We saw his star in the east and have come to worship him...

When they saw the star, they were overjoyed. On coming to the house, they saw the child with his mother Mary, and they bowed down and worshiped him.

Matthew 2:2b...11a
Epiphany Sunday

Welcome  Ms. Janice Allen
Prelude  March of the Three Kings  Mrs. Brenda Fleeman
Bringing in the Light  Acolytes
Scripture Reading  Psalm 72:1-7  Rev. Debbie Huckaby
Invocation  Rev. Huckaby
*Opening Hymn  The First Noel  UMH 245
*Affirmation of Faith  UMH 881
*Gloria Patri
Greeting/Registration of Worshippers  The Rev. Parker Benson
Prayer Concerns/Pastoral Prayer  Rev. Huckaby
*Offertory Hymn  We Three Kings  UMH 254
*Offertory Prayer/Lord’s Prayer  Rev. Benson
Offertory Anthem  We Three Kings  Chancel Choir
*Doxology  UMH 95
Message  “Worship the King”  Rev. Benson
Matthew 2:1-12 (pg. 681)

Sacrament of Holy Communion

RECEIVING THE LORD’S SUPPER
We are a church of open communion and everyone is welcome. When the Pastor invites you forward, please come as you are able, the ushers will direct you. If you would like to receive Holy Communion in your pew, please let one of the ushers know.

Gluten Free elements are available on a table to the right of the altar.

Special Music  Mrs. Katie Wilson
*Hymn of Invitation & Dedication  UMH 220
A ngds From the Realms of Glory
*Benediction  Rev. Benson
*Choral Benediction  UMH 672
God Be with You ’til We Meet Again (vs. 1)
Postlude  A ngds From the Realms of Glory  Mrs. Fleeman

*You are invited to stand, as able

The Pastor’s Discretionary Fund helps provide assistance to our congregation as well as Barrow County neighbors who ask us for financial assistance with utility bills, rent or mortgage, medical needs, fuel or other financial needs. If you would like to contribute to this ministry, please leave your donation on the altar during Holy Communion. Thank you.
Welcome! At Bethlehem First United Methodist Church, we are a community of faith where people meet for a life-changing encounter with God. Our faith community loves to sing to God and loves to sing about God. As we join together as one body with one voice, we invite you to open your hearts and minds to all that God has in store for you.

To learn more about Bethlehem First United Methodist Church and discover how you can get connected, visit our website at www.bigwhitechurch.com.
**Wiseman 5K** ~ TODAY’S THE DAY! Join us this afternoon!

2:30 p.m. Run Run/Walk
3:00 p.m. 5k Run/Walk

**Registration**
$25 per person, $20 no t-shirt (after Dec. 14)
T-shirts available as supplies last
$60 Family rate (limit 4)
Registration Tables located in the Gym

**Karate Kids for Christ** ~ Registration has begun for Karate Kids for Christ. There is a $40 uniform fee due at registration. The practice schedule is as follows:

First Practice: Thursday, January 9 6-8 p.m.
Last Practice: Thursday, April 10 6-8 p.m.

Students will be divided into age groups during practice times:

- 5-8: 25 minutes
- 9-13: 30 minutes
- 13 and up: 40 minutes

For questions or more information, please contact Ann Abbett, 770-833-8752, annabbett@aol.com.

**Everyone is Invited** ~ You and your entire family are invited to the United Methodist Men’s 2014 kickoff event on **Monday night, January 13**. Our special guest will be 7-time state championship coach, inspirational speaker, motivator, and disciple of Jesus Christ, Billy Henderson. He has been an example to others, both on and off the playing field, for over 60 years. You will be blessed by his story.

We will share a Chick-fil-A catered supper with Coach Henderson at 6 p.m. in the fellowship hall ($5 each), with the program to follow at 7 p.m. in the Worship Center (no charge). Childcare provided.

Please respond if you plan to attend.

Name_____________________________________________

Email_____________________________________________

_____ Number of Supper ($5/ea. at the door)

place in offering plate, or
RSVP by email to office@bigwhitechurch.com

A Night with Coach Henderson sponsored by our UMM

**Wednesday Night Live** will resume on January 8, 2014. Start the year off by participating in the Wednesday night activities and classes that are offered at BFUMC. There is something for everyone.

**Fellowship Meal** ~ Come and join us for a catered meal each Wednesday. Each Sunday we do our best to print the menu for the coming Wednesday. Beginning January 8, the meal pricing will be:

- Adults: $6.00/plate
- Salad Only: $5.00/plate
- Children: $5.00/plate (12 and under)
- Family: $20.00 (parents & children)

Due to increased kitchen/food costs, any additional donations are helpful and appreciated.

