



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter, August 27, 2013*

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Why do people need the Church? This question was not really on the minds of people half of a century ago in the Bible Belt. The Church seemed to be the central event of the week for small communities. However, we now live in a hyper-mobile and over-programmed world and some people begin to wonder: "why should I spend time in the Church?"

Over the course of September, we will be preaching on this very topic in our morning worship services. The Church, according to missional theologian Lesslie Newbigin, "is sent into the world to continue that which He [Jesus] came to do, in the power of the same Spirit, reconciling people to God." When thinking about the Church in this way we begin to see that the Church is not just the "people under the steeple" on Sunday mornings and night. No, the Church is also the people on the move during the week feeding and healing and blessing.

So, the Church is the place where we worship and glorify the God who then through the Church forms and equips our hearts, minds and hands for the sacred work of continuing Jesus' mission in God's world. AND, the good news is that each of us has a role to play! Join us in the month of September to find out more about how "We Are The Church."

*Mike*



September 1<sup>st</sup> – Rev. Tom Duley  
**The Church Calls for Justice and Fairness in the World**

September 8<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Mike Holly  
**The Church is a Sacred Community of Friends**

September 15<sup>th</sup> – Rev. Mike Holly  
**The Church Is Open To All**



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 tournament is sponsored by the BPUMC United Appeal Fund. 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!

On Sunday evening, August 25<sup>th</sup>, **The Dill Pickers** led a concert with over 260 people in attendance! It was a wonderful blessing for Bluff Park and thanks to everyone who attended, we raised \$1,416.00 for the Bluff Park United Appeal Fund, INC! Those funds will be equally dispersed to Urban Ministry, INC. and United Community Centers, INC, to help them make a positive impact in the Birmingham area.

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Gail Garner in the death of her father..... Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

**Congratulations** to Megan and Davis Wise on the birth of a 7 lb. 9 oz. son, Williams Matthew on August 21.....to Curt and Cassie Thompson on the birth of an 7 lb. daughter, Sophia Leigh, on August 21. Curtis and Paula Thompson are the paternal grandparents.

**UMW Special Notice:** Deadline for donations to UMCOR – (Sheets – Christmas Shoe Boxes – monetary donations) – is **September 15<sup>th</sup>**. Please leave items marked – UMCOR – on the Opportunity Class stage. **Also needed** – anyone to help cut the sheets and sew to correct size: September 5<sup>th</sup> - 10:00am - Opportunity Classroom. For more information, please call Penny Burns – 823-7176. Thank you.

**Counseling:** When we have major, life-changing decisions to make, it often helps to consult with an objective, impartial person to make sure we see things clearly and are taking into account all the factors that should be considered. We can avoid some serious missteps that way. Steve Sweatt is available for that purpose. 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.

**NEEDED** We need 2-4 people to be a storyteller for Wednesday night nursery 7-7:15 p.m. It's a wonderful time to share your favorite children stories with children who are eager to listen to a story! It's only a 15 minute time commitment. If you need a story, Mrs. Leigh has plenty to share. Contact Leigh Delashaw at 822.0910 or email at [ldelashaw@bpumc.org](mailto:ldelashaw@bpumc.org) so we can put you on the schedule..

**Flower Calendar:** September 29 is available to remember a loved one or commemorate a special occasion. Call the church office to sign up. \$50.00 for one arrangement of \$100.00 for both.

### **September 4—Midweek Dinners Begin & Special Training Session for All Adults**

#### **MIDWEEK CLASSES BEGINNING SEPTEMBER 11**

**Pastor's Bible Study 4:30 PM;** with Mike, Tom and Peter; "From Genesis to Revelation" in the Opportunity Class

**Becky Walker's Bible Study 6:00—7:30 pm;** Adam Hamilton's "The Way: Following in the Footsteps of Jesus" in the Friendship Class

**Write your family history—6:00 p.m. Parlor (starting September 11, limited weeks);** Join Peter Kirchikov in learning to write your family's history and your own story. Whether you've done extensive genealogical work, or whether you're just curious about your ancestors, Peter will help you learn how to record and treasure the stories and family history that help make us who we are.

**Mike Holly's Bible Study 6:30—7:30 pm;** "The Wesleyan Way" in the Opportunity Class.

**Coffee And Conversation — 6:30 pm;** Stay in the Dining Room after dinner for a pleasant conversation with friends. No agenda / No lesson / No schedule. Just "coffee and conversation."

