



Welcome

Church of Christ
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SUNDAY SERVICES

Aug. 23, 2026

LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Harley Pope
SERVE Communion Emblems in AUG. James Sellers, Carter Cocke, David Donegan, Jake Engleman
Preside Communion:—Robert Qualls
SERMON: Doug Couch
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: Don Mosley
LOBBY GREETERS: Englemans, Delaneys
SEAT GREETERS: Stanfields, Mosleys
USHERS to Collect Contribution in AUG.: Pierre Griffin, Darly Daugherty
NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Andrea & Debbie Johnson

Sunday Evening Service

LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Dennis Daniel
SERMON: Doug Couch
PRESIDE FOR MONTH of AUG.: Harley Pope
LEAD CLOSING PRAYER: James Sellers
Wednesday Evening Bible Class 7:00 Heb. 6—Jake Engleman

FOOD CALL IN AUG.: Tara Pickard & Joanna Jackson
WASH LINENS IN AUG.: Laurie Parker
LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF AUG.: Brent Welch, Larry Cocke
Aug. 16— **Attendance—** **Contribution— 7,728**

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.



Take Note: Our online directory is accessible through our website www.whitebluffcoc.org and on an APP that you can download to your cellphone, tablet, or computer. The APP is called Instant Church Directory. You must have a current email listed in the office to get access to the directory. Once you enter your email, you can set up your personal password. If you need help setting up the directory, please see Debbie or Julie, and we will get you started. We encourage the use of the App so that you can always see current and updated information.

Are We United or Untied

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- 6. Provoke One Another** – Heb. 10:24, “*An let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works,*” not provoke to anger or frustration but to love and good works. This is one goal of fellowship and gathering for worship. Our togetherness alone can stoke the fires, stir up the embers, that enflame our passion for Christ and godly living.
- 7. Forgive One Another** – Eph. 4:32, “*Be kind to one another, tenderhearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ forgave you.*” Forgiveness is not always easy. However, it is at the very least the kind thing to do. When we forgive, we are putting the Golden rule into practice as we forgive others, the way we desire to be forgiven by them – and by God.
- 8. Pray for One Another** – James 5:16 “*Therefore, confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The prayer of a righteous person has great power as it is working.*” We can pray for physical needs. We pray for spiritual needs – for increased faith. We can pray for God’s forgiveness and strength to avoid sin. But you cannot pray for me if we do not have a relationship where we can discuss our struggles (confess our sins to one another).
- 9. Love One Another** – John 15:12, “*This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you.*” Matt. 22:39, “You shall love your neighbor as yourself.” Despite the fact that I am not always loveable, God loves me; while I was still His enemy, weak, and sinful (rom 5:6-8). If we love, we will want what is truly best for each other and we will do our best to keep the relationship healthy.

In this list of nine, there are eleven “one another” statements that God knows will keep us UNITED and not UNTIED, if we will just practice what God teaches.



White Bluff Church of Christ

August 23, 2026

Are We United or Untied

I am finally convinced that Satan loves division. One of his main weapons from the very beginning is to create division. He used lies to divide Adam and Eve from God and from the garden. He used jealousy to divide Cain and Abel and then Cain killed Abel. He uses things of this world and desires of the flesh to divide marriages. When Satan can divide our relationships, he can get our focus off God and unto what keeps you and I at odds.

Satan does this to our world. He divides people within nations. He leads us to focus on our differences and problems using that focus to divide us by gender, race, and geographical location. He uses similar methods to divide churches. God, on the other hand, emphasizes what makes our relationships with each other. God helps us to be united instead of untied.

God Helps Us to be UNITED Instead of UNTIED!

We see this in what God says we as Christians are to do FOR one another.

- 1. Edify One Another** – Rom. 14:19, “*So then let us pursue what makes for peace and for mutual upbuilding.*” Mutual upbuilding is edification. Pick each other up, encourage your fellow man, praise the good in others.
- 2. Admonish One Another** – Rom. 15:14, “*I myself am satisfied about you, my brothers, that you yourselves are full of goodness, filled with all knowledge and able to instruct one another.*” Instructing each other in what is right; to gently restore or to direct each other is admonishment. I think of Jesus and the woman caught in adultery, “Go and sin no more.”
- 3. Teach One Another** – Col. 3:16, “*Let the word of Christ dwell in you richly, teaching and admonishing one another in all wisdom, singing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, with thankfulness in your hearts to God.*” One of the ways we teach each other in worship is by our singing. Other examples in Scripture demonstrate the importance of private instruction. I am thinking of Aquila and Priscilla pulling Apollos aside (Acts 18:25-26).
- 4. Serve One Another** – Gal. 5:13, “*For you were called to freedom, brothers. Only do not use your freedom as an opportunity for the flesh, but through love serve one another.*” When we minister to or serve each other, we take our self out of the equation and focus on the other’s need(s). volunteering to serve is a great reflection of what Christ did for us.
- 5. Bear One Another’s Burdens** – Gal. 6:2 “*Bear one another’s burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.*” This is service taken to the next level. This is relieving physical, emotional, and as much as is within our power – spiritual burdens. This is listening for the need and working to help. This is investing time and emotion into the relationship.

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Elders:

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

Deacons:

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

Evangelist:	Doug Couch
	615-973-9652
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	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:

7:00 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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Calendar of Events

- Aug. 23—Ladies Day meeting after morning service
 - Aug.23—Teacher’s Meeting 4:30
 - Sept 10-12—Transform Ladies Conference, Pigeon Forge
 - Sept. 12– Bible Bowl
 - Sept. 15—JOY Group lunch at Amerigo’s in Cool Springs
 - Oct. 8—World Bible School Dinner @6:30 p.m.
- Check the bulletin board for area events.