**Healing Service**

January 19, 2014, 7:00 pm. (Sanctuary)

A Healing Service is a time of worship and prayer that seeks to unite the healing power of Christ with our wounded selves. Everyone has concerns – for the health of our bodies, minds and spirits – for ourselves and for others. Scripture instructs us to pray for healing and make our requests known to God. Participants can receive an anointing (blessed oil placed on one’s forehead in the name of God), the ancient rite of laying on of hands, and be prayed for at the altar or pray independently in the pew. Prayer can be for themselves or for others that they are concerned about. Come - call upon the name of the Lord and seek wholeness of mind, body and spirit.

**Coach Billy Henderson @ BFUMC**

Monday, January 13

6:00 PM
Chick-Fil-A Catered Supper
(make your reservation today)

7:00 PM
Program with Coach Henderson
in the Worship Center
Wednesday Night Live
January 8, 2014 – May 14, 2014

Note: Classes will not meet Wednesday, March 5 (Ash Wednesday) and Wednesday, April 16 (Holy Week).

5:45 p.m. Family Ministries Wednesday Star Search

6:20 p.m. PreK-1st Grade, (6:40pm) Room 119
Littlest Angels Choir Katie Wilson, Dir.
2nd-4th Grade, (6:40pm) Children Singers Karen Smith, Dir.

6:30 p.m. 5th and 6th Grade, (8pm) Room 129/127
The Bridge will be continuing our Pre-Confirmation classes with our 5th graders and our Confirmation classes with our 6th graders as they learn more about what it means to live out our Christian faith and to be a part of the United Methodist Church.

Middle School Youth, (8pm) Room 131
High School Youth, (8pm) Room 130

7:00 p.m. PreK-1st Grade, (8pm) Room 105/111
Children will learn about Jesus’ ministry of healing, teaching, and miracles as they experience the wonder and adventure of the Bible.

2nd – 4th Grade, (8pm) Sanctuary/#112
Bells and Bible: Children will rotate between playing the bells/chimes and experiencing the ministry, teaching, and miracles of Jesus. There will also be time for some recreational activity.

Adult Classes

People of Faith: Christianity in America
The story of how Christianity shaped life in the United States.

* Is America now or has it ever been a Christian Nation?
* What is the meaning of separation of church and state?
* How can the church be a faithful Gospel witness in a pluralistic society?
* What will the church look like in the future?

In this six-episode series you’ll meet spiritual visionaries, leaders and entrepreneurs who shaped Christianity across the centuries and dramatically impacted the culture we live in today including Jonathan Edwards, Harriett Beecher Stowe, Archbishop John Joseph Hughes, Martin Luther King Jr., and Billy Graham.

Video based study, led by Rev. Parker Benson
Wednesdays beginning January 8, 2014 from 6:45-8 PM, #128.

The Daniel Plan: 40 Days to a Healthier Life
Rick Warren, Daniel Amen M.D., and Mark Hymen M.D.

The Daniel Plan shows you how the powerful combination of faith, fitness, food, focus, and friends will change your health forever, transforming you in the most head-turning way imaginably—from the inside out.

The Daniel Plan small group study teaches simple ways to incorporate healthy choices into your daily lifestyle. This study includes biblical inspiration from Pastor Rick, instruction from our doctors and wellness experts, practical food and fitness tips, and much more.


Six-week small group video based study, led by Ann Shannon
Wednesdays beginning January 8 from 7-8 PM in #123.

Church 101
This is a 6-week class will review the basic terms of Christianity, beliefs of UMC, and the ministry of BFUMC.

Six-week class, led by Rev. Debbie Huckaby
Wednesdays beginning January 8 in #125.

Praying the Names of God (Based on the book by Kay Arthur)
Do you know our Lord as Jehovah Raah - Our Shepherd or Jehovah Shalom - The Lord our Peace? God has revealed to us different characteristics of Himself and invites us to come to Him in prayer - trusting God’s grace is sufficient for all our needs. Join us each Wednesday night starting February 19 to learn God’s names and how to pray to God according to the revelation of who He is.

This class will follow Church 101 and begin on February 19. Led by Rev. Debbie Huckaby and Rev. Rich Tuttle.

Just Walk Across the Room: Simple Steps Pointing People to Faith
This class is a continuation of the class that began in the fall. What if you knew that by simply crossing the room and saying hello to someone, you could change that person’s forever? Just a few steps to make an eternal difference. It has nothing to do with methods and everything to do with taking a genuine interest in another human being. All you need is a heart that’s in tune with the Holy Spirit and a willingness to venture out of your “Circle of Comfort” and into another person’s life.

Led by Coach Connerley and meets in #124.

