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### He Said; She Said

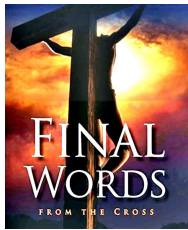
This Sunday, we begin a new two-week sermon series called "He Said; She Said." I will be preaching the first week (February 23rd) and my wife, Rev. Julie Holly, will be preaching the second week (March 2nd). We will be preaching on the same Scripture so that you can hear two perspectives on God's Word for our church. My hope is that you get to know my wife and family a little better through this experience! *Mike*



### The Final Words

During the season of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th), our church will be studying the six final words or phrases from Jesus as he is upon the cross. In Christ's dying hours, his final statements were heard by those who stood at the feet of the cross. Our series "Final Words From The Cross," will allow us to encounter the words of love and grace as God's Son dies out of immense love for each and every one of us. A study guide and DVD is available for purchase if any small group or Sunday School class would like to study along.

### New Study Opportunity for Lent



Rev. Mike Holly will lead a Final Words From The Cross small group study during Wednesday's MidWeek programming as well as during the Sunday School hour in-between worship services. The study will follow along with Sunday's sermons. You may choose either Wednesday evening at 6:00 pm in the Opportunity Classroom or Sunday morning at 10:00 pm in the Fellowship Hall to participate if desired. The Wednesday evening class begins February 26th and the Sunday morning class begins on March 9th.

### Lenten Morning Prayer

Rev. Tom Duley will lead a morning prayer service each Wednesday before Easter Sunday starting on March 5th at 7:30 am in our Sanctuary. This is a wonderful way to take on a rich spiritual discipline during the time of Lent as we seek to grow in faith and love of God and others.

### UPCOMING EVENTS

**FEBRUARY 21-22**  
**FEBRUARY 23**  
**FEBRUARY 23**  
**FEBRUARY 28**  
**MARCH 5**  
**MARCH 16**

**BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF**  
**CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST**  
**ORGAN RECITAL at 4:00**  
**SILENT AUCTION**  
**ASH WEDNESDAY**  
**SKATE NIGHT**

Join us for a night of dinner and dancing at The Club of Birmingham! Tickets can still be purchased for this year's **Silent Auction!** The Auction is February 28<sup>th</sup> and tickets will not be available at the door. See the table in the narthex for tickets.

**Donations Needed!** The Silent Auction committee is still looking for donations for this year's auction. Please contact Megan Wise at [megan.f.wise@gmail.com](mailto:megan.f.wise@gmail.com) or 978-2907 or see the table in the narthex to donate an item. All donations are tax deductible!

**LADIES DAY, SATURDAY, MAY 3. Mark your calendar now!**

**Members of our Church Family in the Hospital: Brookwood Shirley White**

**Food Pantry Update** Close to 80 persons were trained as Food Pantry workers this past Sunday! Our Food Pantry feeds over 200 people each month, providing healthy foods and supplies to families in need. We are so very thankful for these wonderful volunteers.

**Contact information update:** We are still updating our information database and need your help. Please go to [www.bluffparkumc.org/updateinfo](http://www.bluffparkumc.org/updateinfo) and let us know your contact information. We want to improve our communication as a church, and this project will be a significant step in that direction.

**Rock-a-thon—Morgan United Methodist Church—** Saturday, February 22. Checks to McCoy Adult Day Care. Money raised goes to support the McCoy Adult Day Care Center of the United Methodist Center for Senior Citizens. It provides a variety of services to allow fragile and frail adults to maintain the highest level of independence with dignity. Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord, the Lord himself is the Rock eternal.



**MIDWEEK NEWS**

**Mike Holly** will lead a Dream Workshop on Wednesday, February 19th in the Opportunity Classroom.

**Daniel Plan:** Want to get in control of your health? We can do it leaning on God and helping each other! Come join us in the Daniel Plan Wednesdays at 6pm. We are in the Cornerstone Classroom on the first floor. The room assignment may change after that so call the church or me to find out where we will meet. Kandis Scudder, 985-9463, [kandiscudder@mac.com](mailto:kandiscudder@mac.com),

Becky Walker will begin a **new Bible Study on Wednesday, at 6 PM in the Friendship Classroom.** Curriculum will be from the Efird Bible Study Series, and will focus on Paul's Epistle to the Romans. There will be daily reading and reflection for this study, as well as a DVD for each meeting, and a discussion and exploration of themes and how they apply in our world today. Come and join our journey as Dr. Efird leads us into the world of St. Paul and this epistle which explores the righteousness of God. (Got questions?? Call Becky Walker at 987-0404 or 531-7237.)

