



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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This Sunday, we begin a ten week study on the New Testament letters of 1st and 2nd Corinthians. This study will explore how the Church exists as a community of people who follow Jesus Christ and live out their faith. The author of these two letters is believed to be Paul, the former Pharisee turned missionary and evangelist who planted new churches throughout the Mediterranean. And in these letters, Paul gives guidance to the church in Corinth on various matters such as this Sunday's topic: "A House Divided."

Paul describes how the church in Corinth had become divided upon allegiances to certain apostles and teachers. They were up in arms about different perspectives. These divisions were putting the entire church into a dangerous situation where people might start leaving to form splinter congregations

around these teachers.

But then Paul asks an important question in 1 Corinthians 1:13: "Has Christ been divided?" He reveals to them that the Church is a community founded around Jesus Christ and not around a preacher or teacher. Churches routinely find themselves in disagreements about practices or policies or teachings, but the aim is to maintain unity based upon the essentials. John Wesley, the founder of Methodism, asked questions in his sermon "The Catholic Spirit" that are helpful. He essentially asks others: "Is your heart with God?" "Do you believe in Jesus Christ?" "Do you love your neighbor?" "Do you show your love by works?"

If we can rally around how we are united as church by a loving God, we can learn to live as a community that reflects God's intent for all humanity to the world.

Children's Ministry Renovations

What do you do when you have something great that you want to make even better? You Renovate! Bluff Park UMC has partnered with Ministry Architects, a youth and children's ministry consulting firm, to help guide and shape the future of our children's ministry.

A team of church members, referred to as the Renovation Team, will work with Ministry Architects through the process of revamping the children's ministry. The Renovation Team, with guidance and coaching from Ministry Architects, will focus on key initiatives and benchmarks to build a successful and sustainable children's ministry, while focusing on items such as staffing needs and directives, as well as curriculum milestones for the children of the church.

The Renovation Team meets on a monthly basis and works with current staff and volunteers in the church. Throughout this process, you will be hearing about ways to volunteer and become a part of the future of our amazing, growing children's ministry.

For more information, please contact Lori Beasley, the Renovation Team Chair, at lbeasley9903@gmail.com.



News of the Week

PETERSON FAMILY CONCERT

Sunday, June 29 at 6:00pm
Frances, John, Patty and Sonny Peterson will be performing at Bluff Park UMC. Dinner will be served at 5:00pm before the performance. Everyone welcome - this is a great opportunity to invite a friend.

If you need a ride to the event contact Betty Hottenstein.

CHURCH MEMBER IN THE NEWS...



Tyler Burgess was just named as the principal of Pizitz Middle School and will begin his new job on July 1st. We are proud of Tyler and pray for his work with the students and staff of Pizitz!

DISCIPLE 1 BIBLE STUDY

Are you ready to study the Bible and develop yourself as a disciple of Jesus Christ? Join Disciple 1



Malaria's Dirty Dozen

Fact Three: Malaria was a disease of the American South well into the 20th century. In 1946, the U.S. Health Service created the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta, rather than D.C., because the South had the highest malaria transmission rate in the U.S. By 1951 malaria was considered eliminated in this country but the Center for Disease Control still keeps a staff dedicated to malaria surveillance. The anopheles mosquito, present in the U.S., is capable of transmitting malaria so we have a risk that malaria transmission can resume here.

Next: who is susceptible to malaria?

this fall! Class begins Sunday afternoon, September 7th and meets weekly through the end of May 2015. Cost is \$40.

Aren't sure just yet? Join an informational meeting on Sunday, August 17th in the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday school hour to learn more.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Myra Gray on the passing of Jack Gray. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Ray Stokes, Kay Adams, Steve Mezzell, Ray Glaze, Shirley White, Gail Ketchersid, Donny Finley, Emily Rabren, Jack Barry, Carolyn Arthur, Myra Gray, Jerry Strong, Odessa Harbor, Jean Farrell, Steve Caufield, Peggy Hill, Jimmy Ashworth, Tim Mosley, Betty Lou Black, Connie Guy, Judy Farris, Neal Matthews, Johnnie Drennen.

MEMORIALS

BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Bobby Jo Ashworth by Kay Glenn Channel, Michael and Melinda Sellers

Gene Watterson by Elsie Medders, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Dills, Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Davenport, Mr. and Mrs. William Cooper

Marvin Broome Sr. by Cynthia Blackwell

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Louise Studivant Bowers by Bob and Marianna Sturdivant

BUILDING FUND

Gene Watterson by Libby Snow,
UNDER THE BRIDGE

Marvin Broome, Sr. By Caroline Refearn,

FOOD PANTRY

Bobby Jo Ashworth by Mr and Mrs. Pratt Dean, James and Jeanette Crane, Joyce Kullman. Ray and Mary Jane

Faircloth, John and Sue Irwin, Terry and Ann Bice, Richard and Patricia Strahan, C. W. And Virginia Cox, John and Sylvia Sumners

