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Church of Christ
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White Bluff Church of Christ

February 8, 2026

SUNDAY SERVICES

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LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Harley Pope
SERVE Communion Emblems in FEB: Harold Petty, Dennis Daniel, Brand Sweat
Preside Communion:—Wayne Hooper

SERMON: Doug Couch
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Greg Morris
LOBBY GREETERS: Tim & Kolleen Godwin, Brent & Jessica Delaney
PEW GREETERS: Jake & Olivia Engleman, Brant & Mary Sweat
USHERS to Collect Contribution in FEB: Kenny Goodman, Pierre Griffin

NURSERY ATTENDANTS: April & Braelyn Hirsbrunner

Sunday Evening Service

LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: John Willoughby
SERMON: Doug Couch
LEAD CLOSING PRAYER: Brant Sweat
PRESIDE FOR MONTH of FEB: Cameron Jones

Wednesday Evening Bible Class 6:30

FOOD CALL IN FEB: Ann Mitchell, Kim Willoughby
WASH LINENS IN FEB: Penny Rodgers
LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF FEB: Wade Lynn & Doug Couch

Feb. 1 — **Attendance—143 Contribution—\$15,785**

Directory Updates, Prayer Request Notifications & Death Notices:

Debbie Couch 615-957-7452 or at couchd25@hotmail.com
If you have announcements to be put on the screen: send email to: whblchurch@gmail.com PLACE ANY ANNOUNCEMENTS THAT YOU HAVE FOR SUNDAY MORNING ON THE CLIPBOARD *IN THE LOBBY.*

ONLINE GIVING

Go to www.whitebluffcoc.org and click/tap on “GIVE”. Or scan the QR code to go directly to the link. Follow the instructions to “contribution by card.” There is a slight card fee as expected with all credit card transactions.



INCLEMENT
WEATHER
INFORMATION



In the event of extreme weather conditions such as snow, ice storm, etc. which affects traffic movement, please call 615-957-7452 to check for service cancellation. An email and text message will also be sent.

To our members and visitors:

Welcome to White Bluff!
We are glad you are here!

The Three Most Important Bones

In 1908, a medical doctor, Dr. Kavanagh, stated that the three most important bones one needs to succeed in life are the back-bone, wishbone, and funny bone. This sentiment has been made popular by singers, coaches, and even preachers.

We each need a backbone. Yes, physically to give us stability and movement, but spiritually we need spiritual strength, godly character, and the willingness to stand firm on the truths of God’s Word. Peter instructs Christians with these words in 1 Peter 3:15, “but in your hearts honor Christ the Lord as holy, always being prepared to make a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you; yet do it with gentleness and respect,” and Paul asks for prayers in Ephesians 6:19-20 so he might speak the gospel boldly. So, yes, Christians need to have a spiritual backbone, hold firmly to the word of God, and make it known. As it has been said, “One must stand for something, or they will fall for anything.”

Second, we need a wishbone. The Christian faith is more than a wish; it is a reality, and it is going somewhere, Heaven. But we need a wishbone, figuratively speaking, because we need to have desire, hope, and confidence. Paul stated in Philippians 1:6, “And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ.” Each Christians need to have a clear vision, hope, and confidence that our work and labor in Christ is not in vain (1 Cor. 15:58) and moving in the direction of Heaven. Faith looks beyond our circumstances and trials of this world and looks toward Heaven.

Third, we need a funny bone, a sense of humor. Proverbs 17:22 teaches, “A cheerful heart is good medicine.” Then Ecclesiastes 3:4 states there is a time to laugh. We all need to laugh from time to time and have a sense of humor. Life is much better when we can laugh and have a sense of humor, plus it is good for our health.

May we strive to develop all three “bones” in our lives as we look forward to the coming of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Mark T. Tonkery, Norval Park cofC, Zanesville, OH

Elders:

Terry Gross	Doug Couch
Jay Wilkins	Larry Osborne
Brent Welch	Shamron Jackson

Deacons:

Larry Cocke	Gale Larkins
Tim Godwin	Butch Lee
Mike Jones	Jeremy Petty
David Karnes	Dean McKaskle
Lee Marlow	Greg Morris

Evangelist:	Doug Couch
	615-973-9652
Associate Minister:	Daniel Cauthen
	615-587-0965
Youth Minister:	Brant Sweat
	580-861-2281

Secretaries:

Debbie Couch	615-957-7452
Julie McKaskle	615-308-8456

Sunday:

