



CHURCH OF CHRIST

# Welcome

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# White Bluff Church of Christ March 29, 2026

## SUNDAY SERVICES

March 29, 2026

**LEAD SINGING:** David Karnes  
**LEAD OPENING PRAYER:** Harold Petty  
**SERVE Communion Emblems in MAR:** Wesley Burns, Peter Chimer, Larry Cocke, Daniel Cauthen  
**Preside Communion:**—Don Mosley  
**SERMON:** Doug Couch  
**ANNOUNCEMENTS/CLOSING PRAYER:** Harley Pope  
**LOBBY GREETERS:** Wagners, Moreys  
**SEAT GREETERS:** Sweats, Grosses  
**USHERS to Collect Contribution in MAR:** Daryl Daugherty, David Donegan  
**NURSERY ATTENDANTS:** Peggy Petty, Kim Willoughby  
**Sunday Evening Service**  
**LEAD SINGING:** David Karnes  
**LEAD OPENING PRAYER:** Larry Cocke  
**SERMON:** Doug Couch  
**LEAD CLOSING PRAYER:** James Sellers  
**PRESIDE FOR MONTH of MAR:** Nathan Barber  
**Wednesday Evening Bible Class 6:30**  
**FOOD CALL IN MAR:** Ann Heath, Debbie Couch  
**WASH LINENS IN MAR:** Joyce Morey  
**LOCK & UNLOCK DOORS FOR THE MONTH OF MAR:** Daryl Daugherty, Carl Hirsbrunner

Mar. 22— Attendance—268 Contribution—\$8,251

### 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](http://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.



**BRING 26 PEOPLE TO THE LORD  
IN 2026**

To our members and visitors:

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

### MYSELF AND I

I have to live with myself and so,  
I want to be fit for myself to know.  
I want to be able as the days go by,  
Always to look myself straight in the eye.  
I don't want to stand in the setting sun  
And hate myself for the things I have done.  
I don't want to keep on a closet shelf  
A lot of secrets about myself.  
And fool myself as I come and go,  
Into thinking that no one else will know  
The kind of person I really am.  
I don't want to dress myself up in a sham;  
I want to go out with head erect.  
I want to deserve all men's respect;  
But here in the struggle for fame and self  
I want to be able to like myself.  
I don't want to think as I come and go  
That I'm bluster and bluff and empty show.  
I never can hide myself from me;  
I see what others may never see;  
I know what others my never know;  
I can never fool myself, and so,  
Whatever I do, I want to be  
Self respecting and conscience free.

### 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

**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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### From the Couch

**In Praise of Servanthood.** Recently, this church lost two very beloved and faithful servants: Larissa Dills and Gale Larkins. Both loved the Lord and His people. Larissa worked for the Tennessee's Treasury Department but still found time to serve God in quiet ways. She communicated breaking news of sicknesses, hospitalizations, or deaths by text messages to the church. She also handwrote addresses for the Compassion Cards as part of our evangelism efforts. Gale Larkins was retired from the Ford Glass Plant in Nashville but used his time to glorify God. He served for several years on the Planning Commission of Dickson County. He also participated in our Meals-on-Wheels program by delivering meals and also washed pots, pans, and dishes. Even though they have gone on to glory, we feel an empty spot in our hearts. Jesus said that a person's greatness is measured by one's humility and service to others (Matthew 20:26).

**Singing for God's Glory.** Our annual Spring Sing will be held on Sunday Evening, April 26 at 5 PM. Each year more than 250 gather from different congregations to be led by various song leaders. We will have a simple meal of finger foods and pizza. We are grateful to those who will prepare food and to those who help us clean up afterwards. Singing predates the creation of man (Job 38:7) and will survive for eternity (Rev. 22:9). "I will sing of the mercy of the LORD forever; with my mouth I will make known Your faithfulness to all generations" (Psalm 89:1).

