



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter July 1 2014

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As we move into the month of July, we are focused as a congregation on the nature of a church as a community of folks who dedicate their lives to loving God and loving others. We are also raising awareness in July and in August about malaria and how it is causing unneeded pain and death, especially on the continent of Africa. We are preparing as a congregation to respond to this missional emphasis in the fall.

As I look back upon the month of June, I realized that the North Alabama UMC's Annual Conference was an intersection of these two emphases: community and seeking to aid in the treatment and prevention of malaria. Annual Conference is the gathering of clergy and delegates from each church to worship, celebrate, learn and legislate for the sake of the United Methodist Churches within our area.

We discovered that in the past year we had 2,056 professions of faith and 1936 baptisms out of all the churches combined. We heard that we had 26,144 persons serving in missions that affected 763,255 people. And, the United Methodist Church in North Alabama took up its largest offering ever with a total of \$251,129.22 raised for our conference-wide initiative called "Imagine No Malaria." As of Annual Conference, the North Alabama UMC had raised \$911,035.96 toward its goal of \$1 million.

As you can see, Bluff Park UMC is a part of a larger community of people committed to loving God and loving others. May we ever increase in both of these areas!

Dianne Bentley to Speak at Bluff Park

On Monday, August 11th, Bluff Park United Methodist Church will have the honor of hosting First Lady of Alabama Dianne Bentley. The First Lady will be speaking at a United Methodist Women sponsored event to raise awareness about domestic violence.

Domestic violence is a mission focus of the United Methodist Women and they actively work to raise awareness for this issue and provide training to United Methodist congregations.

A dinner will be held at 6pm and the program follows at 7pm. Register online or contact Sylvia Sumners at ssumners@bellsouth.net or (205) 824-9902.



News of the Week

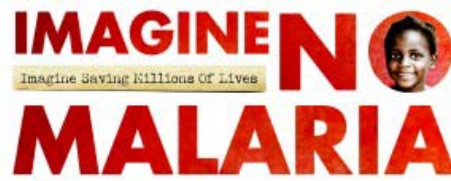
BLUFF PARK HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

Please start making plans to join us as we build the Bluff Park Habitat House in October and November. Please set these work dates aside on your calendar and make your plans to be with us as much as you can.

Work Dates: October 11, 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25, 30, 31. November 1, 6, 7, 8.

NEW CHECK-IN POLICY

A new Children's Ministry check-in policy will be instituted on August 3rd. All children (birth through 5th grade) will need to be signed in for all activities by their parents. This includes Sunday School and Wednesday night Midweek programming. More information and reminders will be shared as the August 3rd implementation date approaches.



Malaria's Dirty Dozen

Fact Four: Malaria occurs mostly in poor tropical and subtropical areas where it may be the number one cause of illness and death. The most vulnerable groups are young children who have not yet developed immunity to malaria and pregnant women whose immunity is decreased by pregnancy. For perspective, the World Health Organization reports that 3.4 billion people (half of the world's population) live in areas at risk of malaria transmission in 106 countries and territories. Malaria exacts a huge cost on stricken individuals, their families, communities, and nations.

Next: What makes eradication so hard?

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Mark Pitts, Keith Harper, Steve Mezzell, Ray Glaze, Shirley White, Gaile Ketchersid, Donny Finley, Emily Rabren, Jack Barry, Jeff Gray, Myra Gray, Jerry Strong, Odessa Harbor, Jean Farrell, Steve Caufield, Peggy Hill, Doyle Shaw, Tim Mosley, Betty Lou Black, Connie Guy, Judy Farris, Neal Matthews, Johnnie Drennen.

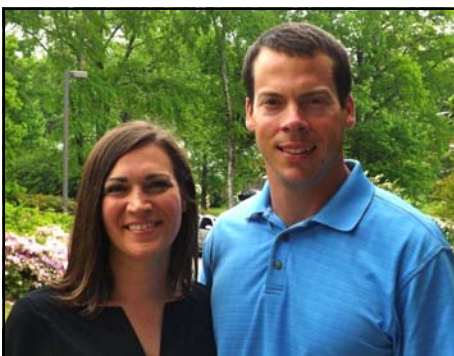
2015 FLOWER CALENDAR

Reserve a your space on the 2015 Flower Calendar. Remember a loved one or commemorate a special occasion.

