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# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter, August 6, 2013*

## A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



A tradition in some Methodist churches is to hold "Watchnight services" on New Year's Eve, taking time to recommit their lives in the coming year to the service of God. Below is the "Covenant Prayer" that is featured in each Watchnight service. It is a beautiful prayer of trust, submission, and joy that reminds us of who we are and whose we are. As we conclude our series on abundant living, let this prayer be a reminder of where our abundance originates, how we find our true identity, and the complete reliance on Christ through which we discover a life worth living.

*Peter*

I am no longer my own, but thine.  
 Put me to what thou wilt, rank me with whom thou wilt.  
 Put me to doing, put me to suffering.  
 Let me be employed for thee or laid aside for thee,  
 Exalted for thee or brought low for thee.  
 Let me be full, let me be empty.  
 Let me have all things, let me have nothing.  
 I freely and heartily yield all things to thy pleasure and disposal.  
 And now, O glorious and blessed God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
 Thou art mine, and I am thine.  
 So be it.  
 And the covenant which I have made on earth,  
 Let it be ratified in heaven.  
 Amen.



## RALLY NIGHT

Sunday, August 18

6:00 p.m.

Dinner 5:00 p.m.

Rev. Marcus Singleton will be our guest speaker.

Lonnie Parsons - Music



Please plan to attend a very important and informative meeting on **Sex Trafficking in Alabama**. Every year, thousands of women and girls in the United States are victimized by the sex trafficking industry. Every day, girls as young as 13, are being coerced into a life where they are no longer in control. Several months ago the local news-casts presented a documentary on Sex Trafficking along I-20 in Alabama. This was a real eye opener for all of us. Everyone is welcome to this program as we learn what is being done to combat this issue. Grandparents, parents and youth all need to be aware and know what to look for. Our speaker is Tajuan McCarty, the Executive Director and Founder of WellHouse. Please invite family and friends to this important program. Dinner (\$6) at 6:00 p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. Program at 7:00 p.m. in the Chapel on August 12. RSVP for dinner to Sylvia Sumners [ssumners@bellsouth.net](mailto:ssumners@bellsouth.net) or 824-9902.



**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.

The **memorial service** for Olys Hildreth will be held Saturday August 10th at 11AM in the parlor. The family has requested that memorials be made to the church Food Pantry.

**Thank you** so much for all the prayers, calls, visits, and flowers during the past 21 months. No one could possibly have a better church family than Bluff Park UMC. After 4 surgeries, it is a pleasure and a gift from God to be back in church. Glynda Culver

Thanks to all who sent cards and calls on my 93rd birthday. I love my church family and hope to be back soon.  
Laura Boren.

**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.

**Bass Club Meeting:** Thursday, August 8, at 6:30P.M the Alabama Marine Police will speak at the Bass Club in the Fellowship Hall. We will also talk about the Weiss Lake Fishing Tournament on September 21.

**BLUFF PARK  
UNITED METHODIST CHURCH  
Presents**

**THE  
DILL PICKERS**

**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**



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 on 8/11. 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!

## CHILDREN'S NEWS

**ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP** Our next trip is August 14. We will go to the Springville Splash Pad. We will fix a picnic lunch here and take it with us. Make sure you bring dry clothes to change into before we come back! Cost is \$30 for 1 child, \$55 for 2 children in the same family.

**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.

**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. We hope you'll join us for Youth Sunday, August 18 at the 11am worship service. Please pray for our students and parents as the fall semester approaches.

Wednesday, Aug 7: Magic City Tribes Finale at Trace Crossings Elementary (5-6pm check-in, 6-8pm Mystery Game)

Thursday-Sunday, Aug 8-11: Youth Beach Retreat, Laguna Beach Christian Resort

Sunday, Aug 11, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing (No afternoon/evening activities)

Sunday, Aug 18, 11:00am: Youth-led Sunday Morning Worship

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

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

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 8:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Ann Lynn, Princeton—Hoover

**THURSDAY, AUGUST 15:** SHEPHERD'S CENTER—MYSTERY?????????

**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

*\*\*\*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.  
**Mark your calendar for an evening of worship, music, and fun.**



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

*God decided in advance to adopt us into his own family by bringing us to himself through Jesus Christ. This is what he wanted to do, and it gave him great pleasure. Ephesians 1:5*

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## The Week of August 11–17

### Sunday, August 11

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
5:00 p.m. Transition Team  
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

### Monday, August 12

6:00 a.m. UMW

### Tuesday, August 13

8:30 a.m. Maintenance

### Wednesday, August 14

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

### Wednesday, August 14

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

### Thursday, August 15

9:00 a.m. Shepherd Center  
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

### Friday, August 16

noon Opportunity Class

### Saturday, August 17

### Ushers

8:45: Adams 11:00: Alley

### Cross

8:45: Olivia Woodruff 11:00: TBA

### Acolytes

8:45: Carolyn Thompson 11:00: Lauren Ann Holmes

### Children's Church

8:45: TBA 11:00: TBA

### Greeters August 4: Friendship

Meals on Wheels August 14: Robin and David Martin

Food Pantry: September 4: Sylvia Summers

## Last Week's Record

August 4, 2013

Sunday School	430
Morning Worship	599
Evening Worship	36
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$23,811.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$838,777.00
Received to Date	\$817,709.30
Building Fund Receipts	\$3,679.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$163,681.47
New Members in 2013	36

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$3,444.00
Received to Date	\$226,181.29

### 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!

**Sermon, August 11, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"I Got Nothing"**  
(Mark 18:1-7; Mark 16: 1-8; Luke 24: 1-10; John 20:1-18)  
**Peter von Herrmann**

**6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**  
**"The Tomb Wasn't Empty"**  
(Matthew 28:1-7,  
**Peter von Herrmann**

### 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)