A Woman’s Wisdom
This book is a study of Proverbs and teaches persons how to know the very Author of wisdom and to apply His relevant, how-to riches. First the class will explore what wisdom is and why it matters. Then the class will explore several things that wise women know: the power of words; the selection of friends; the secret of self-control; how to think, feel, and want; and how to be financially savvy.

GRITS is led by Lizzy Sutton and meets in #101.
What are the different methods you can give monetarily to BFUMC?

- Offering plate or basket during worship services
- Mail in check or drop off at the reception desk.
- On-line giving via the church website, www.bigwhitechurch.com
- Electronic payments from your banking institution.
**Week at a Glance**

**SUNDAY – January 5**
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service (C)
- 9:00 a.m. Pray for Our Pastors (120H)
- 9:30 a.m. 9:30 Worship Service (WC)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (127)
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Church (G)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Svc (WC)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc. (S)
- 12:30 p.m. Health & Wellness Ministry (123)
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple I (124)
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple III (128)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Open Gym (G)
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Group (8pm)

**MONDAY – January 6**
- Barrow County Schools Closed
- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (9pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Zumba (G)
- 5:00 p.m. Upward Practice (G)
- 6:00 p.m. Circuit Mania (UG)
- 6:00 p.m. Cheer Practice (FY)
- 7:00 p.m. UMM Executive Mtg. (128)

**TUESDAY – January 7**
- Barrow County Schools Resume
- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (9pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Kenpo Kickboxing (G)
- 9:15 a.m. Ladies Bible Study (123)
- 10:00 p.m. Senior Fitness (G)
- 3:00 p.m. BCA Basketball (G)
- 6:00 p.m. GO Team Mtg. (114)
- 6:00 p.m. Insane Strength (UG)
- 7:00 p.m. Contemporary Band Pr. (WC)
- 7:00 p.m. Zumba (F)

**WEDNESDAY – January 8**
- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (9pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Fun with Crocheting (128)
- 10:30 a.m. Prayers & Squares Quilting (128)
- 5:45 p.m. WNL Fellowship Meal (FH)
- 6:20 p.m. 2-4 Grade Choir (C)
- 6:20 p.m. PreK-1st Grade Choir (119)
- 6:00 p.m. Soul Spin Mix (UG)
- 6:30 p.m. Yoga (WC)
- 6:30 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Bridge (129/127)
- 6:30 p.m. MS/HS Youth Group
- 6:45 p.m. People of Faith (128)
- 7:00 p.m. 2-4 Grade (S/112)
- 7:00 p.m. Church 101 (125)
- 7:00 p.m. GRITS (10)
- 7:00 p.m. PreK-1st Grade (105/111)
- 7:00 p.m. The Daniel Plan (123)
- 7:00 p.m. Walk Across the Room (124)
- 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir (119)

**THURSDAY – January 9**
- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (9pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Yoga (WC)
- 10:00 a.m. Senior Fitness (G)
- 6:00 p.m. Stephen Ministry Training (128)
- 6:00 p.m. Karate Kids 4 Christ (FH)
- 6:30 p.m. Power Sculpting (UG)
- 7:00 p.m. Zumba (G)
- 7:00 p.m. 9:30 Band Practice (WC)
- 6:00 a.m. Fitness Center (6pm)
- 9:00 a.m. Insane Strength (G)
- 3:00 p.m. BCA Basketball (G)
- 8:00 a.m. Fitness Center (6pm)
- 8:00 a.m. Mision Latina Food Distribution
- 9:00 a.m. Lay Servant Ministry (123)
- 9:00 a.m. Surprise Fitness (G)
- 9:30 a.m. Yoga (WC)
- 11:00 a.m. Upward Games (2pm) (G)
- 8:30 a.m. Holy Communion Service (C)
- 9:00 a.m. Pray for Our Pastors (120H)
- 9:30 a.m. 9:30 Worship Service (WC)
- 9:30 a.m. Sunday School
- 11:00 a.m. Adult Sunday School (127)
- 11:00 a.m. Children’s Church (G)
- 11:00 a.m. Contemporary Worship Svc (WC)
- 11:00 a.m. Traditional Worship Svc. (S)
- 2:30 p.m. District Training Event (Athens 1st)
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple I (124)
- 5:00 p.m. Disciple III (128)
- 5:30 p.m. Youth Open Gym (G)
- 6:00 p.m. 5th/6th Grade Bridge (129)
- 6:15 p.m. Youth Group (8pm)

**BUILDING A HEALTHY CHURCH ONE TIP AT A TIME**

The beginning of the year is the perfect time to organize your personal medication record.

