



BLUFF PARK

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We have been reading through the book of 1 Corinthians since the end of June and thus far we have encountered a church dealing with a lot of problems. The Christians in Corinth have forgotten who they are as a community of faith and have begun turning against each other...and turning away from Christ. After chapter 11, Paul turns from answering questions about certain situations within the church and he begins teaching about what it means to be a true Church.

In chapter 12, Paul teaches that each and every person is gifted by God's Spirit. And as Rev. von Herrmann discussed in his message last Sunday, we are bound together. When one of us succeeds, we all succeed. When one of us fails, we all fail. We are, as the Church, one body connected together through Christ. In chapter 13, Paul describes how love is the glue that holds the body together. This popular chapter is read at many weddings because of its poetic beauty and its truthfulness about self-giving love.

On Sunday, July 27th, we will turn our attention to 1 Corinthians 14 where Paul discusses the gift of speaking in tongues. This gift may be strange to us today, but it seems to be something important in the early church but even then they had problems. Paul reminds the people of Corinth that every gift, if it is a spiritual gift, must be for the building up of the body of believers. So you see, these chapters continually emphasize how important it is to get our minds wrapped around what the church truly is and how we are to take care of it and one another. We must be one; we must be glued together with love; and everything we do must be for building each other up in love.

Domestic Violence Outreach

The members of Bluff Park are ministering to the victims of domestic violence in a way that might not be obvious—donated wire coat hangers.

Many of the children who end up in foster care are there because of domestic violence in their homes. A Clothes Hanger Drive being run by the Home Improvement Sunday School class is helping to meet a need to provide clothes through the Jefferson County 'Clothes Closet' project. Details of this project can be found in the News of the Week on page 2.

Bluff Park's United Methodist Women are also hosting First Lady of Alabama, Dianne Bentley, on August 11th. She will be speaking on the topic of domestic violence. There will be a dinner at 6pm and the First Lady will speak at 7pm. This event is open to everyone.

To make a reservation to attend, visit the church website or contact Sylvia Sumners at ssumners@bellsouth.net or (205) 824-9902.



News of the Week

NEW 2014 CHURCH DIRECTORY

Color Craft will be calling to schedule appointments for the following dates: Friday July 25, Friday August 1, Saturday July 26, Saturday August 2, Sunday July 27, and Sunday August 3. We hope you and your family will be available for one of these dates - we want everyone included in our new Church Directory. So, expect a phone call - if you do not receive a call please call the church office or you can call Color Craft directly at 1-800-638-9107.

TAKE ME OUT TO THE BALLGAME

BPUMC's own Ethan McGriff will be singing the National Anthem at the Baron's game on Tuesday, July 29th at 7:05pm. We have secured a block of 40 tickets for members who want to come out and support Ethan. Tickets are \$7 each and include a hotdog and soft drink. Come to the church office to purchase tickets.

LITTLE IMAGINATIONS PRESCHOOL


If you have a precious little one at home, and are looking for a Parent's Day Out program, the solution might be closer than you think! There are still a few spots available in the Mon/Wed/Fri Toddlers class at Little Imaginations for the 2014-15 school year. For information and registration, please contact the Preschool office at (205) 822-5813 or imagination@bpumc.org. We look forward to hearing from you!

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to Barbara Wilson and family on the passing of Roland Wilson on July 20th, 2014. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

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.



IMAGINE NO MALARIA
Imagine Saving Millions Of Lives

Malaria's Dirty Dozen

Seven: Over the last two decades research and development funding for malaria prevention has increased fivefold, from \$131 million in 1993 to \$610 million in 2011, with a projected need for \$8.3 billion from 2013-2022. What has this investment produced so far? The R and D pipeline now contains almost 90 products, including 40 drugs, with 10 in late-stage clinical trials; one vaccine candidate in late-stage testing; more than 12 mosquito control tools; and many new diagnostic tools.

Next: High tech mosquito nets?

