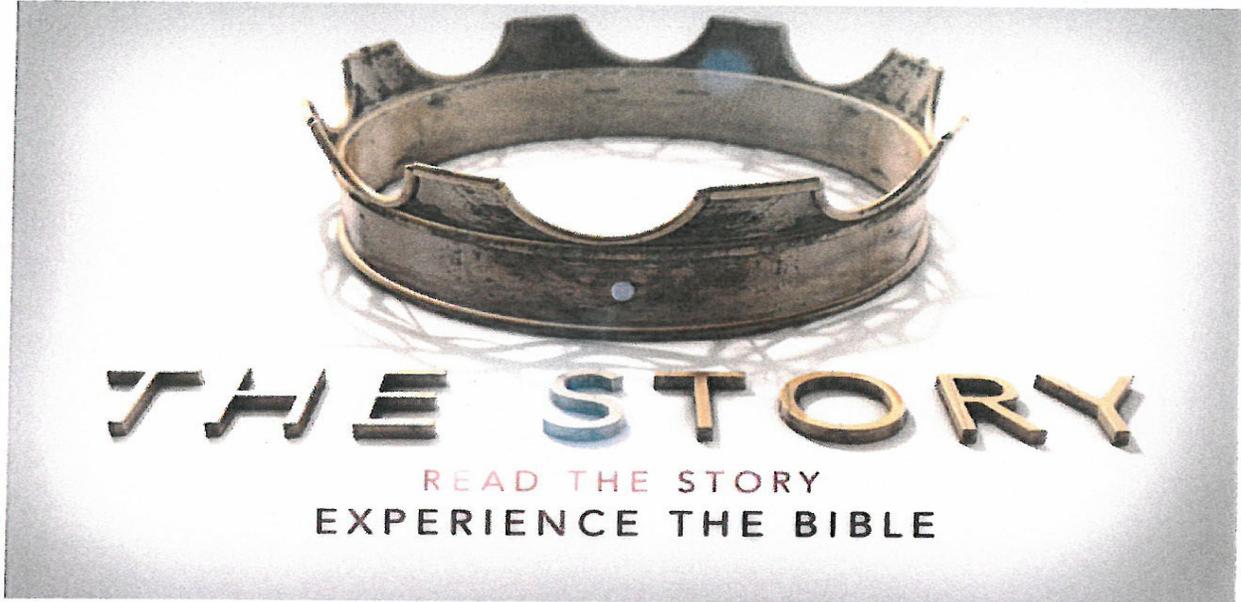




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Newsletter, February 26, 2013



COME JOIN THE VITALITY CLASS DURING SUNDAY SCHOOL IN THE FIRESIDE ROOM AS WE EXPERIENCE SCRIPTURE. THE STORY CONTAINS CAREFULLY SELECTED VERSES FROM THE BIBLE THAT ARE ORGANIZED CHRONOLOGICALLY. FROM GENESIS TO REVELATION, YOU WILL COME TO UNDERSTAND GOD'S STORY AND HOW YOUR STORIES INTERSECT WITH IT.

9:45 a.m. FIRESIDE ROOM

LENTEN PRAYER AND WORSHIP SERVICE

with Holy Communion

Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Sanctuary

February 14—March 28



Tom Duley and Leigh Delashaw will lead us in worship and prayer during Lent as we move toward the Cross and the Resurrection. The service will last no more than 40 minutes. Everyone is welcome.

FAMILY SKATE NIGHT

Sunday, March 10, 5-7 p.m.

Roller Motion on Morgan Road

We've rented the rink for the evening!

Hamburgers and Hot Dogs by the Pit Crew.

Everybody Welcome—All Ages

Bring a Friend!



EASTER LOVE GIFT FOR MISSIONS

100% for others

Goal: \$30,000

Received to Date: \$3,871.00

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Kate Catanzano, who died on February 25. She was a member of the Opportunity Class. Our prayers are with these friends in their time of sorrow.

Counseling: Communication can be a problem—for a couple, between parents and children, at work, in all sorts of relationships. Misunderstanding occurs. Steve Sweatt can help us both to listen and to be heard. Communication skills can be taught and learned. He is an ordained minister and licensed professional counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference. He comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Evening and weekend appointments can be arranged.

