



# White Bluff News

## October 2020

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

### SERMON SERIES:

**Sunday, October 4, 2020**  
Rev. Josh Duckworth  
“The Parable of the Wicked  
Tenants”  
Matthew 21:33-46

**Sunday, October 11, 2020**  
Rev. Josh Duckworth  
“The Parable of the  
Wedding Banquet”  
Matthew 22:1-14

**Sunday, October 18, 2020**  
Rev. Josh Duckworth  
“Jesus Talks Taxes”  
Matthew 22:15-22

**Sunday, October 25, 2020**  
Rev. Josh Duckworth  
“The Greatest  
Commandment”  
Matthew 22:34-40

### Staff

**Rev. Dr. Josh  
Duckworth**  
Senior Pastor

**Rev. Danny Beam**  
Director of Music  
Ministries

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

**Suzanne R. Woodrum**  
Church Organist

**Carolyn Anderson**  
Administrative Assistant

**Malinda Smith**  
Financial Administrator

**Sarah McGalliard**  
Nursery Director

**Audrey Tilton**  
Custodian

### World Communion Sunday

The First Sunday of October is what we call World Communion Sunday. I can't think of a better time to celebrate it than right now! Our country is deeply divided along racial and political lines, so what better way to speak the truth of Christ than gathering around the Lord's Table on World Communion Sunday. Notice the two words: The first is "World." On World Communion Sunday we remember that the church is global. We are part of a church of all ages, nations, and races. When the world seeks to divide us, we seek to be united through our shared worship of the Triune God. While we are different, we acknowledge that the most important characteristic of humanity is one that we share in common: We are created in the image of God. What would happen if we saw the image of God in everyone?

The other word is "Communion." We all gather around the table to receive Christ's body and blood. We become one in Christ through receiving this gift of God's grace. We all come to the table, laying aside what sets us apart in the world's eyes with empty hands, realizing how needy we are for God's grace.

As I think toward Sunday, I realize that we haven't received Holy Communion in seven months! That's perhaps what I have missed the most during this crazy year. While we will receive a bit differently this Sunday (We'll stay in our pews and have disposable cups and wafers), I'm trusting that Jesus will be present in a tangible way through his body and blood. I'll see you then!

"As you, Father, are in me and I am in you, may they also be in us."  
(John 17:21)

Josh

**Stewardship Report**

**Attendance 9/13/2020**

9:00 am.....80  
11:00 am.....31

**Attendance 9/20/2020**

9:00 am.....78  
11:00 am.....23

**Attendance 9/27/2020**

9:00 am.....121  
11:00 am .....28

Hello Church Family!

It's been fantastic seeing so many of you this month since our Sunday Services have mostly resumed. I have quite a bit to inform you on for this coming month of October as well!

1: WE NEED VOLUNTEERS. We are looking to open our Sunday School Children's Services soon. However, before we can begin to move towards that, we have to get some people willing to go on a rotation for our kids. So if you have a heart for children and want to teach and care for them please do not hesitate to let me know.

We also need volunteers to come help out on Halloween Day! We are doing what will essentially be a drive-thru trunk or treat. We need anywhere between 10-15 cars to come set up their trunks around our parking lot on the day of the event, the owners of this car to dress up, and for them to put on their best smiling faces! Basically what this will look like is: People can enter into our parking lot from White Bluff Road and exit on the Abercorn-White Bluff Connector to see all of you dressed up and with your decorated trunks waving and being festive before reaching the end of the line and receiving a bag of candy. It's going to be a blast. Which brings me to the next need! We need lots and lots of candy! We are only going to be able to use wrapped candy though. So if you try to bring candy that isn't individually wrapped I'll have to eat it, which would be absolutely tragic. So please bring in some candy donations that are already wrapped by October 25th at the latest! Also, I will need volunteers that will be willing to help put the candy into individual bags as well as hand them out. We will probably need to get together to do this at least a couple of days before Halloween.

As you can see, we really need our church family to volunteer with all these fun things coming up! You can call the office, me directly, or send me an email if you're interested. I'm looking forward to hearing from you all.

2: YOUTH THINGS!