Bible Classes	9:00am
A.M. Worship	10:00am
P.M. Worship	5:00pm
Children’s Bible Hour	5:00pm

Wednesday:

6:30 PM Classes **for everyone**

Thursday: Ladies Bible Class 10:00am
“In Search of the Lord’s Way” Sunday AM 7 – 7:30
“Gospel Broadcasting Network”
(GBN) Sunday AM 7:30-8:00
“Good News Today” Sunday AM -8:00
All on Channel WUXP 30

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Lessons from Winter Storms



Last week’s storm was reminiscent of the 1994 ice storm that paralyzed much of Tennessee. Wreaking havoc on roads, trees, powerlines, and people, some lost electricity and as a result lost possessions. Unfortunately, others lost their lives in automobile accidents or due to exposure to extreme cold.



What can we learn from these storms?

- God is sovereign and has control of the weather. God commands weather fronts, including lightning, hail, snow, fog, and hurricane force winds that fulfill His word (Psa. 148:8). God can change one condition in nature and bless us or bring us to our knees.
- Snow, sleet, freezing rain and ice help replenish the groundwater when it slowly melts. Later when winter turns to spring and summer, the groundwater continues to nourish plants and feed creeks and rivers.
- Frozen precipitation also benefits the soil. “Nitrogen exists in our atmosphere, put there by volcanic eruptions, lightning strikes, and the exhaust from our cars and manufacturing plants. As snowflakes form in the clouds and fall through the air, they collect nitrogen in the form of ammonium or nitrate as well as small amounts of sodium, magnesium, and sulfur” (<https://www.gardenguides.com/2076923/old-farmers-almanac-snow-good-for-garden/>, 17 Jan. 2026). Farmers call snow the “poor man’s fertilizer.”
- Winter storms slow us down by causing schools, businesses, and civil governments to close. Power outages take away our electronics. Some families strengthen their bonds by playing cards or board games. They also cooperate to prepare food that does not need cooking. Adversity has a way of binding us together with others.
- These storms cause us to think of our neighbors. Generators are sometimes lent to those without electricity. Farmers use tractors to clean the backroads of snow and ice. Those with four-wheel drive vehicles use them to bring food to those who cannot get out or take the elderly to medical appointments. Neighbors help those whose cars get stuck in the driveway, road or ditch.

Paul said, “In all things give thanks” (1 Thess. 5:21). So every cloud has a silver lining. Every trouble can also bring a blessing if we let them bring us closer to God.

----Doug Couch----

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Calendar of Events

- Feb. 8—First of the Month Fellowship Meal— Honoring Adelaide Butler
 - Feb. 8 - Deadline to turn in deposit for the Couple’s Retreat
 - Feb. 8—Elders & Deacons Meeting
 - Feb. 9—Sit n Sew—10:00am
 - Feb. 15—teacher’s Meeting @ 4:30
 - Feb. 16—Family Night @ 6:30
 - Feb. 20-22—CYC for the Youth Group
 - Feb. 22—Ladies Bible Class at 3:30
 - Feb. 27-28— Ladies Retreat at Leatherwood w/Judy Hinson. Turn in your applications to Konni Sullivan
- Check the bulletin board for area events.

Happy Birthday



- Feb. 1—Liam Adams, Boyer Robnett
- Feb. 3—Marlene Jackson, Ann Mitchell
- Feb. 6—Patty Qualls, Kaley Turnbull
- Feb. 9—Brian Pickard
- Feb. 10—Daniel Cauthen, Janie Craun, Jessica Delaney
- Feb. 11 —James Sellers
- Feb. 14—Aubree Jackson

Happy Anniversary

- Feb. 1 James & Debbie Fortner (52 years)
- Feb. 4—Tim & Kolleen Godwin (42 years)
- Feb. 7—Pierre & Charlene Griffin (50 years)

Mark Morey’s mother will be **turning 91** on Feb. 13. We would love for everyone to send her a card to celebrate. Her address is: Marilyn Morey, 22 Erie Ct. Midland, MI 48640

Retirement Dinner



After 49 years as our church secretary, Adelaide Butler has decided to retire. While she will still be an important part of our church family, she won’t be working in the office anymore. On February 8th during our regularly scheduled fellowship meal, we want to honor her. Please plan on bringing a dish and joining us after morning services that day.

Items Needed for February

- Backpack Program** needs plastic grocery bags.
 - MAGI Program** needs Toothpaste
 - Pantry Items** needs: Paper Towels Instant Rice
- See Tara Pickard with monetary donations.