**Another Middle Eastern War.** The Middle East has been a tinder box of conflict since the days of Abraham when his descendants from Ishmael, Jacob, and Esau have been at each other's throats (Gen. 16:12). Christianity began in the Middle East but has been systematically been eliminated by Islamic persecution of Christians. The nation of Iran has about 95 million people and live in the land once ruled by Persian Monarchs. Their origin can be traced to two of Noah's sixteen grandsons, Madai who was the father of the Medes and Elam who became father of the Persians (Gen. 10:2-5). Only one-third of Iranians are Muslim and they practice Shia Islam. When Mohammed died, Muslims disagreed over who would lead the community and they divided into Sunni (85%) and Shia Islam (13%). The Supreme Leader of Iran believes that before the end of time, God will send a Muslim Redeemer, the Imam Madhi who will help Jesus the Messiah (Issa Masih) defeat evil and end the world. Iran's repeated attempts to obtain nuclear weapons and use them on non-Muslim nations will in the view of Shia Muslims help bring about the end of the world. They have been a thorn in the sides of US Presidents from Jimmy Carter to Donald Trump killing hundreds of Americans. These fanatics see the USA as the "Great Satan" and won't hesitate to use weapons of mass destruction on us. Please pray for a peaceful resolution that will permit Iranians to have religious freedom so they can learn about Jesus from the Bible.

**Freed-Hardeman Men Win National Championship in Basketball.** After beginning their season with 3 wins before losing, FHU men won 32 straight games to finish 35-1. They have been to the NAIA Final Four the last four years and they won the NAIA national championship in 2024 and 2026. In the championship game, television announcers remarked about the sportsmanship of FHU players. Congratulations to their pursuit of excellence.

## Calendar of Events

March 29—Ladies Bible Class at 3:30  
 April 1—Wed. Night Bible Study will move back to 7:00 pm  
 April 3—Men's Ministry Bonfire Devotional @ 6:30 pm  
 April 5—Monthly Pot-luck Lunch

### Check the bulletin board for area events.

April 3—Friday night Singing @ Clearview CoC in Cottontown, TN @ 7:00 pm  
 April 11—Popular Grove Ladies Day  
 April 18 —Ladies Day at Charlotte Heights CoC Kara Farr will be speaking  
 April 18—Ladies Event @ 4:30 Dwina Willis @ McEwen Co C  
 April 25—Women's Fellowship @ Clearview CoC in Cottontown, TN @ 8:30 am lunch provided  
 April 16-Aug. 8—Summer Term @ Nashville School of Preaching  
 April 23-26 — Equipped Workshop @ Cumberland Trace CoC Bowling Green KY

April 5 will be the first of the month Eat-Together. We realize that it is a holiday and many have plans to be with their families. But if you do not have plans, you are welcome to stay after service and enjoy a pot-luck meal with fellow Christians.



Happy Birthday

Mar. 30—Lori Goodman, Jay Wilkins  
 Apr. 2—Greg Morris  
 Apr. 3—Andy Dawson, Carl Hirsbrunner, Kendahl Petty, Denise Petty, Aubrey Suddeath

## Jesus Finds Lost Sheep

**Aline Lampley** asked for prayers Sunday morning that she can be restored to her relationship with God. She loves this church and many have encouraged her. She wants to live right and be right with God. Please pray for her.

**Norma Mayer**, Michelle Morris' mother, was baptized into Christ on Tuesday, March 24. She has spent much time studying the Bible. We praise her decision and want to encourage her.

**Wednesday Night Bible Study**  
 will change the meeting time back  
 to 7:00 pm beginning on April 1.

All Members need to complete the INFORMATION UPDATE FORM in the foyer and return to the gray tray on the credenza. Thank you for helping the secretaries keep updated information and being able to get information out to you.

## Items Needed for March

**Backpack Program** needs plastic grocery bags.

**MAGI Program** needs Ziplock bags (snack & quart size)

**Pantry Items** needs: Paper Towels Instant Rice  
 See Tara Pickard with monetary donations.

## Pray For One Another Daily

**Larry Osborne** is now home and under Hospice Care.  
**Dorothy Hunter** is being moved to Horizon in Dickson for Rehab.  
**Lou Ann Tidwell** has 3 broken vertebra and will have surgery soon.

a SOUL CANNOT LIVE WITHOUT LOVING.  
 IT MUST HAVE SOMETHING TO LOVE,  
 FOR IT WAS CREATED TO LOVE.

## Sympathy

Sympathy to the family of **Jimmy Butner**. He was the son-in-law of Ruth Nicholson. Jimmy & his wife Tina attended services here several years ago. His funeral was at Harpeth Hills Memorial Garden on Mar.26..

