

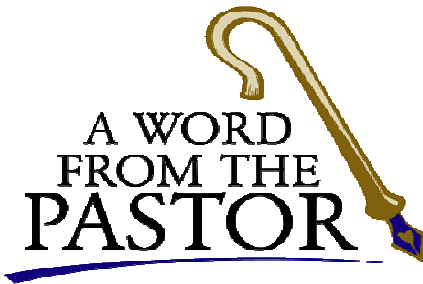


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BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Newsletter, June 25, 2013



"The Bible says it, I believe it, that settles it"

Ever seen that bumper sticker? Seems to wrap things up nicely, thinking of the Bible as the "Wikipedia of life." Ask a question, press enter, the answer comes up. Like pressing the "Easy" button, as the commercial says.

But life has never been that simple, at least for me. There are many questions that the Bible leaves unaddressed or unanswered. For instance, where did Adam and Eve's kids find their wives?

Trying to find a way to answer every daily question via a biblical quote can in fact get a little ridiculous. For instance, in high school I would joke that my favorite bible verse was Leviticus 3:16 - "all fat is the Lord's." An easy recipe for poor dietary choices, don't you think? I sure thought so then. Obviously, that is far from a faithful way to see scripture.

What is "scripture?" How does one read scripture? How does one "use" scripture? Why does the Bible matter? What does the Bible have to do with my life?

On Sunday we'll address these questions as we come together in worship and examine the second dimension of Abundant Living: Scripture.

Peter

Welcome Reception for Ministers and their families

On June 30, during the Sunday School hour, we will have a reception to welcome our new and returning ministers and their families. It will be held in the Fellowship Hall. Each Sunday School class will receive communication with a time for your class to attend the reception. If you are not in a Sunday School class, you are welcome to come anytime between 9:45 and 10:45. Light refreshments will be served.

9:45

Canterbury, Christ and Conversation, Covenant, Fellowship, Fisherman, Friendship, Opportunity, Seekers, Wesley Forum,

10:25

Children, Youth, Cornerstone, Faith, Footsteps, New Horizons, New Light, Home Improvement,



Board: The Board of Stewards will meet on Sunday, June 30, at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall. Supper will be served at 5:30. This will be our first meeting with our new Senior Minister Mike Holly. All Board members are encouraged to attend. It's summer time, but a lot is happening at Bluff Park.

Members of our Church Family in the Hospitals:

Brookwood Langham triplets **Lakeshore** Jackie Walton

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to D. C. Scivley in the death of his step-mother, Nita Scivley of Birmingham, on June 17. She is also the aunt of Carol Cartledge Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

Counseling: Divorce can be a devastating experience. It turns our lives upside down, upsets all our plans, and frequently leaves us floundering. Help is available. Steve Sweatt is an ordained minister, licensed counselor, and certified marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling (an agency of the North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Church), who comes to the satellite office here at the church to provide counseling services for people in our congregation and community. He has many years of experience and quite literally "has heard it all." Call 213-0227 or 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable.



Need a wedding gift? A cookbook from Bluff Park would be a perfect gift. They are on sale in the narthex every Sunday.

VIM: We still have room for more folks on the New York VIM trip. We will be travelling to Massapequa, NY on Long Island to assist with Hurricane Sandy relief work. The dates are August 10-18. If you are interested in being a part of the team please contact Tom Duley to register. The deadline is July 14th.



Scholarships: Application forms for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship grants for the 2013-2014 academic year are available in the church office. Nominations for the Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarships for entering college freshmen can be submitted to the church office. Deadline for applications and nominations is August 1.

Spring clean-up Monday, July 1st, 9 AM - 11 AM: The closets and stage area in the Opportunity Room need help. If you have anything stored in this area, please label your storage containers with items that are necessary. You, or your team, can work in this area at any time. Monday, July 1st will be the final day of clean-up. Items not labeled will be discarded. Your assistance and understanding regarding this is appreciated. If you have any questions, please contact Margie Thompson or Penny Burns.

Thank you:

Dear Friends, There aren't enough words for me to express my gratitude to you for your prayers, love and support during the recent death of my mother. Your prayers, love and support provided strength and guidance to me and my family when we needed it the most. I am very grateful for all of your expressions of sympathy. I am greatly blessed to be a part of the Bluff Park UMC family. Thank you for everything.

Tom Duley

It's hard to believe one can have a "good" surgery, but I did on June 4th when I had my left hip revision surgery. And I am confident it was due totally to the wonderful uplifting of prayer by my family and friends, especially my friends at Bluff Park UMC. My faith faltered before the surgery, but your prayers and love held me up and got me through. I can never thank you enough. And the calls, cards, food and continued prayers since I've been home have been another strength for me. Christ taught us about love, and you have learned His lesson very well.

Sincere appreciation and love to you all, Pam McDonald.