Pray For One Another Daily

Glenda Bull had knee replacement surgery on Jan. 30 and is now home recovering.
Jim Suddeath, John Suddeath’s father was taken to the ER in Waverly Sunday night and is now home .
John McCarthy, Denise Petty’s brother-in-law will be having surgery soon.
Verna Lee Couch, Doug Couch’s mother will be undergoing a biopsy soon..

“You may not control all the events that happen to you, but you can decide not to be reduced by them.”

— Maya Angelou

Those Battling Cancer

OUR MEMBERS	OTHERS W/ CANCER	Relationship
Karl Craun	Sandra Floyd	Glenda Bull’s niece
Larry Osborne	David Stokes	Bernice Stokes’ brother-in-law
Elizabeth Daugherty	Dale Gross	Terry Gross’s brother
Bud Martin	Peggy Donegan	Shirley Daniel’s sister
Ruth Nicholson	Anthony Bennett	Jerry & Adelaide’s son-in-law
Gary Burgess	Melanie Barber	Nathan Barber’s mother
	Lee Shockney	friend of Daryl Daugherty
	Will Petty	grandson of Aline Lampley
	Bill Shouse	Debbie Story’s father
	Sherry Stuart	Wade Lynn’s sister
	Edward Gasser	Wesley Burn’s uncle
	Eddie Hooper	nephew of Wayne Hooper
	Jimmy Butner	son-in-law of Ruth Nicholson
	Harriett Reed	mother of Denise Petty
	James Tipton	friend
	Ashley Lynn	Wade Lynn’s daughter
	Angie Dunnagan	Wayne Hooper’s niece

Continue to Remember in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS	OTHERS	Relationship
Carol LeBlanc	Jo Corkan	Peggy Heath’s aunt
Sue Murphy	Yvonne Smithson	Wed. meal recipient
Betty Caldwell	Jean Majors & Kit	Wed. Meal recipient
Janie Taylor	Norman Mayer	Michelle Morris’ brother
Donna Wireman	Donna Lindsley	Carol LeBlanc’s friend
Larissa Dills	Charles Gross	Terry Gross’s brother
Marlene Jackson	Kenneth Godwin	Tim Godwin’s brother
Rusty Crick	Gavin Bowman	Mandy Cocke’s cousin
Barbara Pickard	Eulene Tanner	Charlene Griffin’s mother
Larry Witherow	Joe Paone	friend of Carol LaBlanc
Buddy & Brenda Driver	Alec Wagner	Kurt Wagner’s son
	Luke Bass	Konni Sullivan’s Grandson

In the Nursing Home

Olive Branch: Dorothy Hunter, Freddie Weatherspoon, 110 Luther Rd, Dickson, TN 37055.
NHC: Marvin Johnson rm 400, Ouida Polk rm 300, Lisa Butler rm 408, 812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson
Hillcrest Health Care Center: Shirley Hamilton, 111 Pemberton Dr, Ashland City, TN 37015 .
Belvedere Commons: Judy Barfield, 303 S Royal Oaks Blvd, Franklin, TN 37064
NHC Place at the TRACE: Ruth Nicholson, rm 324, 8353 Hwy 100, Nashville, TN 37221

New Baby

Congratulations to Mike and Susan Jones on the birth of another grandchild. **John Michael Jones** was born on Jan. 27 to Andrew and Maggie Jones. We rejoice with this fami-

I waited patiently for the Lord; and He inclined to me, and heard my cry. - Psalm 40:1

The Hebrew word for “waiting patiently” doesn’t mean to be still or quiet.

The word “qavah” actually means to eagerly expect God to act, and to be ready to spring into action when He does.

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The word means to literally wait - eagerly with a patient.

We repent enough to be forgiven, but do we surrender enough to be changed?

BRING 26 PEOPLE TO THE LORD IN 2026

Coming Events

2026 Ladies of Leatherwood’s Annual Retreat

“It’s me again, Lord, on my knees.”

Sign up now!!!

Speaker: **Judy Hinson**
Attends Walnut Street Church of Christ
Dickson, Tennessee

Camp Leatherwood
February 27-28, 2026
Check-in time/Visitation: 5:00 – 5:45 p. m.

\$40

Pick up your Registration forms in the lobby and return to Konnie Sullivan.



Couple’s Retreat April 9-12

This year’s Couples Retreat will be at Walden’s Lodge in Pigeon Forge. April 9th—12th. Total cost per couple is \$250. A deposit of \$125 is needed by Feb. 8 to save your room. Please sign up in the foyer and give your deposit to Dean or Julie by Sunday.