



**Bluff Park
United Methodist Church**
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Newsletter, April 9, 2013



Appointments: The appointment of our new Senior Minister will be announced at the end of the 11:00 morning worship on Sunday, April 14. Pray for Bishop Debbie Wallace-Padgett and the District Superintendents as they work on pastoral appointments for all the churches of the North Alabama Conference. There is a 12 minute video available that further explains the appointment process at <http://www.northalabamaumc.org/news/detail/1266>

**ANNUAL BBQ and BAKE SALE
April 12th and 13th**

Tickets now on sale—\$8 - ticket
1 ticket - 1 lb BBQ;
5 tickets - Boston Butt
Enjoy lunch on Saturday the 13th
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 12th)
Delicious Baked Goodies.



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Bake your favorite recipes for the

SPRING BAKE SALE

APRIL 13th.

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-6:00

**BLUFF PARK UMC STUDENT MINISTRIES
& BLUFF PARK UMC
PRESENT**

A Night of

Praise & Worship

SUNDAY, APRIL 14, 6 PM

IN THE CHAPEL

FEATURING OUR STUDENT WORSHIP TEAM

FIFTY-ONE

YOU MAKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS...
YOU MAKE BEAUTIFUL THINGS OUT OF US

NO fee to attend **ALL** are invited

At the end of the evening, donations will be accepted to support our students on their summer tour when they will lead worship at Fusion-Tuscaloosa, East Lake Farmers Market, Church of the Reconciler, Madison County & Upper Sand Mountain Parish.

Golf Tournament:

Mon April 29; Riverchase Country Club
Registration opens at 11:00;

Tee time 12:30

Cost: \$85 entry fee per player
(golf fees, range balls, box lunch, sodas)

Lots of prizes.

Sponsorship: \$100 per sign

or \$500 for 2 signs and 4 players.

Benefits Bluff Park United Methodist Church

To sign up, contact the church office.



EASTER LOVE GIFT FOR MISSIONS

100% for others

Goal: \$30,000

Received to Date: \$21,476.00



Save the Date!

Sunday, June 9, 2013

we will have an afternoon event to officially send Reid off into retirement.

More information coming at a later time.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Dot Price, who died on April 3. She was the last surviving member of the JOY Service Class. Our prayers are with her loved ones in their time of sorrow.

New Members:

Craig and JoJo Eyer and their daughters Christi and Corrie live at 1447 Lantana Drive and return to us by transfer from Hunter Street Baptist Church. Craig is a CPA.

Lee McBride lives at 3370 Shallowford Circle and comes by transfer from Avondale UMC. She is the sister of Becky Ferguson and Amy Ward.

Invitation: The Hoover Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 a.m. at the Wynfrey Hotel. Guest speaker will be Auburn and Miami Dolphins star Mike Kolen. The church has 20 seats, and they are available at no charge to the first 20 people who would like to attend. Sign up in the church office.

Pall: The church has a beautiful funeral pall available for use by church members, family, and friends. The pall covers the casket instead of a blanket of flowers. We also have a pall for cremation urns. Contact the church office when needed.

Midweek: Midweek Ministries continues on Wednesday nights through May 8. Supper is served continuously from 5:00-6:30, with takeouts available. On April 17:

* The **Cooking Class** at 6:00 in the Fireside Room features Scott Jones, former Executive Editor Southern Living, recipe development and testing.

* Reid Crotty's Bible Study on **Great Chapters of the Bible** at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Opportunity classroom will cover Matthew 16.

Counseling: Premarital counseling can help a marriage get off to a good start. We may spend \$25,000 (or more) on a wedding, but one of the best investments in the future could be a few hundred dollars for several sessions with Steve Sweatt. He is a licensed professional counselor and licensed marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference, who comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Steve has many years of experience in assisting couples as they prepare for married life. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. Evening and weekend sessions can be arranged.