SPECIAL THANKS

To all our church family and friends, I want to take a moment to thank everyone for their continued love, support and the many prayers for my momma (Odessa Harbor.) She is meeting the challenges she faces head on, like she always has. Thanks again and please continue to surround her in prayers—Alanna Ralph

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. 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 period.

If you can help, please take hangers to the Home Improvement Classroom or contact Rhonda Fort at (205) 492-5207.

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!

ELEMENTARY TEACHER TRAINING for the new school year teachers is Sunday July 27 in the Seekers' Classroom at 9:45a.m.

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

APPALACHIA SERVICE PROJECT. A team of 28 student and adult servants left on Sunday, July 20 for Greene County, TN. This marked the eighth consecutive year that our students have served rural Appalachia through ASP. We couldn't do this work without the support of our church and we ask for your prayers for the people in the community where they have served.

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.

YOUTH SUNDAY, AUGUST 10. Our students will take a leadership role in the 11:00 worship service as we go back into the school year. We hope that your family will choose to worship with us at this service

Sunday, July 27, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, July 27, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Rehearsal
Sunday, July 27, 5:30pm	Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, July 27, 6:00pm	Youth Games (TBD)
Monday, July 28, 3:30-5:30pm	Monday Sports in the Gym
Tuesday, July 29, 10:30am	Recreation with Community Garden Kids in the Gym
Wednesday, July 30, 12:00pm	HS Lunch Bunch (location TBD)

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY JULY 24 SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Bryant Samuels will present a program on "Everything we should know and do for Better Eye Sight".

THURSDAY JULY 31 SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Ron Jones - Artist-on-the-Bluff

TUESDAY AUGUST 12 CAMP SUMATANGA DAY RETREAT - 8:30am - 4:00pm. Worship by Yvonne Sellers of Dawson Baptist, Music by Mahala McKinney, Jackie Wesson and Charlotte Word. Sally Frederickson will share a Bible Love Story with us. Our lunch will be prepared by Camp Sumatanga staff. Cost: \$10.00pp. Call Betty - join us for a day of fellowship, fun and lots of laughter.

Special Moment with Jesus

"I delight to do your will, O my God; your law is within my heart." Psalm 40:8



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The Week of July 27–August 2

Sunday, July 27

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
9:45 am Elementary Teacher Training
10:00 am Church Directory Photos
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
12:00 pm Sunday School Class Presidents Luncheon
2:00 pm Building Team Meeting
5:00 pm Living Room Study
6:00 pm Evening Worship Service

Monday, July 28

9:00 am Fine Arts Camp
6:00 pm Building Team Meeting

Tuesday, July 29

9:00 am Fine Arts Camp
10:00 am Church Directory Photos
7:00 pm Birmingham Barons Game

Wednesday, July 30

9:00 am Fine Arts Camp
9:00 am Church Directory Photos
6:00 pm Men's Chorus
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Children's Council Meeting

Thursday, July 31

9:00 am Fine Arts Camp
9:30 am Shepherd's Center

Friday, August 1

9:00 am Church Directory Photos
6:30 pm Fishermen Class Dinner

Saturday, August 2

9:00 am Church Directory Photos

SUNDAY, July 27, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Keeping The Main Thing The Main Thing"
(Scripture - 1 Corinthians 14:13-26)
Rev. Mike Holly

6:00pm Evening Worship in the Chapel
Tina Hardy Preaching
"The Best Is Yet To Come"

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Genesis 29:15–28
Psalm 105:1–11, 45b
Romans 8:26–39
Matthew 13:31–33, 44–52

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 Chatterton 11:00 Youth
Cross
8:45 Carolyn Thompson
11:00 Graham Coltrane
Acolytes

8:45 Will Thompson 11:00 Billy Neal
Children's Church
8:45 Chadha 11:00 Sparks
Greeters : Faith

Meal on Wheels July 30: Ken and Kay Adams
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

July 20, 2014

Children	40
Morning/Evening Worship	399/15
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$16,637.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$783,725.00
Received to Date	\$709,778.00
New Members in 2014	44

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013–December 31, 2015	
Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$3590.00
Received to Date	\$522,915.81

**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!