Happy Anniversary

- Aug. 23—Dean & Julie McKaskle (29 years)
- Aug. 28—Gil & Rita Daugherty (62 years)

Church

a human connection of love,
not a building

a lifestyle,
not a weekly activity

an act of service,
not a service to attend

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KEEP WORSHIP FROM FEELING ROUTINE



- Pray before you go
- Praise God on the drive there
- Get there early
- Bring your Bible
- Take notes
- Sing out loud
- Talk to people
- Apply the message to your week



Items Needed for August

MAGI Program needs: school supplies

Pantry Items needs: Canned carrots & Ramen Noodles

See Tara Pickard with monetary donations.

Pray For One Another Daily

Sympathy to the family of **Ryan Stitt**, Robbyn Griffin’s brother. He passed away on Saturday in Alabama.

Hadley Barber in NICU at Vanderbilt.

Gilp and Rita Daugherty have Covid. Gilp has been admitted to Horizon Hospital.

Ken Mahoney’s wife, **Sheila Mahoney**, is in St. Thomas West after having a stroke.

JOY GROUP LUNCH

The JOY Group is planning a lunch at Amerigos in Cool Springs on Tuesday, September 15th. Please see the sign-up sheet in the foyer for more information.

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
	Anthony Bennett	Jerry & Adelaide’s son-in-law
	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
	Harriett Reed	mother of Denise Petty
	Ashley Lynn	Wade Lynn’s daughter
	Angie Dunnagan	Wayne Hooper’s niece
	Carla Bull	Kirk Bull’s Wife
	Glenda Duncan	Brant Sweat’s grandmother
	Marilyn Morey	Mark Morey’s mother

Continue to Remember in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS	OTHERS	Relationship
Carol LeBlanc	Jo Corkan	Peggy Heath’s aunt
Betty Caldwell	Yvonne Smithson	Wed. meal recipient
Donna Wireman	Jean Majors & Kit	Wed. Meal recipient
Marlene Jackson	Norman Mayer	Michelle Morris’ brother
Barbara Pickard	Charles Gross	Terry Gross’s brother
Larry Witherow	Kenneth Godwin	Tim Godwin’s brother
Buddy & Brenda Driver	Gavin Bowman	Mandy Cocke’s cousin
	Alec Wagner	Kurt Wagner’s son
	Luke Bass	Konni Sullivan’s grandson

In the Nursing Home

The Pearl: Dorothy Hunter, rm 314, 7112 Old Nashville Hwy. Fairview, TN 37062

Olive Branch: Larry Osborne, Freddie Weatherspoon, 110 Luther Rd, Dickson, TN 37055.

NHC: Barbara Pickard rm 106, Marvinne Johnson rm 400B Ouida Polk rm 300, Lisa Butler rm 408, 812 N. Charlotte St. Dickson

Belvedere Commons: Judy Barfield, 303 S Royal Oaks Blvd, Franklin, TN 37064

Brookdale Nursing Home: Shirley Griffin 15 Burton Hills, Apt 241, Nashville, TN 37215

The Family of Jordan Osborne invites you to a bridal shower on Sunday, August 30th, from 1:00–3:00 p.m. in the fellowship hall to celebrate her upcoming wedding to Austin Sessler. Jordan and Austin are registered at Amazon.



“I love how, in answering Ananias’s concerns, God doesn’t say anything about Saul’s past. He just focuses on Sauls future and all God will do through him. What a great reminder as we wrestle with the past mistake of ourselves or others.” Acts. 9:13-15

Kathy Pollard

6 RESULTS OF A CONSISTENT PRAYER LIFE

1. Prayer keeps your heart close to God
Psalm 73:28
2. Prayer gives wisdom for life’s decisions
James 1:5
3. Prayer strengthens you in times of temptation
Matthew 26:41
4. Prayer replaces worry with confidence in God
1 Peter 5:7
5. Prayer releases God’s power into impossible situations
Ephesians 3:20
6. Prayer prepares you to accomplish God’s will
Colossians 4:2–3

H A R O L D V A U G H A N

You can’t always have a good day.
But you can always face a bad day
with a good attitude.

BRING 26 PEOPLE TO THE LORD IN 2026

The Empty Pew

Preachers have a distinctive view of the congregation as he stands before them and delivers the message from God’s word. As he teaches the lesson, he subconsciously assesses the audience, and immediately knows if the attendance for that day is good or is lacking. As human nature would have it, members have the habit of sitting in the same place for each service they attend. If the congregation is small, the preacher has probably memorized each member’s or family’s designated pew. So, when those pews are empty, especially for several services, it is a matter of concern for the following reasons:

- **Is someone sick?** Do they need prayer, comfort, or ministered to? “And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up.” (James 5:15a)
- **Are they suffering from loss or tragedy?** Do they need God’s comfort that can be given through us? (2 Corinthians 1:3-4)
- **Are they at odds with a fellow member?** Jesus taught us conflict resolution, even if it needs mediation. (Matthew 18:15-20)
- **Is the new convert struggling with their commitment to God?** Mature Christians should encourage them. (Romans 15:1)
- **Have they been offended** by truthful presentation of the scriptures which convict the world of sin? (John 16:8)
- **Have they willfully missed worship while pursuing pleasure?** This is idolatry, is sinful and requires repentance. (Hebrews 10:24-27)
- **Have they become distracted by life?** Work and family obligations can lead us on the gradual road to unfaithfulness. (Colossians 3:1-2)

These are just a few of the things that can concern the preacher (or elder) as they observe the empty pew.

Jay Launius – Maud Church of Christ Maud, Texas