## Those Battling Cancer

### OUR MEMBERS

**Karl Craun**  
**Larry Osborne**  
**Elizabeth Daugherty**  
**Bud Martin**  
**Ruth Nicholson**  
**Gary Burgess**

### OTHERS W/ CANCER

	<i>Relationship</i>
Sandra Floyd	Glenda Bull's niece
David Stokes	Bernice Stokes' brother-in-law
Dale Gross	Terry Gross's brother
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
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

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

### OTHERS

	<i>Relationship</i>
<b>Jo Corkan</b>	Peggy Heath's aunt
<b>Yvonne Smithson</b>	Wed. meal recipient
<b>Jean Majors &amp; Kit</b>	Wed. Meal recipient
<b>Norman Mayer</b>	Michelle Morris' brother
<b>Charles Gross</b>	Terry Gross's brother
<b>Kenneth Godwin</b>	Tim Godwin's brother
<b>Gavin Bowman</b>	Mandy Cocke's cousin
<b>Eulene Tanner</b>	Charlene Griffin's mother
<b>Alec Wagner</b>	Kurt Wagner's son
<b>Luke Bass</b>	Konni Sullivan's Grandson

## In the Nursing Home

**Olive Branch:** Dorothy Hunter, Freddie Weatherspoon, Ruth Nicholson, rm 118, 110 Luther Rd, Dickson, TN 37055.

**NHC:** 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

**The Waters of Cheatham:** Peggy Miller (Julies McKaskle's mother) 2501 River Rd. Ashland City, TN 37015

## Men's Ministry

### Men's Devotional with Dinner and Bonfire

At Camp Leatherwood

April 3, @ 6:30 pm

This is for all men & teenage boys



### Life's Problems

There are often little problems  
 That Christians face today.  
 There are clouds that fill the heavens  
 And keep the sun away.

But the way that leads to glory  
 Is not always sun and song.  
 There's reproach and persecution  
 There's a cross to take along.

When the time of fiery trial  
 And the suffering all has passed,  
 If you've borne it as a Christian  
 You'll receive a crown at last.

(Clifford Reel 1964)

## Thank You

Thank you so much for attending the Dinner honoring my 49th year retirement. I appreciate the kind words said by the elders and Buddy. Thanks for the cards, the gift from the ladies to the Spa Day Bloom, and the other gifts of kindness. I appreciate the help from the former secretaries, Charlene, Lori, Debbie, Julie and Tina (who is in our memory.) Please give our present secretaries, Debbie and Julie a pat on the back and words of encouragement because this church cannot run without them. Thanks to Buddy who worked along side of me for several years. And a very special thank you for me being able to work with Doug for 30 years, for his kindness and caring for me and Jerry and our family. Thanks to Tom Todd who worked with me for years as youth minister. "God Is Good."

Thank you again and I love you. Adelaide Butler

Thank you to Kenny Chamberlin and his father, Tom who cleaned up the broken willow tree in front of the church building that had been damaged by the ice storm. Also, thanks to Larry Cocke and his sons, who helped. The tree was planted several years ago in memory of LeeAnn Green and Steve Pickard.

## WORD OF THE DAY

NOUN: **paraprosdokian**

A literary device where the end of the sentence or phrase has an unexpected twist, causing the reader to rethink the beginning; from a Greek phrase meaning "beyond expectation."

Examples:

I started with nothing, and I still have most of it.

I always give 100% at work—10% on Monday, 20% on Tuesday and the rest on Friday.

I asked God for patience, and He gave me traffic.

I have a photographic memory... but it is always out of focus.

I planned to get organized, but I lost the plan.

I love long walks, especially when they're taken by people who annoy me.

I told my doctor I broke my arm in two places. He told me to stop going to those places.

I'm great at multitasking. I can waste time, be unproductive and miss deadlines all at once.

I don't suffer from insanity, I enjoy every minute of it.

Taken from Abundant Living Magazine 2026  
 Submitted by Jerry Western

## How to Keep People in the Church

What can be done to stop the churning? Well, it may be tempting for a congregation to compromise their convictions to attract people. But this is certainly not the answer.

A wise man once stated: "If you hamburger people into the church, you'll have to hamburger them to stay."

We need to attract people to the gospel message for it is God's power to save (not programs and activities; cf. Rom. 1:16)!

True and undefiled religion is not about getting people in the door. It's about molding people via the power of God's word to be like Jesus (cf. I Cor. 11:1). It's about helping one another live pure and benevolent lives (cf. James 1:27).

In order for that to happen, people have to learn the truth of God's word and be fully committed to it! This will lead to maturity and stability on an individual and congregational level.

That is the only sure-fire way I know of to stop people from leaving the Lord's church.

Stephen Bradd