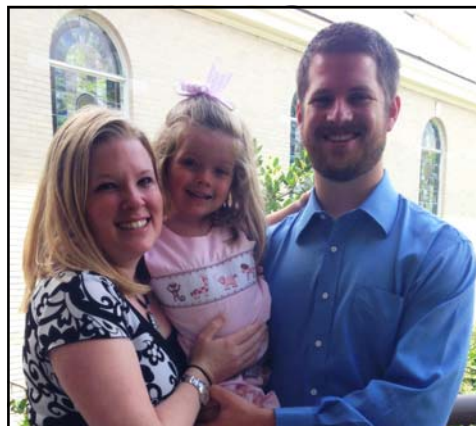
There are two arrangements each Sunday. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00.

To reserve a date, please sign up in the main office or contact 822-0910.

New Members of the Bluff Park United Methodist Church Family



Laura and Russ Hubbard



Laci and Chase Holden
and Ava Grace



Craig and Deb Galloway

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 on line 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL—STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED Come and be a part of Our Great Wilderness Escape! We need student volunteers assisting with each class of children. It's a great way to give back and earn service hours while eating a free dinner!

BEACH RETREAT, AUGUST 1-4 Make sure to get one last trip to the beach in before school starts back. We're staying at the Laguna Christian Retreat, west of Panama City Beach, FL. Cost is \$175 and includes lodging, transportation, a t-shirt and most meals. Register and pay online.

Sunday, July 6, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, July 6, 4:00pm	VBS Training & Setup for Student Volunteers
Sunday, July 6, 5:30pm	Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Monday-*Friday, July 7-11 4:45-8:15pm	Vacation Bible School (*Friday: Arrive at 6pm)
Tuesday, July 8, 10:30am	Recreation with Community Garden Kids on the Playground
Wednesday, July 9, 12:00pm	HS Lunch Bunch (location TBD)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, JULY 3

TUESDAY, JULY 8

THURSDAY, JULY 10

FRIDAY, JULY 18

SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Leonette Slay will share her Mission trip to Chile.
JERUSALEM—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—10:30 a.m. \$3.00/gas donation. Lunch afterwards.

SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Kate Holmes, RN, Princeton Baptist
HELEN KELLER'S IVY GREEN HOME TOUR \$5.00 admission.
Lunch at the Rattlesnake Saloon. Call Betty. Meet at the bus 8:00 a.m.

Special Moment with Jesus

“Your steadfast love, O LORD, extends to the heavens, your faithfulness to the clouds.” Psalm 36:5



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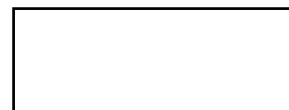
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The Week of July 6-12

Sunday, July 6

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service

Monday, July 7

5:00 pm Vacation Bible School

Tuesday, July 8

8:30 am Maintenance
9:00 am Betty Day Trip
5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm Under The Bridge

Wednesday, July 9

5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, July 10

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
6:30 pm Finance Committee

Friday, July 11

5:00 pm Vacation Bible School
6:00 pm Friendship Class Dinner

SUNDAY, July 6, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Freedom and Responsibility"

(Scripture - I Corinthians 6:12; 8:9-13)

Rev. Mike Holly

No Evening Worship

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 Carlisle 11:00 Moore
Cross

8:45 Ethan McGriff
11:00 Carlyne Hecklinski

Acolytes
8:45 Neiley Mann
11:00 Campbell Hecklinski

Greeters : Cornerstone
Food Pantry August 6: Theresa Richerson

VALET PARKING

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

Last Week's Record

June 29, 2014

Youth/Children	48/60
Morning Worship	524
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$15,709.22
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$702,650.00
Received to Date	\$607,472.16
New Members in 2014	44

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$1,500.00
Received to Date	\$507,299.78

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
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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!