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# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter, August 13, 2013*

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



This Friday, August 16<sup>th</sup>, is my ten year anniversary to my wife, Julie. Bishop Robert Morgan (an Alabama-raised Methodist bishop who served in Mississippi, Kentucky and later at Birmingham-Southern College) performed our wedding ceremony in Statesville, NC. Most couples have to go through several sessions of marriage counseling before their wedding. Because of the distance between Duke and Birmingham, Bishop Morgan decided that we would do all of our marriage counseling in one day at his lake home at Lake Junaluska, NC.

We received in that one day advice that has helped us along these past ten years. They have been wonderful, but they have not always been easy. We have had disagreements and we have had to face our own difficulties along the way. However, the main thing we were taught at the lake by Bishop Morgan is that we as a married couple are a **team**. We can only succeed *TOGETHER*. The next two Sundays at BPUMC are going to be focused on relationships of all kinds. We will discuss how we can develop healthy relationships so that together we can be a blessing to one another and to all those around us. See you on Sunday!

*Mike*



**YOUTH SUNDAY**  
11:00 a.m.  
Join us for youth lead worship

**Blessing of the Back Packs**  
at 8:45 and 11:00  
Bring your back pack, put it on the altar and pick it up after the service.



**RALLY NIGHT**  
Sunday, August 18  
Dinner at 5:00; Service at 6:00 p.m.  
Rev. Marcus Singleton will be our guest speaker.  
Lonnie Parsons - Music  
*For Children there will be a Bouncy House.*



The **Annual BPUMC Golf Tournament** has moved to the Fall! This year's Golf Tournament will be held on Monday, September 23rd at Hoover Country Club. We are joining up with St. Mark's UMC to have some fun and fellowship with fellow UMC members! The cost of entry will be \$100 per player. This includes your entry fee, range balls, mulligans and lunch. To sponsor a team, the cost will be \$600 which includes the entry fee of 4 players and two Hole Sponsorships. Sign up for the tournament will be available in the Church office or narthex. Entry fees are due when you sign up. For more information about other ways to help sponsor the golf tournament (door prizes, tee gifts, snacks, etc), please contact Jennie Alley at [medplanjda@aol.com](mailto:medplanjda@aol.com) or Megan Wise at [megan.f.wise@gmail.com](mailto:megan.f.wise@gmail.com). Hope to see everyone on the course!

**Counseling:** Addiction is a major problem for both the addicted person and his/her family. There are a variety of types of addiction, all of them serious. If you're dealing with these problems, Steve Sweatt is available to help assess the situation and explore resources to help. He is a licensed counselor, licensed marriage and family therapist, and ordained minister who comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Steve is affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference, and he comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church located below the chapel. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Weekend and evening appointments can be arranged.

**2013 Flower Calendar:** The following dates are still available to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion in the year 2013. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. Please sign up in the office of the Education building. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our Worship Services. Dates available: September 8, 29; October 27; November 3, 17; December 8, 29.



**Choir:** Are you interested in being a part of the choir? We always need more singers. On August 21, at 5:30 p.m. there will be a Kick-off dinner for the fall season. Please bring your family and join the fun and fellowship of the choir. Handbell choir members invited.

**Scholarships awarded:**

**BLUFF PARK UMC HIGHER EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIP**

*Sarah Mosely*, University of West Florida

*Andrew Ray*, Auburn University

**VICTOR HARBOR COMMUNITY SERVICE SCHOLARSHIP**

*Makayla Johnson*, University of Montevallo

*James Fletcher North*, University of the South-Sewanee

*David Smith*, Auburn University

**CHRISTIN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP**

*Danielle Claire Clinton*, Mississippi College

*Peyton Williams*, University of Alabama

**BLUFF PARK  
 UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
 Presents**



**SUNDAY,  
 AUGUST 25  
 6:00 P.M.  
 IN THE  
 SANCTUARY**

**Light  
 Supper at  
 5:00 p.m.**



**JOIN US FOR AN EVENING  
 OF WORSHIP, MUSIC AND FUN**

**MEMORIALS**

**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST**

*Cliff Lowe* by Ann Batson, Class of 1949 Lanett High School, Odessa Harbor

*Tim Self* by Lois Truss, HP Services Team, Birmingham, Dave and Karen Melvin, Wendy and Dan Steel, Genne Nelson