On October 4th, after the 11 o' clock service we will be having a youth game afternoon! There will be pizza, snacks, board games, card games, and possibly even some Jackbox games (super fun stuff if you haven't heard of it, google it!) It will begin right after the service, so probably around 12:00 pm, and last until 1 o'clock. It'll be an awesome time for our youth to get re-connected and for me to meet a few of them for the first time! There will still be appropriate social distancing as well! Safety first as always. We will probably have this time outdoors if the weather is nice enough! But in the event that it is nasty outside, we will just hangout in the gym or Horton Hall. We are still waiting on our youth room to get finished up. If any of you know anyone who could install a drop-down ceiling for us, let me or Josh know! I'm super excited for this time and hope to see everyone there.

3: MODERN SERVICE

Our new modern service has been going well and is going to have a full-launch on October 4th. While we have been having services for the last couple of weeks, come the 4th we hope to have a more fully realized service. So start helping us spread the word! We want to reach as many people as possible with the Gospel of Jesus.

I hope you all are staying safe! I'm looking forward to seeing you all on Sunday.

Grace and peace,

Bobby



**STEWARDSHIP**

**SUNDAY**

**OCTOBER 18, 2020**



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

**Shirley Knox**  
On celebrating her  
90th birthday on  
October 19th.

**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.



## Drive thru Trunk or Treat

White Bluff United Methodist Church

October 31, 2020

6:00 p.m. til 8:00 p.m.

**MAY YOUR NIGHT BE SCARY GOOD AND FILLED WITH TREATS!**

Stay in your Cars!

Dress up in your favorite costume!

Best decorated car wins a prize!



**New kind of church service.** This Sunday, October 4th, White Bluff United Methodist Church is launching a new church service at 11am. Our Open Table service is a modern yet reverent style of worship. We would love for you to join us this week and connect with us.

For everyone's safety, masks are required.



**ALL ADULT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASSES WILL MEET IN THE SANCTUARY**

**OCTOBER 4, 2020**

**10:15-10:45 A.M.**

**Note:** Activities for children will be in the children's wing.

**Sunday School Superintendent: Harriet Cobb**



**DEAL THE CARDS**

**October 5, 12, 19 and 26**

**1:00-4:00 p.m.**

**Room 21**

Want to learn to play-We teach!  
We play Hand, Knee and Foot, Hearts, Solitaire, Etc. Come join the fun.  
Free to all participants. All levels welcome.  
See Harriet Cobb for details.



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

Julia Pritchard, on the death of her husband,  
 John H. Pritchard, Jr, on September 26, 2020

Vicky Bradley, Sheryl Gay, and Susan Su  
 on the death of their mother, Jay, Rebecca and  
 Thomas Bradley on the death of their grandmother  
 JoAnn Aeger, on September 29, 2020.

**Special Gifts**

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

**Willean Bruckner**

Jean Arnold  
 Patricia Cave

**Georgia Carter**

Michael Overstreet  
 Suzanne Woodrum

**Hazel Coleman**

Jane Anderson  
 Contemporary Sunday School Class

**Linda Cowart**

Contemporary Sunday School Class

**Sandy Davis**

Aleen Melton

**Rose Demine**

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 John Torpy  
 Lisa and Mason White  
 S. Kay Beavers  
 David and Vicki Beavers

**Beverly McQueen**

Patricia P. Cave  
 Capt. James A. and Brenda Van Fossan

**Audrey Tanner**

Bob and Lucy Froelich

**Carla Sue Williams**

Suzanne Woodrum

**Mary Ruth Grasty**

Suzanne Woodrum

**Ed Young**

Bob and Lucy Froelich

**Name Reading for Removal by Charge Conference:**

**No names were read 1st Reading in 2019**

**2020 Second Reading for Removal by Charge Conference:**

Holly Abruzzio	Chris Dubberly
Jill Abruzzio	Katie Dubberly
Stacie Abruzzio	Steven Lenderman
Michael Collins	Orlando Malave
Casey Collins	Brian Ratcliff
Scott Dubberly	Craig Stusak
Susan Dubberly	Andrew Young

Please contact the Church office (912) 925-5924, if you have information regarding these members. Any contact information would be helpful to confirm their church membership.

Thank You,

Beth Brown

Membership Secretary



**We would like to welcome our newest members to**

**White Bluff United Methodist Church**

Mittry and Wynelle Ambrose	Transfer from another UMC.
Carolyn Ramelle McGalliard Parents: Wesley and Sarah McGalliard	Baptism on August 9, 2020 Rev. John Haney
Eleanor Elizabeth Lawson Parents: Shane and Stephanie Lawson	Baptism on September 27, 2020 Rev. Dr. Josh Duckworth