs without the constant support of a spouse or partner. May they find strength and wisdom for their task.

We pray, too, for those who have been denied a chance to be fathers, and for those whose years of parenting have been cut too short by the loss of a child. We turn to you, most holy God, knowing and trusting that you can console where consolation seems impossible. May these men receive comfort for their spirit, and peace and hope for living. Hear our prayer, Loving Father, and give us the assurance of your love, that we may bring that love into the lives of others. Amen

Harry Allagree

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Thank You!

Our family is overwhelmed by the outpouring of love and support from our church family. The thoughts, prayers, food, flowers, cards and kind words helped sustain us during this difficult time. Most of all your love and presence has brought light to our darkness. Thank you for being there for us.

With love and gratitude

Audrey, Carter, Brit and Kristi Jones

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Thank You!

This is an awesome church!

Thank you so much for the love, kindness, support, food, calls, and cards during this time of great sadness. You have no idea of what the outpouring of love has meant to me and my family.

Your hope has sustained us...  
Your friendship has surrounded us...  
Your love has given us strength...

Thank You again,

Carolyn & family of Jacqui Anderson