#### **Choir Schedules**

Men's Choir, 6:00—6:30 pm; Adult Choir, 6:30—8:15 pm; Handbell Choir, 5:45 pm

### **BARGAINS ON THE BLUFF**

**A Children's & Ladies Consignment Sale**

**FRIDAY, SEPT. 13TH Public Sale 9:00-6:00PM**

**SATURDAY, SEPT. 14TH Public Discount Sale 9:00AM-2:00PM**

**Sizes preemie to preteen  
LADIES CLOTHING & ACCESSORIES**

**Juniors Sizes!  
Children's Toys & Books  
Children's furniture**

**Maternity clothing  
Children's Accessories**



#### **MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST**

All of the men from Bluff Park UMC are invited to a **free breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall on September 8, at 9:45 am to hear guest speaker **Drew Sanford** share his faith with us. He journeyed to Alabama where he fished for the University of Alabama's Bass Team and earned a Degree in Business (Accounting). He uses his business degree to help promote and market fishing related companies.

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**THIRD GRADERS** will receive their Bibles on **Sunday Sept. 8** at the 11 a.m. service. Please let your child come to Sunday school that day. . We will take time from their Sunday School class to practice what they are expected to do. Let Mrs. Leigh know what name (given name or name the child goes by) to put in the Bible.

**MIDWEEK** starts Sept. 4. The Young Ringers, M&M Kids, Children's Choir, and 4<sup>th</sup>5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship will meet at the same time as last year. The schedule is as follows:

Preschool choir is at 6p.m. in the 3 year old classroom. Preschool Open Gym time is 6:30-7p.m. they will return to the nursery for story time. The Young Ringers (Hand bell choir for children 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade thru 6<sup>th</sup> grade) will meet at 4:30-5p.m. in the Hand Bell room. Open Gym for elementary children (K5-5<sup>th</sup> grade) starts at 5:15p.m. Once your child comes to the gym, they will not be allowed to come back to the Fellowship Hall unless a parent comes to get them. They will be considered in rotation for the rest of the night. At 5:50p.m., the children will be escorted to children's choirs upstairs in the Canterbury classroom or the Fellowship classroom. At 6:25, elementary children are escorted to M&M Kids or 4<sup>th</sup>5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship up to the 3<sup>rd</sup> floor on the elementary hall. Parents can pick up M&M Kids anytime after 7:15p.m. At 7:30p.m., all children who are left in M&M kids will be taken to the nursery. 4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> Fellowship will be released after 7:15p.m.

## STUDENT MINISTRY

We are so excited that midweek meals start back on Wednesday, Sept 4th! Students are welcome to come hang out in the Youth Wing after school and do homework, play pool, foosball, video games or just visit with friends. Everyone is welcome to bring their dinner down from the Fellowship Hall and eat together. At 6:30pm, we'll worship in our Holy Ground service. This is a time for prayer, scripture, music and a message. This is a student-driven worship service but all ages are invited to worship with us. See you there!

Wednesday, August 28, 5:30pm: Dinner for Parent Volunteers in the Fellowship Hall

Wednesday, August 28, 6:00pm: Parent Volunteer Orientation & Training in the Youth Wing

Sunday, September 1, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, September 4: 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**BRIDGE and LUNCH:** With Barbara Morgan, **each Thursday** at 11:00 a.m. Beginners and advanced  
**THURSDAY, AUGUST 29:** **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Wayne Thaggard—Wood Carving  
**WEDNESDAY, SEPT. 4:** **SHEPHERD'S CENTER 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. Note: *Shepherd Center change*  
**THURSDAY, SEPT. 12:** **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Peter Kirchikov, *Walnuts on my Bookshelf*  
**FRIDAY, SEPT. 27:** **SENIOR FUN DAY WITH MIKE**—Lunch, entertainments and surprises

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

**MISSING: 3 Light Weight Wheel Chairs. Pleases return or call Betty and let her know you have one.**

**Flower Committee: Thank you for the smiles you bring to our sick and shut-ins each week.**

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

*Do to others as you would have them do to you. Luke 6:31*



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**The Week of September 1-7**

**Sunday, September 1**

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

**Monday, September 2**

Office Closed

**Tuesday, September 3**

**Wednesday, September 4**

8:00 a.m. Shepherd Center's River Boat  
5:00 p.m. Dinner  
6:30 p.m. Adult Training /Promise Home  
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

**Wednesday, September 4**

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

**Thursday, September 5**

**Friday, September 6**

**Saturday, September 7**

**Last Week's Record**

August 25, 2013

Sunday School	433
Morning Worship	606
Evening Worship	266
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$17,420.33
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$919,852.00
Received to Date	\$883,804.48
Building Fund Receipts	\$3,121.67
Building Fund in 2013	\$171,076.16
New Members in 2013	36

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$2,471.67
Received to Date	\$232,980.29

**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, September 1, 2013  
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**

"Is The Laborer Deserving?"

(Luke 10:1-7)

Tom Duley

**Ushers**

8:45: Carlisle 11:00: Moore

**Cross**

8:45: Ruskin Gold 11:00: Billy Neal

**Acolytes**

8:45: Claire Patton 11:00: Campbell Hecklinski

**Children's Church**

8:45: Hendon 11:00: Neal

**Greeters September 1:** New Horizons

**Meals on Wheels September 4:** Peggy White

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

**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)