Tickets for this year's **Silent Auction, "The Legacy Gala"**, are officially on sale before and after each service in the narthex. Come join us as we raise money for our youth and children's programs on March 1st at The Club from 7-11 pm. The event will include dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions. To donate an item for the auction, please contact Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com or 978-2907. If you are unable to attend this year's Silent Auction, you can still participate in the fun! Please stop by the Silent Auction ticket table in the Narthex or email Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com to sign up for a proxy bidder. You will receive a list of items early and be able to tell your bidder which items you would like to bid on, and what your maximum bid would be. That bidder will bid for you all night!

Midweek: Midweek Ministries continues through March 20 before taking a week off on March 27 for Spring Holiday. Supper is served continuously from 5:00-6:30 with takeouts available. Current classes are:

- **IMMIGRATION AND THE BIBLE** led by Reid Crotty at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Opportunity classroom
- **GOD OF ROCK** led by Bart Styes at 6:00 in the chapel
- **WALNUTS ON MY BOOKSHELF** led by Peter Kirchikov at 6:00 in the parlor
- **THE FINAL WEEK** led by Tom Duley at 6:30 in the Footsteps classroom
- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** led by Dan Little at 6:00 in the Fireside Room

MEETINGS:

Sunday, March 3	8:45	Permanent Endowment Committee
Sunday, March 3	4:00	Chile Mission Team
Thursday, March 14	6:30	Finance Committee
Sunday, March 17	4:00	Board of Stewards
Sunday, March 17	5:00	Education Committee

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION
March 3, 8:45 and 11:00 a.m.
Sermon by Reid Crotty

Board: The Board of Stewards will meet on Sunday, March 17, at 4:00 in the Opportunity classroom. There are several important items of business to consider. All Board members are asked to attend if possible.

Calling all Crafters! A fun, creative group is forming to make ornaments for a new Chrismon tree for the elevator entrance. If you are a knitter, quilter, cross-stitcher, tatter, crocheter, beader, painter or any other craft artist, you are invited to join. Some patterns are so simple all you need to do is use scissors!! Email Terri Ray at TerriRay77@att.net or call 585-4777 for more information.

Thank you: Many thanks to Reid, Peter, and Brother Tom for their faithful visits while Bill was at St. Vincent's. A special thank you to all our church family for their cards, food, flowers, and most importantly, prayers throughout Bill's illness. Your continued prayers will strengthen and sustain all of our family in the days to come.

The family of Bill White

To my church family and friends, thank you for the thoughts prayers, and cards you sent during my recent hospitalizations. The visits from Reid, Peter and Tom Roberts were appreciated and uplifting. Thank you for caring. Rosemary Hill

Interested in Softball? A few of the BPUMC Sunday school classes are joining the Men's Softball League with the City of Hoover again this year. We will play on Monday nights at Spain Park High School starting on 2/25/13. Anyone that would like to join can contact me at mattself18@att.net or reach me at 205-822-9014.

Christmas Families - Bluff Park Elementary 2012

What an honor it was to be God's servant! Through the work of several groups in the church (Evangelism Committee, Prayer Shawl Group, Food Pantry, Festival of Three Kings) we were able to help 8 families with 12 children by providing toys, clothing and food at Christmas. This effort was carried out in partnership with Bluff Park Elementary School where the children are students.

Additional funds were provided by The Fisherman's Class, the United Methodist Women and an anonymous donor. An estimated total of \$1,000.00 was spent on the families breaking it down to about \$100.00 per child. It was a great effort by people from many parts of our church. Many of the families were in heartbreaking situations. All of the families were deeply thankful. We are looking forward to helping out with our communities children again next year.

Easter Lily add a beautiful touch to the Easter Worship services. Reserve yours today to honor a special person or remember a loved one. The cost is \$15.00 per lily payable to the church with your order. Deadline for orders is March 24.

In honor of _____

By _____

In memory of _____

By _____



VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning!
Drive to the covered
entrance near the nursery
and fellowship hall.

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month
We are serving
100+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!



