



Welcome

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OCTOBER 4, 2026

Prayer and Incense

Tertullian (AD 155-222) was a prolific writer from Carthage and leader in the early church who wrote: "Prayer is the spiritual sacrifice which has superseded the sacrifice of the Old Covenant. It averts God's anger. It watches for the enemies. It intercedes for the persecutors. It obtains the forgiveness of sins. It dispels temptation. It comforts the feeble-minded. It refreshes the strong. Prayer is the bulwark of faith. Prayer is opening the channels of our emptiness to God's fullness from defeat to victory." Alexander Campbell rose every morning on his Bethany, West Virginia farm at 3 AM in order to spend two and a half hours praying and meditating upon God's word. He did so until 5:30 AM when Mrs. Campbell would ring a bell calling all family members to worship. This was characteristic of most of the Restoration preachers.

Jacob Creath, Jr. was a gospel preacher who served as chaplain for the Union army during the Civil war (He once preached to twelve southern soldiers who would be executed the next day as spies). In peacetime, Creath would rise each morning before dawn and walk to his apple orchard so he could spend 20 minutes in prayer.

The Old Testament counterpart to prayer was "holy incense." "Let my prayer be set before You as incense, the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice" (Psalm 141:2). The apostle John saw 24 elders around God's throne and in each of their hands were golden bowls which had been filled with incense, which pictures our prayers (Rev. 5:8). How did the holy incense compare to prayer?

1. **Its ingredients were sacred.** Only the priests could mix or offer it (Exod. 30:34-38). Similarly, prayer is only for those who are in God's kingdom. God will turn a deaf ear to the prayer of a rebel.
2. **It was beaten fine**_(Exodus 30:36). God intends for prayer to include small details: specific names, feelings, and circumstances. We should avoid general repetitions which may become meaningless to us and God.
3. **It was heated by fire.** Without heat, incense will not give off its aroma. Prayers are of little value when offered by a cold heart. However, the intense and energetic prayer of a righteous man has much power (James 5:16).
4. **It smells sweet.** The prayer of a righteous man is God's delight (Proverbs 15:8). When we obey God in everything, our prayers please Him, and they will get results (1 John 3:22).

----Doug Couch----



Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat

Trunk or Treat will be a little different this year by adding food and games to the event on Saturday night, Oct. 31. If you can help with food or games please sign the list in the foyer.

Sunday Services

October 4, 2026

LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Roger Heath
SERVICE COMMUNION EMBLEMS: Brant Sweat, Peter Chimera, Wesley Burns, Robert Qualls
PRESIDE COMMUNION: Harold Petty
SERMON: Brant Sweat
ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER: John Suddeath
LOBBY GREETERS: Laurie Parker, Brenda Lyle
SEAT GREETERS: Godwins, Woods
USHERS TO COLLECT CONTRIBUTION: Jeremy Petty, Dean McKaskle
NURSERY ATTENDANTS: Ann Heath, Susan Jones

SUNDAY EVENING SERVICE:
LEAD SINGING: David Karnes
LEAD OPENING PRAYER: Cody Duncan
SERMON: Brant Sweat
PRESIDE COMMUNION: Dennis Daniel
LEAD CLOSING PRAYER: Ronald Johnson

WEDNESDAY EVENING BIBLE CLASS:
Oct 7 - William Welch - Spiritual Maturity & Spiritual Disciplines
OCTOBER SERVE
FOOD CALL: Janie Craun, Linda Hooper
WASH LINENS: Peggy Petty
UNLOCK/LOCK DOORS : Jeremy Petty, Terry Gross
Sept. 27 - Attendance - 243 Contribution - \$5,340

BRING 26 PEOPLE TO THE LORD IN 2026

Directory Updates: Prayer Request Notifications & Death Notices: Please call Debbie Couch 615-957-7452 or at couchd25@hotmail.com if you have any updates. 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.



The 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. If you need help, see Julie or Debbie. We encourage the use of the APP so that you can always see current and updated information.

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

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

Evangelists:
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 Service Times:
Bible Class: 9:00am
A.M. Worship: 10:00am
P.M. Worship: 5:00pm
Children's
Bible Hour: 5:00pm

Wednesday Service Time:
Bible Class: 7:00pm

Thursday: Ladies Bible Class 10 am
"In Search of Lord's Way" Sunday 7am
"Gospel Broadcasting Network"
(GBN) Sunday 7:30am
"Good News Today" Sunday 8am
All on Channel WUXP 30

Church Email Address:
whblchurch@gmail.com
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Calendar of Events

Oct. 4 - First of the month meal
 Oct. 10 - WB Fall Festival Booth
 Oct. 17 - Men's Ministry Breakfast
 Oct. 19 - Family Night
 Oct. 24 - Ladies Day 9:00 am
 Oct. 26 - Clothing Giveaway 6-7 pm
 Oct. 31 - Trunk or Treat /
 Fall Festival 5:30
 Every 5th Sunday afternoon -Singing Class

Happy Birthday



Sept. 27- Adelaide Butler
 Sept. 28 - Chris Adams
 Sept. 30 - Colton Deals
 Oct. 3 - Tammie Crick

Happy Anniversary

Sept. 30- Nathan & Hailey Barber (4 years)
 Sept. 30 - Ralph & Debbie Story (49 years)

Reputation is what man
 and woman think of us.
 Character is what God
 and angels know of us.