**Peter's class - Believe It or Not**—a primer on Christianity and world religions. We will examine the Apostles' Creed, what it means, and how it came to be a statement of core beliefs of Christianity. We will then move to discuss various other eastern and western religious traditions. We will then consider how we might learn from others and what are the peculiar characteristics of Christianity as a religion.

**United Methodist Women February Meetings**

Hope-Love will meet at the home of Julia Dunne, 10 am, February 24.

Joy will meet in the Fireside Room, 10 am, February 24.

Friendship will meet in the Parlor, 6:30 p.m., February 24.

Compassion Circle will meet in the food pantry to pack bags on March 2, 4:00 p.m.

Deb White from the Community Food Bank is the guest speaker for the Friendship Circle and visitors are invited to come. She is a very dynamic speaker and will talk about the Community Food Bank Organization and also the Backpack program. For more information contact Jeannie Jenkins, 823-1594 or 529-4405.

**Creation Kids Garden Receives Award**

Wayne Freeman and Joan Davis are active Chilton County Master Gardeners, that help make the Creation Kids Gardens a reality. They have been with the project from the beginning and continue help with plans of expansion. The Chilton County Association accepts nominations for an award called

**“Service Project of the Year”**

The Award has pages of criteria that must be met like: Involve Youth, Demonstration Garden, Workshops, Community Service, and Innovative Projects. The competition was steep but Bluff Park United Methodist Church's Creative Kids Garden won the Award - Congratulations!!

**Bible Study Fellowship** will offer a two session seminar, "Serving the Church" scheduled for Feb 24 and March 3. Each session begins at 5:45 and lasts about one hour. This Seminar is designed to meet their aim "to equip and motivate individuals to contribute more effectively to the life and work of their churches, supporting them faithfully in prayer, stewardship and service."

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**ATTENTION ALL PARENTS** The Children's Council is collecting gift cards for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a \$10 (or higher amount!) gift card please give it to Leigh Delashaw, Ivy Holmes or Molly Knight. These will be used in the Balloon Popping Game!

**4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> FELLOWSHIP**- Exit 456 is March 7-8 at Camp Sumatanga. We will leave the church at Friday 4:30p.m. and be back Saturday at 4:30p.m. Cost is \$85.00. Information packets are on the Welcome Center counter and the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor information table. Deadline for registration is Feb. 15.

Our own youth director, Bart Styes will be one of the speakers!

**THE PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY** is March 7. It is 6-7:30p.m. and in the Opportunity classroom. This is for all preschoolers and their families. We will have royalty to visit and tell some magical tales! Please make your family's reservation by contacting Leigh Delashaw @ [ldelashaw@bpumc.org](mailto:ldelashaw@bpumc.org) or calling 822-0910, ext. 107.

**ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL** will be taught by the Cornerstone Class this month! Thank you to all who are going to teach and shepherd. The unit this month is called Isaac and Rebekah.

**4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> FELLOWSHIP** will not be meeting on Sunday nights until a new coordinator is found.

**BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF** Consignment Sale is Feb. 21 and 22. Make sure you come by and check out the spring clothing sale!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**Silent Auction** is on Friday, February 28. Students and parents are invited to attend this fun fundraiser for our summer interns at The Club. There are incredible items, services, vacation rentals and trip packages for auction, plus great food entertainment and raffles. Tickets are required. Contact Megan Wise for tickets or to donate something for auction.

Exit 456 is Friday-Saturday, March 7-8. This optional (but highly encouraged!) retreat at **Camp Sumatanga** is for tweens in grades 4-6. We are going as part of our Confirmation class experience. Registration packets are available on the information table in the Youth Wing or from Bart Styes.