Monday 6:30
In the Gym

SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER**BREAKFAST**

Mondays, 6:30-7:00 am
Arby's on Montgomery Highway
Men of all ages welcome

Men's Freeplay Basketball**In the Gym**

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



The Easter Egg Hunt is March 30. The Hunt needs plastic candy filled Easter Eggs. There are bags of empty eggs in the narthex. We are asking the congregation to take a bag of empty eggs and return them filled with candy by March 27. This is a community ministry that needs a lot of participation!

MEMORIALS**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST**

Bill White by Mr. and Mrs. Louie A. Pittman, J. M. and Constance Howard, James and Betty Sullivan, Jane Watwood Gibbs, Rachel Ferguson, Frances and Peter Patton, Charles and Kay Reaves, Wellington Healthcare, Joyce Easterlin, Barbara Tinker Sutherland, Tommy and June Carter, Johanna Carter, Carol Ann Carter Moldoveanu, Kathryn T. Carter, Barbara Broadwater, Jan Ash, Patricia and Jeff Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Brittingham, Metcalf Realty, George and Rosa Allen, John and Linda Clark, Jim and Debbie Fly, Wiley and Fannie Mae Smith, Kenwood Women's Club Pam and Dan Reeves, Maureen and Bill Leach
Judy Green by J. M. and Constance Howard, B. D. Tohill,
Corrinne Ray by Louise White, Martha Wait McSwain, Opportunity Class,
Alan Ralph by Louise White
Dan Morgan by Louise White, Shepherd's Center
Nan Harvey by Shepherd's Center
Mary Worth by Shepherd's Center
Marion Richard by Shepherd's Center
BUILDING FUND
Bill White by Peggy Wyatt, Vitality Class, Laura Boren
Dan Morgan by Ann and Bob Nelson
Charles E. Nelson, Sr. by Ann and Bob Nelson
FOOD PANTRY
Dan Morgan by Evelyn Lawrence

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Alan Ralph by McLaughlin Family, Elsie Medders

Dan Morgan by Elsie Medders

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Corrinne Ray by Bill and Susan Ray, Virginia T. Ray, Ann Gilliland, Barbara Morgan
Dan Morgan Harold and Jean Shepherd, Jerry and Wanda Strong, Gene and Jean Brown,
Bill White by John and Sylvia Sumners, Alice Chase, Dan Morgan Family

EASTER LOVE OFFERING

Corrinne Ray by Harry Hill

CHRISTIAN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP

Bill White by Harry Hill

HONORARIUMS**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

Charlie Trucks by Shepherd's Center
Wayne Williams by Shepherd's Center
PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND
Elizabeth Sheetz by The Roy Gilbert Fellowship Class

BAPTISM

Harl Cullum Crowe by Faye S. Sims

Cora Kallianne Holder by Faye S. Sims

Please note: Some Memorials and Honorariums are not listed by the request of the donors.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

EGGS! EGGS! EGGS! To get ready for our Easter Egg Hunt, we are asking the congregation to pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs and fill them with candy! You can find the bags of eggs in the narthex. Please return the filled eggs to the office or nursery by Wednesday March 27. Thank you!



4th-5th FELLOWSHIP We will meet this Sunday at 5:30p.m. for snack supper and be finished at 7:30p.m. Hope to see all y'all this Sunday!

PARENTS don't forget to join us for the LEGACY GALA at THE CLUB, 7-11p.m. This gala funds the year round and summer interns for the youth and the Children's ministry programs. A grand time will be had by all!

VEGGIE TALES LIVE- HAPPY BIRTHDAY BOB AND LARRY! This show will be at Valleydale Church Saturday April 20 at 5p.m. If you would like to order tickets for your family, please call or e-mail Leigh Delashaw at 822-0910 or email at ldelashaw@bpumc.org. The cost of a ticket for 1 person is \$15.00. If we get more than 20 twenty tickets, the cost drops to \$12.95 a ticket. The deadline for us to order tickets is Monday April 1.

THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST is Saturday March 30, 9-1:30A.M. If you would like to help with this, you are invited to meet in the New Light Class at 3:30 on Sunday March 3rd.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 28:

SHEPHERD CENTER—Alice Marie and Randy Morrison, Easter Basket

TUESDAY, MARCH 5:

AARP Safety Driving Class with Mark Hearn - 8:00-2:00—1 day class.

