

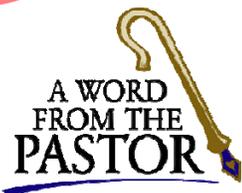
BLUFF PARK

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At the opening worship service at North Alabama's Annual Conference, Bishop Debra Wallace-Padgett challenged area churches like Bluff Park UMC to be grounded together in Christ Jesus. She urged us all to heed the words of the prophet Jeremiah and plant ourselves near the life-giving water that Jesus provides so that we may bloom and bear fruit in ministry. As I near one year of being one of the pastors here at Bluff Park UMC, I continue to realize just how blessed I am to serve in a congregation that is committed to bearing fruit.

In our church, we are committed to being a community of faith that cares for one another. We have a strong Sunday school program and we celebrate life's milestones together. We are also committed to serving others with the same love that we have been given by God. Our mission efforts are touching lives across our community and throughout the world. And finally, we are committed to doing whatever it takes to do whatever it is that God has in store for us. Recently that has meant raising over \$20,000 for a Habitat for Humanity Home. However, as our church leadership looks to the future, there are many new trajectories in store for us.

I am excited about our future because of who we are right now. We are planted in the right place. Now is the time to continue to grow and bear fruit!

Education Scholarships

Application forms for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship grants for the 2014-2015 academic year are now available in the church office.

Nominations for the Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarships for entering college freshmen can be submitted to the church office.

The deadline for applications and nominations is August 1, 2014.

Children's Volunteer Survey 2014

As many of you know BPUMC's Children's Ministry department has been working with a company called Ministry Architects to "renovate" and "rejuvenate" our Children's Department. One of the major steps in this process is to update our pool of volunteers and place people where their hearts and strengths are. We have created a survey to help determine that.

As part of our commitment that we ALL make when each precious child is baptized, we ask that you take a few minutes to complete the survey so we can help place you in the role that best suits you. Thank you very much for your time and responses.

-The Children's Ministry Team

Take the Survey Online:

BluffParkUMC.org/childrensvolunteersurvey

News of the Week

CHURCH-WIDE ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On Sunday, June 8 from 5-6pm in the fellowship hall the youth will be hosting an ice cream social—the perfect summer recipe for fun and fellowship.

CHURCH POOL PARTY

Grab your swim suit and sunblock and join the party. Sunday, June 22 from 5-7pm at the Vestavia YMCA.

TIME TO REUPHOLSTER THE CHOIR

The time has come to purchase new robes for the choir, the acolytes, and the bell ringers. Approximately 100 in all, and we need your help.

Each robe set consists of one robe plus two reversible stoles. The cost of replacing the robes and purchasing new choir folders is approximately \$25,000 (\$220 per set.) The choir members have already contributed \$2000 and the Endowment Fund committee has approved \$5,000 for this project. We need to raise an additional \$18,000.

To help 'reupholster the choir', make a special contribution to BPUMC with the notation "Robes Fund." Your contribution can be made in honor or memory of someone you love.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Vacation Bible School is July 7-11 from 5:00-8:15pm. You can register your child online for VBS (and other summer kids events.) We're still looking for volunteers, too.

BASS FISHING TOURNAMENTS

Bluff Park UMC will have its second Bass Fishing Tournament this season on June 21st at 4:00 am at Town and Country at Lake Logan Martin.

SPECIAL THANKS...

The Worship Committee wants to express thanks and appreciation for all of the support from the congregation and Sunday School classes for much needed items for Jessie's Place—a ministry caring for abused women and children. Thanks to your generosity we have helped 20 women as they start a new life.

SPECIAL THANKS...

Mike, Peter, Tom and all my church friends. Thank you for all your calls, cards and visits since I have been sick. It is wonderful to feel your care and concern and I hope your will continue to pray for me.

Odessa Harbor

YOUTH BAND TOUR UPDATE

Our youth band kicked off their summer tour last May 31st in Henagar, AL, a rural community on Sand Mountain. In addition to a great night of worship, there were also some great finds at Unclaimed Baggage in Scottsboro. Next, they led worship at the Church of the Reconciler in downtown Birmingham - our conference's ministry with the homeless. The highlight for the students was closing worship with a hand-clapping, foot-stomping "I Saw the Light/I'll Fly Away" medley while accompanied by two members of Reconciler's praise team joining us on harmonica and lead guitar.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

The Summer Event Brochures are out - pick one up in Betty's office or at the Welcome Center. Mark your calendars for all the summer fun happenings for Seniors and the Shepherd's Center.

60th ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

On June 6, 2014 Jackie and Fred Teaford celebrate their 60th wedding anniversary. They will be worshiping with us on Sunday the 8th.

