



# White Bluff News

## January 2021

EMBRACE TRANSFORM EQUIP IMPACT

### SERMON SERIES:

**Sunday, January 3, 2021**  
Rev. Ken Sharpe  
“Five Things We Should  
Always Remember”  
2 Peter 1:12-15

**Sunday, January 10, 2021**  
Rev. Josh Duckworth  
“Claimed by God”  
Luke 3:21-22

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**  
Rev. Josh Duckworth  
“Gifted to Serve Pt.1”  
1Corinthians 12:1-11

**Sunday, January 24, 2021**  
Rev. Josh Duckworth  
“Gifted to Serve Pt. 2”  
1Corinthians 12:12-31a

**Sunday, January 31, 2021**  
Rev. Josh Duckworth  
“Rooted in Love”  
1Corinthians 13

### Staff

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

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

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

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**Carolyn Anderson**  
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**Malinda Smith**  
Financial Administrator

**Sarah McGalliard**  
Nursery Director

**Audrey Tilton**  
Custodian

### Online-Only Worship Services through January 17th

Church family,

I pray that you all had a great Christmas and experienced the joy that only Christ can bring. As 2020 has come to a close, I wanted to share with you some news about worship in January.

You may have heard that I tested positive for Covid. I've experienced flu-like symptoms, but after fighting it for over a week I'm finally on the mend! I was exposed after our last Sunday morning service together, so if you saw me December 20th I don't think you need to be afraid. Thanks to everyone for the phone calls, text messages, prayers, food, offers of support, and positive thoughts. Our family has felt the love from our church family!

In addition to me testing positive, we are seeing a spike in cases in our area and many areas in our country. There's also reason to believe that Christmas travel will cause cases to rise even more.

Therefore, in an attempt to be cautious with the welfare of our members and the spread of Covid in our community, **we are going to online only worship at least through January 17<sup>th</sup>**. We will re-evaluate the situation then to see about next steps. This also includes youth and children activities, Sunday school, and other in-person gatherings of ten or more people. **Our church office will return to normal hours January 4<sup>th</sup>**. I had really hoped that we wouldn't have to cancel in-person gatherings again. But the Back to Church team and our church leadership feel this is our only option for now.

Like you, I'm am so sick of Covid interfering with our lives. Hopefully we are getting to the end of this. But we have to stay smart to protect lives the best that we can. Thanks for doing your part!

Better days are ahead! Be safe and Happy New Year!

Rev. Josh Duckworth

**Stewardship Report**

**Attendance 12/06/20**

9:00 am.....85  
 11:00 am.....25  
 Sunday School.....21  
 Online views.....106

**Attendance 12/13/2020**

9:00 am.....120  
 11:00 am.....26  
 Sunday School.....20  
 Online views.....196

**Attendance 12/20/2020**

9:00 am.....80  
 11:00 am.....28  
 Sunday School.....18  
 Online views.....104

**Attendance 12/27/2020**

Online views.....137

Hello Church Family!

I hope you all are well. Just a few brief things for the coming month of January for you to know.

Children’s Ministry:

We are hoping to launch our new children’s curriculum this month. It’s called “Truthtrackers” and it’s a wonderful curriculum set from Seedbed, which is formed and based from Asbury Theological Seminary. So we are very excited to get that started!

We will be needing some additional volunteers for our children’s ministry as well. So if you’re interested, please let me know! If we could find 6-7 more, then all the volunteers would need to do is supervise and teach once per month. We need two per week.

Youth Ministry:

We are going to continue meeting every other weekend for games, lunch and bible study. Every student 12 and up is welcome!

This month, the current plan is for us to meet on the 31st at 12pm on Sunday. We hope to see our students then!


The Open Table:

We need volunteers to serve coffee! If any of you would like to serve before our 11 o’clock service it would greatly be appreciated. If we could get between 3-4 more volunteers for that we’d be in good shape to have a rotation of everyone doing one Sunday a month. Give me a call if you have interest!

Happy New Year everybody!

Grace and Peace,

Bobby



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

**Melvin Freese**  
 On celebrating his  
 93rd birthday on  
 January 26th

Madie Dickey  
 On celebrating her  
 93rd birthday on  
 January 28th.

**2021 CHURCH COUNCIL AND LAY LEADERSHIP**  
**WHITE BLUFF UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

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<b>Church Council Vice Chair</b>	Kay Williamson	<b>Adult Ministries</b>	Doug and Harriet Cobb
<b>Lay Leader</b>	Michael Lariscy	<b>Youth Ministries</b>	Kathryn Murray
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<b>UMW President</b>	Lisa McGalliard		
<b>Worship Chair</b>	Martha Adams		
<b>Mission Chair</b>	_____		
<b>Evangelism/Core Chair</b>	Jacqui Anderson		
<b>Membership Secretary</b>	Beth Brown		
<b>Communication Chair</b>	Kathy Swinford		
<b>Education Chair</b>	Jane Anderson		

**Church Council meeting changed from January 10, 2021 to**  
**Monday, January 18, 2021**  
**7:00 p.m.**  
**Horton Hall**

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**Offering  
Envelopes**



**2021 Contribution Envelopes Are Available!**

If you currently use offering envelopes for your giving to White Bluff UMC, your offering envelopes for 2021 have been prepared for your use again this year.

If you do not currently have contribution envelopes and would like to use them for your giving, please call the church office to leave your information so that envelopes can be assigned to you.

Envelopes will be available for pick-up at the church beginning next week.

In an effort to use our financial resources efficiently, we reduced our order of numbered pledge envelopes from 200 boxes to 150 boxes, so all giving units have a new number for the giving year.

If you have any questions, you can reach our Financial Administrator Malinda Smith in the church office on Mondays and Tuesdays or you can email her at [finance@wbumc.org](mailto:finance@wbumc.org).

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### Special Gifts

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

**Gweneth Grout**

James and Brenda VanFossan

**Eunice Cook**

Leigh L. Tinker



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

Paul, Jeffry, David, Andrew, on the death of their mother, Eunice Johnson Cook, on December 10, 2020.

Brenda VanFossan, on the death of her Mother, Joyce Rodgers Luckey, on December 26, 2020.

### **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.



### **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.