Meetings:

Thursday, April 11	6:30	Finance Committee
Saturday, April 13	9:30	Pastor-Parish Relations Committee
Sunday, April 14	8:45	Permanent Endowment Committee

Thank You:

Thank you so much for all your prayers, calls, cards, food and gifts during my recovery. The prayer shawl was a gift of love and comfort. The CD Sermons kept me feeling like I was still part of the church family. Glynda Culver

I wanted to thank BPUMC for allowing our area schools to sing in your church. It is a privilege to sing in such a wonderful acoustical setting. Allen Gillespie, Hewitt Trussville High Choral Director

The **Volunteers in Mission** team from Bluff Park is now in **Chile**. They flew out on Friday night and arrived in Angol, Chile on Saturday. It took three flights and a bus trip but they have arrived. Flight number one was from Birmingham to Atlanta. Flight number two was from Atlanta to Santiago, Chile. Flight number three was from Santiago to Temuco, Chile. The bus ride was from Temuco to Angol, Chile where the El Vergel Methodist Agricultural School is located. Our team will spend the next two weeks working with John Elmore, our United Methodist missionary serving at El Vergel. The team will work on construction and maintenance programs. They will also help in the garden and get to know some of the students at the school. They will worship with a local Methodist congregation and get to know some of the folks who are a part of that congregation. The team will be a blessing to the folks in Chile and the folks in Chile will be a blessing to the team.

Bluff Park will be sending a **Volunteers in Mission team to the New York** metropolitan area this summer from August 10th – August 18th. This team will be working to assist in the recovery and rebuilding effort made necessary by Hurricane Sandy. Our team has been assigned to work in Massapequa, Long Island. The team will be staying at the Hicksville United Methodist Church, which is nearby. We will be sleeping dormitory style at the church and we will be preparing our own meals in the church kitchen. We currently have twenty-two persons signed up to participate on this team, which is the maximum number we can take. However, we are keeping a waiting list of others who are interested in case some of those currently signed up have to drop out. If you are interested in having your name placed on the waiting list please tell Tom Duley.

Cookbook Correction: On Page 18 the Chicken Soup by Pat Reese should say 1 can cream of chicken soup not 1 can broth.

A THOUGHT: God can do in and through a person who prays what he cannot do in and through a person who does not pray, just as a teacher can do for a student who studies what cannot be done for a student who refuses to study. Prayer is one form of cooperation with God, by which we give him the opportunity of doing in us what he has wanted to do, perhaps, for years. (Harry Emerson Fosdick)

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)

CHILDREN'S NEWS

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING is Sunday May 5 at 10a.m. in the youth Worship Room on the Youth Hall. You can grab breakfast in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45a.m. and then come on down! This is for adults who have not received the training this year or who have not received this type of training in the last 3 years.

VBS- EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR will be this summer July 8-12, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This is for rising 4k-thru elementary age children. We are looking for adult volunteers! If you would like to help, please contact Leigh Delashaw at ldelashaw@bpumc.org. A nursery is provided for children of volunteers. The 2 year olds (rising 3k preschoolers) of volunteers will have a VBS experience, too.

VBS ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING Our next meeting will be Wednesday April 17 at 6:30p.m. in the New Light classroom. Anyone who would like to help is welcomed to come!

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL Thank you Home Improvement class for teaching the April unit on Pentecost. Last Sunday was wonderful! Every teacher, every shepherd spot was filled. Thank you for all of the members of this class. This is an excellent way for children and parents to have a Sunday School lesson. Everybody can learn something!

SUMMER is not that far off. Children's Ministry is geared up for lots of fun activities. Look at our Schedule!

June- On the Road Again Elementary field trips. Cost-\$30.00 a child. Lunch and snacks included. Must have notarized Travel/Medical Form on file. Doors open at 7:30a.m. Pick up your child by 5:30p.m. We are back from trips between 4 and 4:30p.m.

Wed. June 12-Peach Picking, Pizza and a movie.

Wed. June 19-SciQuest in Huntsville AL. Wed.

Wed. June 26- Museum of Natural History, Anniston AL

Day Camp for Preschoolers thru 2nd graders.-Mon.-Fri. June 24-28 9a.m.-1p.m. Bring a lunch.

Call the Preschool Director, Tracy Estes at 822-5813 for more information.

July- July 8-12 Vacation Bible School- Everywhere Fun Fair- Where God's world comes together!

For rising 4K -Rising 5th graders. 9a.m.-12:30 p.m. Cost \$10. Friday is dinner and program at 6p.m.

July 14-17. Passport Camp -For rising 4th graders - 7th graders. Leave at 7:45a.m. on the 14th and back around 7p.m. the 17th.