Bluff Park UMC
Presents
*Everywhere
Fun Fair*
Vacation Bible School
July 8-12
9a.m.-12:30 p.m.
Rising 4K thru rising 5th Grade
Cost is \$10.00 a child- \$25.00 family Max
Register on-line at www.bluffparkumc.org



CHILDREN'S NEWS

ALSO FOR OLDER ELEMENTARY STUDENTS We need about 8 children to help pack grocery bags for the pantry. Meet in the elevator lobby on Tuesday, July 2 at 10a.m. Let Mrs. Leigh know if your child can help. This can count toward community service hours.

ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP June- *On the Road Again* Cost-\$30.00 a child. Lunch and snacks included. We 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 26- Museum of Natural History, Anniston AL

EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR VBS is July 8-12, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This is for rising 4K-rising 5th graders. Cost is \$10.00 with a family max of \$25.00. you can register and pay on line at

www.bluffparkumc.org .

REGISTRATION FOR FINE ARTS CAMP is now! The Theme is "*You Are The Salt of the Earth.*" We will have Drama, Music (Hand bells), Cooking, and something else that's fun! You can register on-line at www.bluffparkumc.org . Fine Arts Camp is **July 29-August 1**. 9a.m.12:30p.m. This is for Children who are rising 1st thru 6th graders. Cost is \$35.00 a child.

PASSPORT CAMP applications and money are due July 1. This is open for all rising 4th—7th graders.

STUDENT MINISTRY

We had 136 students on 12 tribes from 7 churches participate in our second Magic City Tribes competition of the summer. Students played in a kickball tournament, brought new friends and first-time visitors and donated canned goods for points. After our June 26 competition, we'll take a few weeks off and start Tribes back on July 24. Make sure that your rising 6th grader through graduated 2013 senior gets on a tribe. They will NOT want to miss out on this fun event.

We have SO many ways to get involved through recreation or service this summer. Interested in something you see on the schedule? Text your name and what you'd like to do to [205-790-1803](tel:205-790-1803) to sign up or get more info.

Wednesday, June 26, 6:00pm: TRIBES COMPETITION at Regions Park Soccer Fields

Thursday, June 27, 6:30pm: Art with Laura & Lauren-Michael in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 30, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 30, 4:30pm: Worship Team Rehearsal in the Holy Ground Room

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

Sunday, June 30, 6:00pm: Duct Tape Games in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 30, 7:30pm: Vespers Worship in the Youth Wing

Monday, July 1, 2:00pm: Monday Sports in the Gym

Tuesday, July 2, 10:30am: Student-led Recreation with Community Garden Kids

Tuesday, July 2, 12:00pm: HS Student Lunch Bunch (we'll text out location so you can meet us there)

Tuesday, July 2, 1:00pm: Pack Groceries for Food Pantry

Wednesday, July 3, 7:30am: Student-led Worship for Food Pantry Program (meet in Youth Wing)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

BRIDGE and LUNCH:

With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 10 and 11. Beginners and advanced

TUESDAY, JULY 2:

ANNISTON DAY TRIP, Lunch Classic-on-the-Noble, The Rabbit Shop

THURSDAY, JULY 4:

NO SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Happy Holiday

TUESDAY, JULY 9:

ATLANTA DAY TRIP, Church Tour, International World Farmers Market and more—tour bus

NEWS:

THE DILL PICKERS will be coming to Bluff Park on Sunday, August 25.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS for an evening of worship, music, and fun.

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - FRIDAY, AUGUST 9 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC

Historical District tour, Carriage Ride Tour, Plantation Tea 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. Balance Due July 1.

Special Moment with Jesus!

Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Philippians 2:4

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The Week of June 30—July 6

Sunday, June 30

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
4:30 p.m. Missions Committee
5:30 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Board of Stewards

Monday, July 1

Tuesday, July 2

9:00 a.m. Betty Anniston Trip

Wednesday, July 3

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, July 3

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, July 4

Office Closed

Friday, July 5

Saturday, July 6

6:00 p.m. Lowery/Brasfield Wedding

Sermon, June 30, 2013 8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship

"Jesus loves me, this I know,
for the Bible tells me so."
(John 5:39-47)

Peter von Herrmann

6:00 p.m. Board of Stewards

Ushers

8:45: Carlisle 11:00: Moore

Cross

8:45: John David Shanlever 11:00: Ruskin Gold

Acolytes

8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Jonathan Trucks

Children's Church

8:45 TBA 11:00 TBA

Greeters July 10: Cornerstone

Meals on Wheels: July 10 Diane Moore

Food Pantry: July 3: Theresa Richerson

Last Week's Record

June 23, 2013

Sunday School	444
Morning Worship	614
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$15,975.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$676,625.00
Received to Date	\$673,218.08
Building Fund Receipts	\$2,408.67
Building Fund in 2013	\$153,865.85
New Members in 2013	36

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,398.67
Received to Date	\$211,588.34

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY 1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 100+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

VALET PARKING

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



Monday 6:30
In the Gym

Men's Freeplay Basketball In the Gym

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