**What should I do?** Create or update your personal medication record and keep a copy in your wallet. This record should contain a list of your health problems, allergies, and medications (including dosages), as well as the name and phone numbers of your healthcare providers, pharmacy and emergency contact. For more information and a printable medication record go to:


**Have Questions:** Contact Our BFUMC Parish Nurse Kathy Brown 770-867-3011, kathy.brown@bigwhitechurch.com

**NEW PRICING**

- Adults ~ $6/plate
- Salad ~ $5/plate
- Children ~ $5/plate
- Family ~ $20/

(immediate family: parents & children)
WELCOME, VISITORS AND GUESTS!

We are delighted you have chosen to worship with us today. Please fill out the black attendance register at the end of the pew or as it is passed.

ABOUT US:
At Bethlehem First UMC, we have a common mission: To make disciples of Jesus Christ. We offer a loving, nurturing environment in which to serve and worship Christ, and to grow spiritually. We would love to have you join us each Sunday.

LEARN MORE:
If you would like to learn more about Bethlehem First UMC, please visit us on the web at www.bigwhitechurch.com, speak with a pastor following the service, call the church office at 770-867-3727 or email us at office@bigwhitechurch.com.

WELCOME, CHILDREN

Children's Church is available for newborns through age 4 during Sunday school and all Sunday morning worship services. Your child graduates to Children's Church if they are 4, on or after, September 1st. Please use our electronic check-in system before bringing your child to their appropriate room.

Newborn to Walking ......... Room 121
Walking to Age 3 .......... Room 110
Age 3 & 4 ................ Room 109

Children's Church ~ All children ages Pre-K (age 4 by September 1) – 4th grade are invited to join us for our 11 AM worship service designed especially for children. Check-in is from 10:45-11 AM. Please sign your child in through our electronic check-in system and then bring your child to the gym. Kiosks are found in the Children's Wing or at the Childcare Reception Desk in the Stars Café. We will move to the Chapel/Children's Wing area for Children's Church at 11 AM. Dismissal will be as follows:
Pre-K/K/1st: #111
2nd: #105
3rd – 4th: #103

Thank you for your support and for allowing us the opportunity of worshipping with your children.

FOR YOUR CONVENIENCE:

Hearing assistance is available for the 11:00 o'clock service in the sanctuary. Please ask one of the greeters or ushers for a receiver and they will be happy to assist you.

Email Addresses: first name_last name@bigwhitechurch.com

Our Staff

Our Clergy

Rev. Parker Benson, Senior Pastor
770.715.5743 cell
parker.benson@bigwhitechurch.com

9:30 Worship Service
This lite-contemporary service is a good way to begin your Sunday morning! Our Praise Band plays a variety of good music including folk, country, rock, and gospel. Our service is spirit-filled and energetic, yet relaxed and welcoming. Dress is casual and the STARS Café is open before and after. Make yourself at home.

11:00 Traditional Worship Service
Come and experience the time-honored traditions and practices of historical Christianity in one of the most beautiful sanctuaries in North Georgia. Our sanctuary exudes holiness and the Holy Spirit can be felt as one enters the room. Please enter in reverence but worship with all your heart as we enjoy the great hymns, creeds, and traditions of our Christian faith.

Rev. Matt Parker, Associate Pastor
404-538-2567 cell
matt.parker@bigwhitechurch.com

11:00 Contemporary Worship Service
The 11:00 Contemporary Worship Service helps people connect with God and celebrate all that God has done in our lives. The prayer for this worship experience is that those who worship with us may join together in one voice and one prayer as we praise God. Our time of worship includes singing contemporary music and listening to a scripturally based message.

Rev. Michele May
Pastor of Discipleship & Families
706-201-5063 cell
michele.may@bigwhitechurch.com

11:00 Children's Church

GROW
But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18

Through our GROW ministries, persons have opportunities to deepen and grow in their relationship with God through Jesus Christ. Through Bible study, prayer, worship, and small group fellowship, persons are able to understand more fully what it means to love God and love our neighbors. Individuals are able to discover how God has uniquely gifted them to serve, both within and outside the church.

Rev. Debby Huckaby
Pastor of Congregational Care
706-296-0665 cell
debby.huckaby@bigwhitechurch.com

8:30 Holy Communion Service
A 30-45 minute worship service meets every Sunday morning in the Chapel. This intimate service offers hymns, prayer, message, and Holy Communion. Come and worship in the Chapel at Bethlehem.

Would you like to join Bethlehem First UMC?
If you have been visiting we hope you will consider joining Bethlehem First United Methodist Church. You may join by:
1. Transferring your membership from another United Methodist Church
2. Transferring your membership from another denomination
3. Confession of Faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior.

To learn more about church membership please contact one of our pastors listed above and say “I want to join the church.”