



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, September 3, 2013

A WORD FROM THE PASTOR



Every church that wishes to fulfill its calling in the world has to come to terms with its identity and purpose. We sing that the Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, our Lord. And so, our one foundation reveals to us our true identity and real purpose: the Church is to carry on the work and ministry of Jesus Christ. We find in Scripture that Jesus is referred to as the cornerstone, which carries the weight of all other stones placed upon it. The Church is essentially built upon Jesus and his life, teachings, death and resurrection.

And yet, churches often sing this reality and yet do not live as though Jesus is the very foundation of their Church. Instead of turning outward to the world in love and service, churches with this "foundation amnesia" turn inward and focus only on the needs of members. What once was a movement of people worshiping and serving in the name of Christ becomes a social club of folks somewhat resembling Christ.

Methodist pastor and author Adam Hamilton says that each and every church must answer four questions in order to recover its identity and purpose:

Why do people need Jesus Christ?

Why do people need the Church?

Why do people need this particular church?

To whom does the Church belong to?

Notice the last question? To whom does the Church belong? It does not belong to any one of us. It belongs to Jesus and our identity is solely built upon His calling for us as a Church. I invite you to join us this month as we consider how we as a congregation can continue to grow in becoming a church solely built upon the one foundation of Jesus Christ, our Lord!

Mike



September 15th – Rev. Mike Holly

The Church Is Open To All

September 22nd —Becky Walker

The Call of the Laity

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



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 or Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com. Hope to see everyone on the course!

Members of our Church Family in the Hospital: St. Vincent Ralph Drennen Trinity Fred Teaford

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Tom Hudson who died on August 28....also to Bart Styes in the death of his grandmother on August 30. Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to Lane and Bob McGough on the birth of a 7 lb. 11 oz. daughter, Charlie Reese on August 30.

UMW Special Notice: Deadline for donations to UMCOR – (Sheets – Christmas Shoe Boxes – monetary donations) – is **September 15th**. Please leave items marked – UMCOR – on the Opportunity Class stage. **Also needed** – anyone to help cut the sheets and sew to correct size: September 5th - 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.

Flower Calendar: September 29 (1/2) is available to remember a loved one or commemorate a special occasion. Call the church office to sign up. \$50.00 for one arrangement.

UNITED METHODIST WOMEN

Organized by women for hands-on missions to spread God's love -
The local UMW is always open to all ages who want to be involved in service.

United Methodist Women Gathering

September 9, 2013 – 6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall – Speaker, Judy Poole
Remember to bring your McCoy shower gifts (paper towels – air freshener – sweetener)

Mission Highlights of the week

Work day to prepare sheets for the UMCOR mission hospital in Honduras
September 5 – 10:00am – Opportunity Classroom

We **need** your help!

Questions – Call Elizabeth Davis at 823-9093

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



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

MIDWEEK starts Sept. 4. The Young Ringers, M&M Kids, Children's Choir, and 4th5th 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 2nd Grade thru 6th grade) will meet at 4:30-5p.m. in the Hand Bell room. Open Gym for elementary children (K5-5th 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 4th5th Fellowship up to the 3rd 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. 4th 5th Fellowship will be released after 7:15p.m.

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 them to the sanctuary to practice how to get their Bibles. You can find them in the sanctuary after Sunday School. Let Mrs. Leigh know what name (given name or name the child goes by) to put in the Bible by Thursday Sept.5.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL will start the rotation units this Sunday September 8. Many thanks go to the **NEW LIGHT SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS** for teaching the month of September. The unit is called 3 Women of Faith.

STUDENT MINISTRY

We are so excited that midweek meals are starting back! 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!

Thank you to every parent who has signed up to help as a volunteer this fall. We still have several needs, including Sunday School teachers, event chaperons and small group leaders. To learn more, contact Bart at 205-790-1803 or barts@bpumc.org

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

Sunday, September 8, 10:00am: Rev. Mike Holly will meet with our Students in the Youth Wing

Sunday, September 8, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal in the Youth Wing

Sunday, September 8, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, September 8, 6:00pm: Dodgeball in the Gym (followed by a short devotion)

Wednesday, September 11, 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 **SHEPHERD'S CENTER RIVER BOAT CRUISE** and Lunch—Montgomery

Note: Shepherd Center changed to September 12.

TUESDAY, SEPT. 10: **PELL CITY DAY TRIP**—Lunch at the Ark

THURSDAY, SEPT. 12: **SHEPHERD'S CENTER** —Peter Kirchikov, *Walnuts on my Bookshelf*

MONDAY, SEPT. 16: **AARP SAFETY DRIVING** with Mark Hearn 8:00-2:00

TUESDAY, SEPT. 17: **LIFELINE SCREENING** - 1-800-897-9177 for app.

THURSDAY, SEPT. 19: **SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - John Wayne Bible Study with Charlie Trucks

TUESDAY, SEPT. 25: **ANNISTON DAY TRIP** - Classic on the Noble

FRIDAY, SEPT. 27: **SENIOR FUN DAY WITH MIKE**—Lunch, entertainment 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 to let her know.

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

Special Moment with Jesus!

Let the favor of the Lord, our God be upon us. Psalm 90:17a



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The Week of September 8-14

Sunday, September 8

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Men's Breakfast
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
4:30 p.m. Leadership Team
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, September 9

6:00 p.m. UMW

Tuesday, September 10

8:30 a.m. Maintenance

Wednesday, September 11

4:30 p.m.. Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus
6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study

Wednesday, September 11

6:30 p.m. Mike Holly's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

Thursday, September 12

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

Friday, September 13

6:30 p.m. Friendship Class

Saturday, September 14

Ushers

8:45: Nelson 11:00: Dover

Cross

8:45: Nelson Coler 11:00: Lauren Ann Holmes

Acolytes

8:45: John David Shanlever 11:00: Kate Culverhouse

Children's Church

8:45: Blanchard 11:00: Pitts

Greeters September 8: Opportunity

Meals on Wheels September 11: Leonette Slay

Food Pantry: October 2: Kay Adams

Life Line Screening

Tuesday, September 17

Call 1-800-897-9177 for appointments

Sermon, September 8, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"The Body of Christ"
(I Corinthians 12:4-13)
Mike Holly

6:00 Evening Worship
"A Hard Saying"
(Luke 14:15-33)
Tom Duley

Last Week's Record

September 1, 2013

Sunday School	296
Morning Worship	426
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$22,743.84
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$946,877.00
Received to Date	\$906,548.32
Building Fund Receipts	\$3,965.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$175,041.16
New Members in 2013	37

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$3,815.00
Received to Date	\$236,795.29

**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!

Midweek Meal, Sept. 4

Catfish, green beans/new potatoes, corn on the cob, slaw, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread

Midweek Meal, Sept. 11

Fried chicken, rice/gravy, green limas, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread

VALET PARKING

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

Men's Freeplay Basketball
In the Gym

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



Monday 6:30
In the Gym
First Class Free