THURSDAY, MARCH 7:

SHEPHERD CENTER—9:30—Refreshments—Program at 10:00

TUESDAY, MARCH 12:

PELL CITY DAY TRIP Lunch at the Ark—\$5 gas donation

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

COOKING CLASS—with Jennifer & Bill Tsantes—6:00/7:00 p.m. Fireside Rm.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16:

MYSTERY DAY TRIP ??????—\$65 per person includes traveling by tour bus, admission tickets, and lunch—Call Betty

SATURDAY, MAY 4:

LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, music, worship, Bible study, special guest and more

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - THURSDAY 8 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC

Special Moment with Jesus!

Through him then let us continually offer up a sacrifice of praise to God,
that is, the fruit of lips that acknowledge his name. Hebrews 13:15

Student Ministries

On Friday March 1, our Silent Auction will be held at The Club. Proceeds fund interns in our student and children's ministry departments. Even if you are unable to attend, you can still bid on items. Just contact Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com to learn how to bid by proxy.

Wednesday, Feb 27, 5:15pm: MS Guys & Girls Small Groups

Wednesday, Feb 27, 6:30pm: "God of Rock" Class in the Chapel

Sunday, Mar 3, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in Youth Wing

Sunday, Mar 3, 4:30pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, Mar 3, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Feb 3, 6:00pm: Youth Night Event & HS Guys & Girls Small Groups

Wednesday, Mar 6, 5:15pm: MS Guys & Girls Small Groups

Wednesday, Mar 6, 6:30pm: "God of Rock" Class in the Chapel

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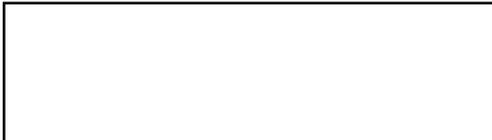
Director of Chancel Choir

and **Special Programs**, Lonnie Parsons

Organist, Jamie Davis

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Tracy Estes, imaginations@bpumc.org



The Week of March 3-9

Sunday, March 3

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
0:45 a.m. Permanent Endowment
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
4:00 p.m. Chile Team Meeting
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 4

Tuesday, March 5

8:00 a.m. AARP Safety Driving
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 6

4:30 p.m. Children's Handbells
4:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study
5:00—6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal
5:45 p.m. Adult Handbells
6:00 p.m. Walnuts on the Bookshelf
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, March 6

6:00 p.m. Financial Peace
6:00 p.m. God of Rock
6:30 p.m. The Last Week
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible Study

Thursday, March 7

7:30 a.m. Lenten Prayer
9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center
6:30 p.m. Bass Club

Friday, March 8

11:30 a.m.. Friendship Class

Saturday, March 9

6:00 p.m. Wedding Lawson/Urrea

Last Week's Record

February 24, 2013

Sunday School	432
Morning Worship	591
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$16,970.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$216,200.00
Received to Date	\$192,927.97
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,901.67
Building Fund in 2013	\$40,500.65
New Members in 2013	3

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,891.67
Received to Date	\$114,867.03

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

Midweek Meal, February 27

Fried catfish, hashbrown casserole, and collard greens, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, March 6

Fried chicken, rice/gravy, and corn or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Hospital Bed and other medical supplies available if needed. Call Betty

Sermons March 3, 2013

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"The Forgotten Sacrament"
(John 13:1-17)
Reid Crotty

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"Be Careful"
(Judges 11:29-41)
Tom Roberts

MIDWEEK MEAL SERVERS
February 27

Matt and Pat Reeder /—Fellowship Hall
Betty and Peggy —Carry Out

March 6

Canterbury Class-Fellowship Hall—Peggy/Mahala Carryout

Cashiers

Sally Holland and Woodie Comer

Ushers

8:45: Carlisle 11:00: Moore

Cross

8:45: Vasi Tsantes 11:00: Justin Toth

Acolytes

8:45: William Watts 11:00: Ethan McGriff

Greeters: March 10: Opportunity

Meals on Wheels: March 6: Shanlever

Food Pantry: March 6 Theresa Richerson

THANK YOU

The Rocking Lady says

THANK YOU!

McCoy Adult Day Care says

THANK YOU!

Once again you have made Bluff Park UMC

Proud with a donation of \$2,710.00

for the service our Methodist church

provides the frail and fragile.

GOOD JOB – WELL DONE!