BPUMC BOOK CLUB

Join us in the church parlor at 7 pm on the 4th Thursday of each month for thought-provoking conversation and fellowship. Upcoming Schedule:

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| June 26 | " <i>Calling Me Home</i> ," by Julie Kibler |
| July 24 | " <i>The Girls of Atomic City</i> ," by Denise Kiernan |
| August 28 | " <i>The Rosie Project</i> ," by Graeme Simsion |
| September 25 | " <i>The Optimist's Daughter</i> ," by Eudora Welty |

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S FIELD TRIP is June 18^h. Bowling, pizza, and a movie! This is for rising 1st graders thru 6th graders. Cost is \$30 a child. Room for 23 students. Doors open at 7:30a.m. We leave around 9:30a.m. and are back by 4:30p.m. We ask that you pick your child up by 5:30p.m. Call to reserve your child's place on the bus!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL leaders are looking for volunteers to help with our **Wilderness Escape** this year. If you like having fun and enjoy watching children grow in their faith, we have just the thing for you! Please e-mail Mrs. Leigh Delashaw @ ldelashaw@bpumc.org if you would like to volunteer!

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

On The Road Again Field Trip	Wed. June 18	For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders Cost \$30.00 a child 7:30am-5:30pm
Little Imaginations Day Camp	Mon.-Fri. June 16-20	9am-1pm Call 822-5813 for more info!
Preschool Splash Party	Tue. June 24	For Preschoolers and family 10:30am-noon Cost-Free!
VBS Volunteer Training Dinner	June 25,	5:30-7:30pm Dinner at 5:30pm meeting starts at 6pm
Vacation Bible School	Mon.-Fri. July 7-11	Cost \$10 Dinner served. 5-8:15pm.
Fine Arts Camp 9a.m.-12:30p.m.	Mon.-Fri. July 28-31	Cost \$35 For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders
Promotion Sunday	Sun. Aug. 3	All Children!

STUDENT MINISTRY

SUMMER CALENDARS

Need to pay for a summer trip? Go to BluffParkUMC.org/youth-event-epay where you can make a partial or full payment for the Band Tour, ASP or the Beach Retreat. Anyone can also make a donation to our Student Trip Scholarship Fund, which assists families who need a little help getting their students to all the great things we have planned off-site. Contact Bart Styes if your family needs assistance with a trip.

WELCOME RISING SIXTH GRADERS

All rising 6th graders are invited to join in our student ministry activities this summer.

YOUTH WEEK, JUNE 8-14

We begin the summer with YOUTH WEEK, starting with our Ice Cream Social on June 8th. Each day there will be something going on, from opportunities to play sports and make art to serving at First Light Shelter downtown to crazy things like an inflatable water slide in the Youth Parking lot. Come kick off the summer with our Student Ministry!

Sunday, June 8, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, June 8, 5:00pm: Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall (a fundraiser for summer student trips)

Sunday-Saturday, June 08-14: Youth Week. Daily activities all week!

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>THURSDAY, JUNE 5:</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Jack Owens, retired FBI, guest speaker, Missing School Girls in Nigeria.
<u>TUESDAY, JUNE 10:</u>	MYSTERY TRIP ???? – Lunch-on-your-own. A day of fun and mystery thrills.
<u>THURSDAY, JUNE 12:</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Judith Wilson, will share Healthy Living with Essential Oils of The Bible.
<u>WEDNESDAY, JUNE 18:</u>	CARDS to our sick/shut-ins - 11:00am in the Library. Volunteers needed.
<u>TUESDAY, JUNE 24:</u>	COLUMBUS, MS. DAY TRIP – Historical Home Tours, Ulysses S. Grant Presidential Library, John Grisham Museum, Charles H. Templeton Music Museum 7:00am-5:00pm Cost \$65.00pp includes breakfast and lunch.
<u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23:</u>	SAN ANTONIO, TX. A week of fun and excitement. Riverwalk, The Alamo, San Fernando Cathedral, Fredericksburg, National Museum of the Pacific War, LBJ Ranch and lots of other good stuff. 1 room available. Cost \$675pp double.

Special Moment with Jesus

Because your steadfast love is better than life, my lips will praise you. Psalm 63:3

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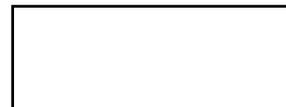
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The Week of June 8-14

Sunday, June 8

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 9:45 a.m. Covenant Class Breakfast
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
 4:00 p.m. Spiritual Foundation Planning Team
 5:00 p.m. Ice Cream Social
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

Tuesday, June 10

8:30 a.m. Maintenance
 9:00 a.m. Betty Day Trip
 6:00 p.m. Under the Bridge

Wednesday, June 11

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus
 6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, June 12

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

Friday, June 13

6:30 p.m. Friendship Class

Last Week's Record

June 1, 2014

Children	56
Morning Worship	486
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$28,968.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$594,550.00
Received to Date	\$527,554.86
New Members in 2014	35

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,904.00
Received to Date	\$497,363.78

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
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 Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

**Men's Free Play Basketball
In the Gym**

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY
1st Wednesday each month**

We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

Sermon, June 8, 2014

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship

"In Their own Language"

(Scripture - Acts 2:1-21)

Peter von Herrmann

Ushers
 8:45 Adams 11:00 Alley
Cross
 8:45 Carolyn Thompson 11:00 Rory Edwards
Acolytes
 8:45 Emma Patton 11:00 Preston Scott
Children's Church
 8:45 Schillaci 11:00 Bogart
Greeters : Opportunity
Meal on Wheels June 11: Leonette Slay
Food Pantry July 2: Sylvia Sumners

VALET PARKING

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