



BLUFF PARK

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We live in the "information age." We have instant access to more information than at any other time in history. But have you noticed that having information doesn't seem to be making much difference in how we live together as human beings in our communities or in this world? This past Sunday, we explored what it meant for human beings to live in freedom without loving responsibility to God and others. This Sunday, we turn our focus on what it means to use information and knowledge to build up others and make a positive impact on the world.

The church in Corinth had what we call "the Good News." They knew that God loved the world and everyone in it and had given us his Son who would show us the ways of God, ultimately sacrificing himself out of that same love. This information - this news - transformed their lives and brought them together as a community. And their life together in that community was supposed to be shaped and patterned by that same love of God for us.

One word of warning from Paul to the Christians in Corinth is found in 1 Corinthians 8:1 as he warns that "knowledge makes people arrogant, but love builds people up." Having information that others do not have can tempt the information-holders into thinking that they are better, wiser and possibly even more valuable than others. Paul warns us that simply having information doesn't mean anything, especially information that is designed to be freely shared and demonstrated. The Church is called to not only share information, but to build others up in love. Join us on Sunday as we explore what this means!

Bluff Park UMC in the News

Our work is getting noticed outside the church community. The June 26th issue of the *Over the Mountain Journal* included an article on the 14th annual Ladies' Day event held in May. The article highlighted the activities of the day and the many people involved in creating this wonderful event.

The July issue of the *Hoover Sun* featured an article on the new outdoor classroom created for the Little Imaginations Preschool. The article offers a wonderful overview of the space and how it will be incorporated into the preschool program.

Both articles can be found online:

www.otmj.com
www.hooversun.com



News of the Week

CAR WASH FUNDRAISER

Sunday, July 13, 11am-2pm, our students have one last opportunity to raise funds for their ASP Mission Trip and Beach Retreat. We'll be washing cars in the youth parking lot on Sunday. You can come down after Sunday School, after worship or swing back by the church after a nice lunch. There is no set price and any size donation will be appreciated.

SMALL GROUP SCHOLARSHIP ASSISTANCE

We want everyone to have the ability to be a part of the ministries of Bluff Park UMC. If any small group has a fee or charge, we will gladly cover that fee or charge for any participant who needs that assistance. Any assistance will be confidential. Call or e-mail Rev. Mike Holly and he will take care of it for you (mholly@bpumc.org).

PRAYER LIST

Please keep the following people in your prayers this week: Jim Howard, Roland Wilson, Ray Stokes, Jeff Gray, Shirley and Joe White, Odessa Harbor, Jean Ferrell, Betty Lou Black, Judy Farris, Andy King, Jim Smith (overseas), Elaine Black, Pete Portera, Derek and Jessica Carson and their new child, Grant and Kaleigh Stokes and their new child, Deb and Craig Gallaway in the passing of Craig's brother.

SPECIAL THANKS

To Bart and BPUMC Youth who celebrated the Birthday/Luau at McCoy Day Care: Sincere thanks for mak-



Malaria's Dirty Dozen

Five: Malaria continues to plague hundreds of millions, yet we know what causes the disease and how to eradicate it. Why is eliminating this scourge so hard and why have malaria cases been INCREASING over the last 30 years? The tropical band of the earth where the malaria parasite lives also contains countries that lack the economic resources to enact rigorous, effective antimalarial programs. In addition, much of the population in these countries is poor, malnourished, and illiterate. To add to the eradication challenge, wholesale population movements caused by droughts and armed conflicts have taken malaria from infected to non-infected areas. Finally, both mosquitos and parasites have developed resistance to insecticides and drug treatments. Effective eradication programs will have to be multifaceted and global.

Next: 21st century initiatives to combat malaria

ing it a special day - Best wishes from the Staff and Clients. Please come again!

IT'S A BOY

Congratulations to Jessica and Derek Carson on the birth of a 8lb 12oz boy on July 3rd.

CLOTHES HANGER DRIVE

Jefferson County Foster Care Kids normally arrive in their new foster home with only the clothes they are wearing or if they are allowed, they may have had time to grab a day or two of clothes. It is up to the foster families to have basic necessities on hand for all kids that arrive at any time of the day or night. As you can imagine, it is hard to have all different sizes or to immediately shop for a new child.