*Anne Friddle* by Odessa Harbor

*Bill White* by his children, Steve, Patricia, and Kay

**BUILDING FUND**

*Corky Creel* by Diane and Marvin Broome

*Cliff Lowe* by Wayne and Jackie Walton

*Anne Friddle* by Sara Young

**FOOD PANTRY**

*Sue Duley* by Jan Harris

*Olys Hildreth* by Dale and David Miller, Martha McLemore, Marilyn Wike Williams, Mary Louise Ballard,

**PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND**

*Louise Sturdivant* by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

**PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND**

*Louise Sturdivant* by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

**PROMISE HOME**

*Mary Sue Duley* by Lewis and Virginia Arches

**CHRISTIN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP**

*Steve Caulfield's father* by Lisa Avant

*Jennifer Hill* by George and Ginny Nash, Harry and Peggy Hill

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Nancy Williams* by Jan Harris

**VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Nancy Moore Williams* by Paulette and Bill Pearson

**UNDER THE BRIDGE**

*Tim Self* by Danny and Patti Fore

**MISSIONS**

*Sue Duley* by Laura Boren

**HONORARIUMS**

**BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH**

*Mike Holly* by James and Charlotte Holly, Jim and Becky McCrary

*Charleston Traveler* by Betty Hottenstein

**SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Reid Crotty* by Puchta Family

**FOOD PANTRY**

*Ladies of the Covenant Class* by Bob and Becky Walker

*J. B. and Frankie Thrasher* by Elizabeth Sheetz

*Bobby Jo Ashworth* by Jan Harris

**SOUND FUND**

*Lonnie Parsons* by Andrew and Ann Holder

**VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND**

*Charlie Trucks* by Shepherd's Center

**MISSIONS**

*Volunteer in Missions team* by Jim and Becky McCrary

**CHILDREN'S MINISTRY**

*Leigh Delashaw* by Carole and Jack Armistead

**MUSIC FUND**

*Bob and Becky Walker* by Terry and Jamie Davis

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

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**PROMOTION SUNDAY** is Sunday August 18. All children will be in the class that they will start school in this year. All 3 and 4 year olds will start their new classes on the back hall of the nursery wing under the sanctuary. All 1<sup>st</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> graders will meet up stairs in the Zoo room. K5 children and their parents can meet Mrs. Leigh in the Fellowship Hall at 9:45a.m.

**RALLY NIGHT** There will be a bouncy house in the gym for all 3year olds-through 5<sup>th</sup> graders! Dinner will be at 5p.m. with adult programming at 6p.m. Parents are invited to come and hear Marcus Singleton who is the minister at a new church plant that meets at Moonlight on the mountain.

**BLESSING OF THE BACKPACKS** We would like to celebrate the beginning of the new school year by inviting all children to bring their backpacks on Sunday August 18 to the church service their family attends. Before worship starts, bring the backpack to the altar. Then, during the service, we will say a special prayer over them. After the service is over, the children can retrieve their backpacks. Good luck to all families as the new school year begins!

**ALL CHILDREN'S PARENTS AND VOLUNTEERS** Please come to a Parent/Volunteer dinner meeting on Wednesday August 28 at 5:30p.m. This is especially for people who have 3year olds through 5<sup>th</sup> graders, or people who would like to work with children. There will be a nursery for babies and open gym time for elementary students. In the parent meeting you will learn about what goes on in Children's Ministries and how you can help. We hope men and women, husbands and wives come to this. In the Volunteer meeting you will be: trained in use of materials, what the expectations are, and a chance to volunteer for different events and programming. The hope is the Fellowship Hall will be full for dinner that night. See you there!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

This has been an incredible summer for our student ministry. We focused on two key areas: service and outreach. Our students served in a variety of ways: building homes, helping our community garden kids, packing groceries, leading worship and ministering at a women's shelter. We also welcomed many new students through 6th grader welcome events, a summer-long recreation series and weekly sports and art events. As we get closer to the school year, we'll take a couple of weeks to recharge our batteries and transition into fall-specific ministries. Please pray for our students and parents this fall.