PASTOR'S DISCRETIONARY FUND

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HONORARIUM

FOOD PANTRY

Evelyn Harper by Pony Thompson

CHOIR ROBE Fund

Kathryn Coltrane by Barry and Sonja Lothar

Carol Johnson by Barry and Sonja Lothar

Stretch and Joan Dunn by Curtis and Paula Thompson

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY VOLUNTEER SURVEY The Children's Ministry Team is updating the list of volunteers. The spiritual education of our children is the responsibility of our whole congregation and we want to encourage everyone to be a part of this important work. In order to connect each volunteer with the opportunities that best fit their gifts, we have prepared a short survey. Please take a few moments and fill out the survey today. The survey is on our website at: BluffParkUMC.org/childrensvolunteersurvey

WE ARE COLLECTING empty cereal boxes and snack boxes for a craft for VBS. Just bring them by the church office and we'll collect them from there. Thank you!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL July 7-11. We will serve dinner at 5p.m. with the opening starting at 5:40p.m. This is for rising 4K-rising 5th graders. Cost is \$10.00. You can register online at www.bluffparkumc.org. The Theme is *Wilderness Escape- where God Guides and Provides*. We will turn the gym and the elementary hall in to a marketplace like in Moses' time! Register today and don't forget to mark your child's T-shirt size.

FINE ARTS CAMP is July 28-31! 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This camp is for rising 1st graders thru 6th graders. The Theme is *Once a Shepherd Then a King*. King David is one of the most fascinating people in the Bible and we will experience different parts of his life. Cost is \$35.00 a child. You can register on-line or fill out a registration form that you can find at the Welcome Center or in the office. Classes include, drama, cooking, music, science and art.

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

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 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.

MAGIC CITY TRIBES Our summer recreation series continued last week with a flag football tournament. Congratulations to Morgan Road UMC - Purple who turned the tables on Bluff Park - Orange in the finals! We continue the games at Loch Haven Park this week.

Wednesday, June 25, 12:00pm:	HS Lunch Bunch TBD (all rising 9th-12th graders welcome!)
Wednesday, June 25, 5:00pm:	TRIBES at Loch Haven Park Fields (Check in 5-6pm, Games 6-8pm)
Thursday, June 26, 1:30pm:	Luau Birthday Party at McCoy UMC Adult Daycare
Thursday, June 26, 6:00pm:	Art Night in the Youth Wing (until 8:00pm)
Sunday, June 29, 10:00am:	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, June 29, 4:00pm:	Meet in the Youth Parking Lot for Broomball at the Pelham Ice Plex (\$20 person student, includes meal)
Monday, June 30, 3:30pm:	Monday Sports in the Gym
Tuesday, July 1st, 10:30pm:	Recreation with the Community Garden Kids in the Gym
Tuesday, July 1st, 1:00pm:	Packing Groceries for the Food Pantry

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>THURSDAY, JUNE 26:</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - MYSTERY PROGRAM???
<u>SUNDAY, JUNE 29:</u>	PETERSON FAMILY CONCERT - Dinner at 5:00pm - Concert at 6:00pm. Every one invited - transportation provided. Call Betty or the Church office.
<u>THURSDAY, JULY 3:</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Leonette Slay will share her Mission trip to Chile.
<u>TUESDAY, JULY 8:</u>	JERUSALEM at the McWane Science Center IMAX. We have 15 tickets - \$7.00ea. Our movie time is 11:30am. Call Betty to reserve your ticket and seat on the bus. Meet at the bus at 10:30am. \$3.00/gas donation. Lunch afterwards.
<u>SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23:</u>	SAN ANTONIO, TX. Balance Due on July 1st.

Special Moment with Jesus

"The LORD is good to all, and his compassion is over all that he has made." Psalm 145:9



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The Week of June 29- July 5

Sunday, June 29

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:30 am Canterbury Class Breakfast
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
5:00 pm Peterson Family Concert & Dinner
5:00 pm Living Room Study

Wednesday, July 2

9:00 am Food Pantry
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, July 3

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, June 4 OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

SUNDAY, JUNE 29, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"A House Divided"
(Scripture - I Corinthians 1:10-17)
Rev. Mike Holly

No Evening Worship

Peterson Family Concert 6pm in Chapel
Dinner Served at 5pm

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Doran 11:00 Arthur

Cross

8:45 Matt Lagan 11:00 Logan Watts

Acolytes

8:45 Will Thompson 11:00 Kate Culverhouse

Children's Church

8:45 Turner 11:00 Self

Greeters : Wesley Forum

Food Pantry July 2: Sylvia Sumners

VALET PARKING

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

Last Week's Record

June 22, 2014

Youth/Children	49/37
Morning/Evening Worship	500/34
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$19,233.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$675,625.00
Received to Date	\$591,762.94
New Members in 2014	36

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,636.67
Received to Date	\$505,799.78

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

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!