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Text-Messaging Prayer Ministry

Rev. Ken Shape started a wonderful text messaging ministry while he was here. It has allowed us to stay connected throughout the week and share prayer concerns. I'm thankful to Delilah Meadows and Trudy Harting for volunteering to keep it going. Below are the new instructions if you'd like to share a prayer concern. Contact: Delilah or Trudy if you'd like to be added to the text messaging ministry.

Instructions for sharing a prayer concern:

1. Send prayer concern via text message to Delilah at (912) 657-8051 between 9am and 9pm. If it's an emergency or confidential, contact Pastor Josh at (912) 347-7860.
2. Send text exactly as it is to be sent out. We don't want our volunteers rewording the text as that takes an enormous amount of time.
3. If you are on the prayer chain, no replies are needed.



Happy Birthday Greetings extended to:

Fryn Clark 7/14 (94)
Elmyra Roberta Fields 7/13 (91)
Qunette Guthrie 7/8 (94)
Marian Happy 7/23 (98)



**Office Closed
on Fridays
for the Summer.**

The Happenings

It has been wonderful being back in the sanctuary! Over these first two Sundays back, it's been a bit different. It is strange wearing a mask and spreading out over our sanctuary, but I'm thankful for all who are committed to doing all that we can to keep everyone safe. We've had roughly 50% of our usual attendance which is expected. Our Back to Church team has done a spectacular job and I'm thankful for their continual leadership. Things will be this way for a while, but God is still with us!

Here's what's going on and what's coming up over the next several weeks:

New Staff Member: We welcome our new staff member, Bobby Floyd! This summer he's doing all that he can to connect with our children and youth through technology. He's also planning our new modern worship service. Be in prayer for him and his wife Liv during this transition.

New Modern Worship Service: We are planning to transition the 11 am service to a modern worship service on August 16th. This service will be liturgical while also using modern modes of worship. We are excited and hopeful that this service will reach new people for Christ!

Livestream: We are working to upgrade our cameras and technology so that we can live stream all of our services. What that means is that if you are unable to come to church, you can still participate and watch the service online live instead of having to wait for the recorded service.

Rev. John Haney Preaching: On August 9th Rev. John Haney will be returning to White Bluff UMC to participate in a baptism. He'll preach both services. I know we are all looking forward to Rev. Haney coming back to preach!

Bible Study and Sunday school: We are hoping to slowly begin doing bible studies and Sunday school in August.

These are just a few things happening at White Bluff during the summer. Hopefully you can connect with us in some way.

Have a blessed July as we celebrate the birth of this great country!

Pastor Josh

I love Christmas music. I can listen to it all year long. I even watched “White Christmas” the other day. I really love that music. 2020 has seemed to put a lot of things on hold. But, I am looking forward to a return to a more familiar way of doing things around here. So, in light of that, we will begin working on 2020 Christmas music this fall once we get the go ahead that it is safe. The music this year is entitled: “Peace Has Come” by Mary McDonald. You can hear it on YouTube and on the J. W. Pepper website. Till then, Joyeux Noel!



For the past 3 years White Bluff has enjoyed the sounds of the Five Pianos! Many of you have been anticipating their return this summer. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, it is with a sad heart we must announce that this yearly highlight has been cancelled. With fervent hope we look forward to their return in 2021!

Danny

Job Opening-Nursery Worker Needed!

Part time Nursery Worker Needed! If you are interested or know someone interested please let us know. Sarah McGalliard is in charge of nursery workers and you can also contact Jerome Butler of the Staff Parish Relations committee.

Jerome Butler
Staff Parish Relations Chairman

Staff Parish Relations Committee

The Staff Parish Relations Committee wants to welcome Bobby Floyd to our staff and to Savannah! Bobby and Liv have been married just over a year and have moved here from Anderson SC. Since we cannot have a traditional welcoming reception, we are asking our church members to get them a gift card to a favorite local business. We think this will be a nice way to help them get acquainted with Savannah and we will present them to Bobby and Liv later in the month. Please include your name and maybe a note with the card and drop into the collection box on Sunday or bring/mail to the church office. Help us give a wonderful “White Bluff Welcome” even though we cannot get together.

Modern Worship and Student Ministries

Hey everyone! I’m very excited to be at White Bluff. It was wonderful getting to meet and reconnect with all of you in person the last 2 weeks. I think it’s going to be an incredibly fruitful season establishing some new things for our students and our second service.

To begin, the goal for our student ministries this month will be primarily focused on making connections and reconnecting with one another in a safe and responsible fashion. Our community is going to be growing and we are going to make sure that it does so in an edifying fashion for each student. We are going to get back to building fellowship and our relationships with Jesus personally by utilizing online chat rooms such as zoom, Skype, google hangouts, etc. Online bible studies are on the way! Along with some fun online games to get our conversations moving, it’s going to be an exciting time!

In terms of our children’s ministry, I’m looking forward to taking this month to get to know all of our parents and volunteers. This month is mostly going to be planning and getting acquainted with our younger ones. I’m looking forward to it!

In terms of our second worship service, I’ll be spending this month planning, organizing, and accruing some final pieces we will need to get the service rolling as soon as possible. When we do, make sure to tell all your friends to come check it out! I think it’ll be a huge blessing to our church, for the Kingdom of God, and I’m so excited to share it with you all.

Bobby

Finance Corner – July 2020

As a brief update on our current finances, listed below are Income and Expense numbers as of May 31, 2020.

Income Received	\$286,868.02	Actual Expenses	\$208,169.23
Income Budgeted	\$261,170.00	Budgeted Expenses	\$261,170.00

With ministry activities suspended due to the pandemic, our expenses are under budget at this point in the year. And strong giving throughout the spring, as well as the support of loan proceeds from the SBA Loan/Payroll Protection Program, have provided us with a strong financial position heading into the summer months!