Jefferson County DHR is trying to revitalize their Clothes Closet to help ease this burden and we are asking for your help to provide hangers for this project. We are accepting wire hangers of all sizes (DHR handles newborns - teenagers) in order to organize the clothes closet so the kids and workers can shop as needed that first day / night / week to help clothe the kids during this initial transition week.

If you can help, please take hangers to the Home Improvement Classroom or contact Rhonda Fort at 205.492.5207.

GREEN TEAM TIP

Composting returns earth's nutrients to the soil. It can be as easy as spreading cut grass under or behind a bush. It will fertilize the plants nearby.

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

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.

PROMOTION SUNDAY is Sunday August 3. All families and children are invited to the Sanctuary at 9:45a.m. to celebrate the new school year, our children and to fill out registration forms. We will also have doughnuts and coffee in the Fellowship Hall for the adults after we meet.

A NEW POLICY will be instituted on Aug. 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. Further information is forthcoming!

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

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.

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 13, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, July 13, 11am-2pm	Car Wash Fundraiser in the Youth Parking Lot
Sunday, July 13, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Team Rehearsal
Sunday, July 13, 5:30pm	Snack Supper in the Youth Wing
Sunday, July 13, 6:00pm	Messy Games in the Youth Parking Lot
Monday, July 14, 3:30pm	Monday Sports in the Gym
Tuesday, July 15, 10:30am	Recreation with Community Garden Kids in the Gym
Tuesday, July 15, 2:30pm	Meet in the Parking Lot for Fun with First Light Shelter
Wednesday, July 16, 12:00pm	HS Lunch Bunch (location TBD)
Wednesday, July 16, 5:00-8:00pm	Tribes (location TBD)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>THURSDAY, JULY 10:</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Kate Holmes, RN – Heart Disease
<u>THURSDAY, JULY 17:</u>	SHEPHERD'S CENTER – Rosemary Dallam – Something Good is Cooking.
<u>FRIDAY, JULY 18:</u>	TUSCUMBIA – HELEN KELLER'S IVY GREEN TOUR and St John's Episcopal Church Tour – the State's oldest Carpenter Gothic Church – built in 1855 – used by Union Soldiers to stable horses during the War between the States. Lunch-on-your-own at Rattlesnake Saloon. 8:00-4:00 Cost: \$5.00/admission - \$5.00/gas donation. Call Betty
<u>TUESDAY, JULY 22</u>	JONES VALLEY TEACHING FARM and MYSTERY LUNCH 9:00 – 3:00. Call Betty.

Special Moment with Jesus

“The eyes of the LORD are in every place, keeping watch on the evil and the good.” Proverbs 15:3



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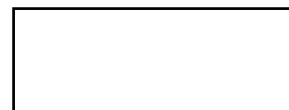
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The Week of July 13-19

Sunday, July 13

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
11:00 am Youth Car Wash
3:00 pm Montevallo Concert Choir
3:30 pm Building Team Meeting
5:00 pm Living Room Study
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

Wednesday, July 16

6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir

Thursday, July 17

9:30 am Shepherd's Center
6:30 pm Finance Committee Meeting

Friday, July 18

8:00 am Betty Day Trip

SUNDAY, July 13, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"INformation"
(Scripture - 1 Corinthians 8:1-6)
Rev. Mike Holly

6:00pm Evening Worship in the Chapel
John Gates Preaching
"God's Plan"

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Psalm 25

Genesis 25:19-34

Romans 8:1-11

Matthew 13: 1-9; 18-23

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers

8:45 Nelson 11:00 Dover
Cross

8:45 John David Shanlever
11:45 Rory Edwards

Acolytes

8:45 Clayton Marshall 11:00 Emily Toth
Children's Church

8:45 Chatterton 11:00 Heath

Greeters : Canterbury

Meal on Wheels July 16: Betsy Britain

Food Pantry August 3: Kay Adams

VALET PARKING

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

Last Week's Record

July 6, 2014

Youth/Children	33/33
Morning Worship	416
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$28,529.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$788,112.72
Received to Date	\$653,454.18
New Members in 2014	44

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$5,725.00
Received to Date	\$517,358.48

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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!