


# BLUFF PARK

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## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR

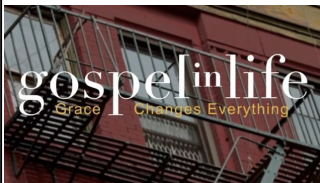
Last Sunday, we saw that Jesus extended love and grace to "bad company" even while He was on the cross as he stated to the criminal: "Today, you will be with me in Paradise." This Sunday, we turn our attention back to his family and followers gathered together upon Golgotha (Calvary) to witness his execution. Included in this group of His faithful are the beloved disciple, whom is never named, as well as Jesus' own mother, Mary.

Mary watched for somewhere around six hours as her son experienced the agony intended to him as he died. It is difficult to even imagine what pain she experienced in these hours. Jesus knew she was there and in an act to obey the fifth commandment (to honor your father and mother), He asked the beloved disciple to care for his mother.

However, it goes beyond simple caring for one another. Jesus says to them both: 1) behold your mother and 2) behold your son. Jesus is constituting a new family not made by blood but by our relationships through Him. On the other side of the Gospel, we understand this as "church." We are all brothers and sisters within one body of Christ.

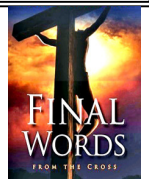
Think of how we are connected to one another at BPUMC. We have Sunday School classes, small groups, women's groups, and prayer groups. We bond over barbecues and consignment sales. When someone is sick, a church member is there to help. When someone is in need of a shoulder, another church member is there. We celebrate birthdays and anniversaries together; we mourn the loss of a loved one together. Our first examples after Jesus in these relationships are Mary and this unnamed beloved disciple. May we ever continue in their example!

*Mike*



The **Living Room study** will meet on March 30 at 5:00 pm in the Fireside Room on the first floor of the church building near the Gymnasium. We will be studying "The Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything" by pastor and author Timothy Keller. This study will study the basics of our faith and how we are meant to live out our faith in every day living. The Living Room study is for young adults and childcare is provided.

**Looking for a Sunday school class? Want to know more about the Scriptures used in worship and sermons?** Join Rev. Mike Holly each Sunday in the Fellowship Hall below the Sanctuary as he uses the curriculum for our "Final Words from the Cross" study to help attendees connect even more deeply with the words of Jesus as He is crucified. This is a great opportunity for you to encounter new friends at BPUMC!



**Lenten Morning Prayer:** Rev. Tom Duley will lead a morning prayer service each Wednesday before Easter Sunday at 7:30 am in our Sanctuary. This 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.

We are **receiving two mission offerings during Lent** this year. The Easter Love Offering will support ministries and missions that we as a church are involved in.

The second offering will support the construction of the **Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House**. For each dollar that you donate to the Habitat House a donation in the amount of \$2.66 will be made from matching funds donated by an anonymous donor. This will be our local Volunteers in Mission project for 2014. The Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House is sponsored by the BPUMC United Appeal Fund.

When you write your checks please remember to designate where your gift should be directed by writing either Easter Love Offering or Bluff Park Habitat House in the memo line.

**No Sunday Evening Worship due to Spring Break**

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Ginny Gillespie who died on March 13....also to the family of Doris Mixon who died on March 15. Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.



**ANNUAL BBQ and BAKE SALE**

April 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>

Tickets now on sale—\$8 - ticket

1 ticket - 1 lb BBQ; 5 tickets - Boston Butt

Enjoy lunch on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> between 10:00 a.m. and 3:00 p.m.

Dine in or drive thru. Door Prizes!!!!(Sandwiches only after 5:00 p.m. on Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>)

Delicious Baked Goodies.

**BBQ:** The annual BBQ is coming up on April 11-12. We need **DOOR PRIZES** for the ticket stub drawing. Bring items to the office. Thank you. Contact Peter von Herrmann for more information.



**THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST** is Saturday, April 19, 9-10:30A.M. The breakfast is at 9 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be here! Parents can take pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny! The hunt will begin at 10a.m. There is a rain plan in place- just in case!

**Bake your favorite recipe for the**



Plan to be a part of this annual fundraiser for our Church by baking and sharing with others. Bring goodies to Fellowship Hall Friday Noon-



Please pick up your eggs to stuff for the **Easter Egg Hunt**. You may pick the eggs up in the narthex and the church office.

Children's Council will sponsor a **Spaghetti Luncheon** on April 6. Carry out only—\$5 a box or \$20 family max. Tickets on sale now. Call Leigh for more information.



**March 26— No Midweek Meal or Programs Spring Break**

Our next **Board of Stewards** meeting will be on Sunday, March 30<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 pm. This meeting will take place of our normal evening worship service. We will meet in the Opportunity Classroom.