It is at Mercer University in Macon GA. We have been going for 5 years and the kids love it. Cost is \$240.00. Contact Leigh Delashaw for more information.

Wed. July 24 *ORA field Trip*- Cathedral Caverns, Woodville, AL

August - July 30-Aug. 2 Fine Arts Camp- "Who is My Neighbor? The Story of the Good Samaritan.

9a.m. - 12:30p.m. For rising 1st through 6th graders. Cost: \$35.00 a child. Daily snack included.

Weds. Aug. 7 *ORA Field Trip* Bowling, Pizza and a movie.

Weds. Aug. 14 *ORA Field Trip* Springville Splash Pad

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10: COOKING CLASS —with Jennifer Green, Greenfield's G's Apple Dreams

THURSDAY, APRIL 11: SHEPHERD'S CENTER Thomas Andrew Finley, local artist.

TUESDAY, APRIL 16: MYSTERY DAY TRIP ??????—Museums, historic homes, including the local jail \$65 pp traveling by tour bus, admission tickets, and lunch—Call Betty

Friday is the deadline for payment.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17: COOKING CLASS —with Scott Jones, former Executive Editor Southern Living, recipe development and testing.

THURSDAY, APRIL 18 SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Seasoned Performers, White Hats and Six Guns

FRIDAY, APRIL 26: SENIOR FUN DAY with REID AND TOM ROBERTS

The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. with lunch to follow

SATURDAY, MAY 4: LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, music, worship, Bible study, special guest and more

Sign-up for Tablescapes with Betty at the Welcome Center on Sunday

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC

Historical district tour, church tour, and more. Side trip to Myrtle Beach, Barefoot Landing, shopping for the ladies, men bring your golf clubs for a round of golf at a local golf course. The cost: \$545.00 pp.

Special Moment with Jesus!

Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies; and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. John 11:25-26

Student Ministries

Are you looking for a ways to show our students you care about them? Help with our Scholarship Fund. With so many trips coming up this summer, any help you can give to lower costs for families with multiple children in our student program or who have a demonstrated financial need is greatly appreciated. You can make out a check to BPUMC with "Youth Scholarship Fund" on the memo line and turn that in to our main office at your convenience. Also, be sure to eat at Creekside Tavern in Patton Creek on the first Tuesday of each month. Let the wait staff know you'd like a portion of your check to go to Bluff Park UMC!

Wednesday, April 10, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, April 10, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 14, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class

Sunday, April 14, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, April 14, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 14, 6:00pm: Evening of Praise & Worship in the Chapel with our Student Worship Team Fifty-One

Wednesday, April 17, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

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The Week of April 14-20**Sunday, April 14**8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Permanent Endowment
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Youth Praise Band**Monday, April 15****Tuesday, April 16**Betty Mystery Trip
9:30 a.m. Bible Study**Wednesday, April 17**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, April 17**6:00 p.m. Cooking Class
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, April 18**9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee**Friday, April 19**

12>00 p.m. Opportunity Class

Saturday, April 20**Ushers**

8:45: Adams 11:00: Youth

Cross

8:45: Kate Culervhouse 11:00: Justin Toth

Acolytes

8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Campbell Hecklinski

Children's Church

8:45 Ferrell 11:00 Williamson

Greeters April 14: Canterbury**Meals on Wheels: April 17:** Wesson/Brown**Food Pantry: May 1:** Kay Adams**Need a Hospital Bed? We have one free of charge. Call Betty.****Last Week's Record**

April 7, 2013

Sunday School	492
Morning Worship	656
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$34,508.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$378,350.00
Received to Date	\$391,587.17
Building Fund Receipts	\$9,735.67
Building Fund in 2013	\$83,797.65
New Members in 2013	8

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$9,525.67
Received to Date	\$155,604.67

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**Information Sheets in Narthex and Church
Office**Midweek Meal, April 10**

Chicken fried steak, creamed potatoes, and green lima beans, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, April 17

Taco salad and refried beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, April 24

Baked fish, rosemary potatoes, vegetable casserole, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread and dessert.

Sermons April 14, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Tax Time"
(Matthew 17:24-27)
Reid Crotty**6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**
Youth Praise Band**April 10—Midweek Servers**
Wesley Forum-Fellowship Hall;
Richard and Derilda-Carryout
Cashiers
Sally Holland and Woodie Comer