HELP Needed @ Camp

We are renovating a girls' cabin at Camp Leatherwood. If you would like to donate time or money to assist with this, please see Jay Wilkins.

Items Needed

Pantry Needs: Saltine Crackers & Cereal
 Please see Tara Pickard with monetary donations.
MAGI Needs: Band-aids

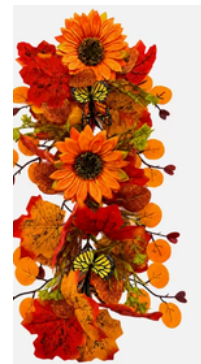
Prayers Needed

Mary Hedrick is in the hospital with blood clots in lungs and now has Covid. **Ray Hedrick** also has Covid..
Ellie Sellers is at the MAYO Clinic having more tests.
Hadley Barber is in NICU at Vanderbilt Children's Hospital.
Peggy Donegan, Shirley Daniel's sister had aortic valve replacement on Monday. She is in Centennial Hospital.
Sam Potts, brother of Penny Rodgers is in St. Thomas West hospital with infection and has been diagnosed with cancer.
Janice Crocker is in Vanderbilt hospital with a broken hip. She is a neighbor of the Barbers.

Those Battling Cancer

OUR MEMBERS:

Karl Craun
 Larry Osborne
 Elizabeth Daugherty
 Jay Wilkins
 Bud Martin



OTHERS

Sandra Floyd
 David Stokes
 Dale Gross
 Peggy Donegan
 Anthony Bennett
 Melanie Barber
 Lee Shockney
 Will Petty
 Bill Shouse
 Sherry Stuart
 Edward Gasser
 Eddie Hooper
 Harriett Reed
 Angie Dunnagan
 Carla Bull
 Glenda Duncan
 Marilyn Morey
 Sam Potts

RELATIONSHIP

Glenda Bull's niece
 Becky Clark's Uncle
 Terry Gross's brother
 Shirley Daniel's sister
 Adelaide Butler's son-in-law
 Nathan Barber's mother
 friend of Daryl Daugherty
 grandson of Aline Lampley
 Debbie Story's father
 Wade Lynn's sister
 Wesley Burn's uncle
 nephew of Wayne Hooper
 mother of Denise Petty
 Wayne Hooper's niece
 Kirk Bull's wife
 Brant Sweat's grandmother
 Mark Morey's mother
 Penny Rodger's brother

Continue to Remember in Prayer

OUR MEMBERS

Carol LeBlanc
 Sue Murphy
 Betty Caldwell
 Pamela Todd
 Donna Wireman
 Rusty Crick
 Marlene Jackson
 Janie Taylor
 Buddy & Brenda Driver

OTHERS

Jo Corkan
 Norman Mayer
 Charles Gross
 Kenneth Godwin
 Gavin Bowman
 Alec Wagner
 Luke Bass

RELATIONSHIP

Peggy Heath's aunt
 Michelle Morris' brother
 Terry Gross's brother
 Tim Godwin's brother
 Mandy Cocke's cousin
 Kurt Wagner's son
 Konni Sullivan's grandson

In the Nursing Home

The Pearl: Darryl Kilgore, 7112 Old Nashville, Hwy. Fairview, TN 37062
Olive Branch: Larry Osborne, Freddie Weatherspoon, 110 Luther Rd. Dickson, TN 37055
NHC: Barbara Pickard rm 106, Marvine 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

Coming Soon



Benefit Dinner

Thursday, October 8, 2026 @ 6:30pm
 Concord Rd Church of Christ
 8221 Concord Rd. Brentwood, TN
 RSVP by Oct. 1st
 Bus will leave at 5 pm.



MEN'S MINISTRY

OCT. 17, 8 AM
DON MOSLEY'S HOUSE
BREAKFAST, DEVOTIONAL
AND ACTIVITIES
ALL MEN ARE WELCOME
SIGN UP SHEET IS IN THE FOYER



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Bloodmobile



Friday, October 9th
 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

SCAN HERE



Donors will receive a 'Game Changers' Shirt when they give October 1-31! While supplies last!



BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE LOCAL, SAVE LOCAL
 with Blood Assurance

- Eat a good meal
- Avoid energy drinks
- Bring your ID
- Drink extra water



FOLLOW US FOR STORIES
 OF LOCAL IMPACT!

The White Bluff Fall Festival is on Oct. 10 this year. We need help with our Booth. Please sign up for a time to help between 10:30 and 6:30.. See Brant if you have any questions.



Clothing Giveaway!

Monday, October 26
 6:00 - 7:00 PM

Shoppers need to bring their own bags.

We will be setting up the Giveaway at 9:00 AM on the 26th. If you can help, please let Marilyn Wilkins know. The only donations we can accept at this time are children's clothes. Thanks to all who donate to the closet.

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LADIES DAY

WOMEN'S CONFERENCE

Speaker

JJ
 Davenport

SATURDAY
 OCT 24TH
 9:00 AM

REGISTRATION
 830

TOPIC OF DISCUSSION

Words

HOW TO USE THEM, KEEP THEM
 PURE, AND WHEN TO STOP USING
 THEM

BREAKFAST AND LUNCH
 TO BE PROVIDED

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We need more ladies to sign up to bring a salad for Ladies Day. Any kind of salad is needed. Sign up sheet is in the foyer.

"Only virtuous people are capable
 of freedom, and as nations
 become corrupt and vicious, they
 have more need of masters."

Benjamin Franklin