**Pray for our Mission Team as they travel to Chile.**

It's time to Spring into a good book! The **BPUMC Book Club** meets in the church parlor at 7 pm on the 4<sup>th</sup> Thursday each month. Join us to discuss the following books and enjoy fellowship:



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| Mar 27 | Half Broke Horses     | Jeannette Walls |
| Apr 24 | The Scarlet Pimpernel | Emmuska Orczy   |
| May 22 | Before I Go to Sleep  | S.J. Watson     |
| Jun 26 | Calling Me Home       | Julie Kibler    |

**Easter Lilies** 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 April 13.

In honor of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_

In memory of \_\_\_\_\_

By \_\_\_\_\_



## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**THANK YOU FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE** for a great skate night! Dinner was delicious! Thank you **Pit Crew** for cooking the hamburgers and Hot dogs. Thank you Amy Matheson for coordinating the event. We had over 100 skaters and fun was had by all!

**SPAGHETTI FUND RAISER** There will be a carry-out spaghetti lunch on Sunday April 6, 11a.m.-1p.m. Come find your Children's Council hard at work to raise money for new gym equipment. We'll be in the Kitchen. Tickets are on sale now. Cost is \$5 a lunch and \$20.00 family max. Meal will include garlic bread and a brownie.

**EASTER EGGS** are in the narthex! To help us get ready for the Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast please pick up a bag of these eggs, fill them, then return them by April 16. You can bring them back to the office or drop them in the "filled egg" box in the narthex! Thank you for helping with this event for the children.

**PALM SUNDAY** is April 13. we are asking all of the children in the congregation to join us in celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem by having a parade in the sanctuary during the first hymn of each service. Each child will have a palm branch to wave. Parents are welcome to walk with our shyer children. We will gather in the narthex 15 minutes before the beginning of each service.

**CHILDREN'S COUNCIL** will meet April 2 at 6:30p.m. in the New Light Class.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

### SAVE THE DATES!

Youth Worship Event, April 13th. Our Holy Ground Team will lead a church-wide worship service in the Chapel as a fundraiser for their summer tour. 6-7pm

Confirmation Sunday, April 27th. Our Confirmands will "firm up" their commitment to God and to the Church during 11am worship.

Senior Recognition, May 18th. Our graduating seniors will be honored with a breakfast at 10am and during worship at 11am.

**Summer Internships in Student Ministry.** We are in the process evaluating applications for college-age summer interns. These are paid positions for young adults who are considering a call to serve God and others in some form of ministry. Please pray for our applicants and for our youth council members through this process.

**Wednesday, March 19, 5:30pm:** MS Girls Small Group & MS Guys Recreation

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

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

**Sunday, March 23:** No Afternoon/Evening Youth Activities

**Wednesday, March 26:** No Afternoon/Evening Youth Activities

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**THURSDAY, MARCH 20:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Niki Sepsas—St. Patrick's Day in Ireland

**THURSDAY, MARCH 27:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Jack Owens, Retired FBI—JFK—the true story????

**TUESDAY, MARCH 25:** 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 **please turn in to Betty by Thursday, March 27**

**SATURDAY, MAY 3:** LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, Memory Candle, Devotional, Special Music, Bible Study with Becky Walker, Lunch, Special Guest, lots of prizes and surprises!  
Tickets \$15, on sale, Sunday, March 30. Sign up for Tablescapes.

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23:** SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Riverwalk Boat Tour, The Alamo, LBJ Ranch, Alamo Missions, Museum, San Fernando Cathedral, Mexican Market Square, Fredericksburg—National Museum of the Pacific War. Cost \$675 –Deposit \$100

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

And now, our God, we give thanks to you, and praise your glorious name. 1 Chronicles 29:13

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**The Week of March 23-29**

**Sunday, March 23**

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class  
9:45 a.m. Young Adult Bible Study  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

**Monday, March 24**

**Tuesday, March 25**  
Betty Day Trip

**Wednesday, March 26**

**Thursday, March 27**

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

**Friday, March 28**

**Saturday, March 29**

**Ushers**  
8:45: Chatterton 11:00: Youth  
**Cross**  
8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Savannah Sanders  
**Acolytes**  
8:45: Davison Dover 11:00: Ruskin Gold  
**Children's Church**  
8:45: Robinson 11:00 Hecklinski  
**Meal on Wheels March 26:** Ken and Kay Adams  
**Greeters March 23:** Vitality  
**Food Pantry: April 2:** Kay Adams

**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY**  
**1st Wednesday each month**

We are serving 200+ families a month.  
We appreciate all donations!

**Last Week's Record**

March 16, 2014

Youth/Children	70/73
Morning Worship	554
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$19,790.61
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$297,275.00
Received to Date	\$267,033.95
Building Fund Receipts	\$8,982.00
Building Fund in 2014	\$61,277.26
New Members in 2014	10

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	8,932.00
Received to Date	\$432,883.58

**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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The Bluff Park United Methodist Church Bass Club reports that it is now a member of the Alabama B.A.S.S Nation. Allen Word continues to serve as our Bass Club's president while his father, Bradley Word, serves as treasurer and David Logan serves as tournament director. If you are interested in fishing and building bonds of friendship, the Bass Club is a great opportunity! The dues are \$40.00.

**VALET PARKING**

Every Sunday morning!  
Drive to the covered entrance near the nursery

**March 26 Spring Break—No Midweek**

**MIDWEEK MEAL: April 2**

Roast beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.