On Wednesday, August 28th, adults are invited to join us for dinner and an overview of our ministry events for the fall. We'll also provide training for how to teach and volunteer with our students.

Sunday, Aug 25, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, Aug 28, 5:30pm: Dinner for Ministry Volunteers

Wednesday, Aug 28, 6:00pm: Overview of Student Ministry & Training for Volunteers

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**BRIDGE and LUNCH:** With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 11:00 a.m. Beginners and advanced

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER— Jessie's Place

**SUNDAY, AUGUST 18:** PEACH PARK, BBQ, Ice Cream, - 4:00 p.m.—7:30 p.m. Call Betty

**TUESDAY, AUGUST 20:** ALABAMA POWER RETIREES YELLOW DOT SIGN-UP

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 22:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Niki Sepsas—The Great Klondike Gold Rush

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Wayne Thaggard—Wood Carving

**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4:** RIVER BOAT CRUISE and Lunch—Montgomery 8:00 a.m.—3:00 p.m.

\$8 pp for Shepherd Center members \$30 pp non-members. Traveling by tour bus.

Many thanks to the everyone that traveled to Charleston, for your kindness, love, and support. It was a great trip!

*\*\*\*Need a meal for one of our sick/shut-ins? Pick one up at the Shepherd's Center on Thursday.*

### GOOD NEWS:

**THE DILL PICKERS** will be coming to Bluff Park on Sunday, August 25. Join us for supper at 5:00 evening worship and music at 6:00 in the sanctuary.

### Special Moment with Jesus!

*But I trust in your steadfast love; my heart shall rejoice in your salvation. Psalm 13:5*



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## The Week of August 18–24

### Sunday, August 18

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
4:00 p.m. Betty to Peach Park  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:00 p.m. Rally Night

### Monday, August 19

### Tuesday, August 20

9:00 a.m. Betty - AL Power Yellow Dot

### Wednesday, August 21

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

### Wednesday, August 21

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

### Thursday, August 22

9:00 a.m. Shepherd Center

### Friday, August 23

6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class

### Saturday, August 24

### Ushers

8:45: White 11:00: Davis

### Cross

8:45: Olivia Woodruff 11:00: TBA

### Acolytes

8:45: Rachel Martin 11:00: Mollie Edwards

### Children's Church

8:45: McGriff 11:00: Bowles

**Greeters August 18:** Home Improvement

**Meals on Wheels August 21:** Leard/Davis

**Food Pantry: September 4:** Sylvia Summers

## Last Week's Record

August 11, 2013

Sunday School	426
Morning Worship	494
Evening Worship	26
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$35,278.52
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$865,802.00
Received to Date	\$852,987.82
Building Fund Receipts	\$3,333.33
Building Fund in 2013	\$167,014.80
New Members in 2013	36

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$3,023.33
Received to Date	\$229,204.62

### 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!

## Life Line Screening

Tuesday, September 17  
Call 1-800-897-9177 for appointments

**Sermon, August 18, 2013**  
**8:45 Morning Worship**  
**"How to Develop Healthy Relationships 1: "Giving Our Best""**  
(John 15:12-17)  
**Mike Holly**

**11:00 a.m. Youth Sunday**  
**Bart Styes**

**5:00 p.m. Dinner**  
**6:00 p.m. Rally Night**

### VALET PARKING

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



Monday 6:30  
In the Gym  
**First Class Free**  
Class \$5  
Ivan Correa instructor

### Men's Freeplay Basketball In the Gym

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