**Wednesday, February 19, 5:30pm:** MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

**Wednesday, February 19, 6:30pm:** Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

**Sunday, February 23, 10:00am:** Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

**Sunday, February 23, 4:00pm:** Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

**Sunday, February 23, 5:30pm:** Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

**Sunday, February 23, 6:00pm:** Improv Games & HS Girls Small Group

**Wednesday, February 26, 5:30pm:** MS Small Groups in the Youth Wing

**Wednesday, February 26, 6:30pm:** Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**THURSDAY, FEB. 20:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER—FH—Karen Haiflich, Medicare/ Insurance Update**

**SUNDAY, FEB 23:**

**CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST** Fellowship Hall, 10:00-10:45

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**THURSDAY, FEB. 27:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Gilligan's Island Bible Study with Charlie Trucks**

**THURSDAY, MARCH 6:**

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER— Dr. Beth Hughes- Hoover/Princeton**

11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Charlie Trucks

**TUESDAY, MARCH 11:**

**MYSTERY TRIP ?????? 9:00-3:00**

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25:**

**TOUR BEAR BRYANT MUSEUM, DENNY CHIMES, LUNCH at Cypress Inn**

**THURSDAY, APRIL 3:**

**THE EXPLORATION IN ANTIQUITY CENTER, La Grange, GA**

Tour and Passover Meal - Traveling by Tour Bus—Cost \$75

10 Spaces Available—Call Betty

**SATURDAY, MAY 3:**

**LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, Memory Candle, Devotional, Special Music, Bible Study with Becky Walker, Lunch, Special Guest, lots of surprises**

### **Special Moment with Jesus!**

For You, O Lord, are good and forgiving, abounding in steadfast love to all who call on you. Psalms 86:5

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**The Week of February 23—March 1**

**Sunday, February 23**  
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Care n' Contact Breakfast  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
2:00 p.m. Young Adult Bible Study  
4:00 p.m. Organ Recital  
**Monday, February 24**  
**Tuesday, February 25**  
9:30 a.m. Bible Study  
**Wednesday, February 26**  
4:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

**Wednesday, February 26**  
6:00 p.m. Believe It or Not  
6:00 p.m. The Daniel Plan  
6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study  
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation  
6:30 p.m. Choir  
**Thursday, February 27**  
9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center  
**Friday, February 28**  
Silent Auction  
**Saturday, March 1**  
2:00 p.m. Hill/Hanzalik Wedding

**Ushers**  
8:45: Montz 11:00: Lawson  
**Cross**  
8:45: Jonathan Kerns 11:00: Katie Norris  
**Acolytes**  
8:45: Carolyn Thompson 11:00: Preston Scott  
8:45: Shanlever 11:00: Williamson  
**Meal on Wheels February 26: McDonald**  
**Greeters February 23: Home Improvement Class**  
**Food Pantry: March 5: Penny Burns**

**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY**  
**1st Wednesday each month**  
We are serving 200+ families a month.  
We appreciate all donations!

**Sermon, February 23, 2014**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"He Said, She Said—**  
**Hidden Reality"**  
**(Luke 19:41-48)**  
**Mike Holly**  
**Organ Recital**

**Last Week's Record**

February 16, 2014

Youth/Children	47/72
Morning Worship	629
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$14,524.14
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$189,175.00
Received to Date	\$166,763.34
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,338.33
Building Fund in 2014	\$27,760.59
New Members in 2014	7

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	2,318.33
Received to Date	\$406,939.91

**BLUFF PARK UNITED  
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**  
Information Sheets in Narthex and Church  
Office

**Men's Free Play Basketball**  
**In the Gym**

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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**VALET PARKING**

Every Sunday morning!  
Drive to the covered  
entrance near the nursery  
and Fellowship Hall.

**MIDWEEK MEAL: February 19**

Fried catfish, hash brown casserole, collard greens or baked chicken, baked potato bar,  
roll and dessert.

**February 26**

Meatloaf, wild rice, squash casserole or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

**Wed. Night  
Servers—Feb. 19**  
Fellowship Hall—  
Fishermen Class  
Take Out—  
Peggy, Gail and Betty