



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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This Sunday our sermon series will focus on the vow of presence. In place of my normal weekly message I want to share an article written by Joe Campbell, the current chair of our Stewardship Committee, that reflects on the powerful effect our presence has in the life of the church.

## **The Power of Just Showing Up**

Have you seen the Liberty Mutual Insurance ad about “Doing the Right Thing”? The gist of it is that one person sees another person helping someone, and then the person who sees the act is encouraged to help another which encourages another onlooker. Your presence in worship, at Sunday school and at volunteer ministry projects has the same effect on someone and you don’t even realize it. Your commitment to be present is a form of witness and a support for others. Our choir works hard and had rather sing to a full congregation. Sunday school teachers prepare lessons for a full class. Our ministers labor over sermons for our benefit in hopes that God will speak through them to reach many of us. Remember “You are the Church, I am the Church, We are the Church together”. Thanks for being there.

-Joe Campbell

## **Running for Water**

Nearly 70 people gathered in the parking lot this past Sunday afternoon for the first annual Bluff Park Fun Run. The forecasted rain never arrived and 45 people lined up to run the 1-mile course. Everyone had a great time, and a village in India will get clean drinking water as a result.

The New Light Sunday School class has chosen to support a mission project providing clean water for people in need. They organized the Fun Run to raise money to sponsor a community well through a partnership with Neverthirst—a non-profit group dedicated to providing clean drinking water to people around the world.

The Fun Run raised about \$900 for this effort. Combined with money from previous fundraisers, and matching funds from the Missions Committee, they will be able to fully sponsor the drilling of a new community well in India.

Every day, between 175 and 300 people will have access to clean drinking water thanks to the well being provided by the people of Bluff Park United Methodist Church. Praise God.



# News of the Week

## WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY

Sunday, October 5th is World Communion Sunday. It is also the day when we receive our annual Offering of Blankets for the homeless. As the days grow cooler and then get cold, those who are homeless need protection from the cold. The Offering of Blankets is one way that we help to meet that need. Please bring your blanket to the worship service and place it at the altar rail on October 5th. We will be receiving blankets at the 8:45 and 11:00 am worship services.

## JOIN THE HABITAT BUILD TEAM

Our first Habitat for Humanity work day is Saturday, October 11th. The church vans will leave from the church at 7 am. We will be working on framing the house that day. Lunch will be provided as will water. If you have tools that you would like to bring that is fine but not required. If you would like to drive to the site in your own car the street address is 329 Creek Run Circle, Calera, AL 35040.

All who want to participate are welcome but we would like to have a count of how many will be there. If you would sign-up at the church website or through your Sunday School class that would be most helpful.

<http://bluffparkumc.org/habitat-2014>

## CHILE MISSIONS

If you are interested in being a member of our 2015 Volunteer in Mission team to Chile or if you are just curious about what we do while in Chile there will be an interest meeting on Wednesday, October 15th at 6 pm. The meeting will be held in the Chapel. We will share information about the work, dates, travel, accommodations, etc. No commitments will be asked for at this meeting. It is solely for the purpose of sharing information. Please make plans to attend if you have an interest in our work in Chile.

## PARKING NEAR THE MAIN OFFICE

Due to several instances where emergency vehicles have had to respond to situations at BPUMC, we are asking everyone in our church to please not park in a fire lane at any time of the week. We have several places in our campus for loading and unloading that are very close to an elevator. Thank you for taking the steps to keep our fire lanes open for when they are needed.

## SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

Our sympathy is extended to Dee Bueoy on the passing of her husband, Dick, on September 27th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

Dee Bueoy and her family would like to thank the congregation of Bluff Park UMC for the prayers and support that you have given them over the past four years. The visitation for Dick Bueoy will be on Saturday, October 4, at 11:00 am at Elmwood in the Parlor. A funeral will follow at 1:00 pm in the Chapel at Elmwood with burial directly afterwards in the Veteran's section. Gifts and memorials can be made to the BPUMC Food Pantry.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Rachel and Seth Robinson on the birth of Truwyn Alexander on September 23rd.

Congratulations to Kristi and Darrel Wolfe on the birth of Matthew Darrell on September 23rd.

## BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

From 2:00–3:00pm on Sunday, October 5th, Rev. Peter von Herrman will be at the portico near the children's playground for a service of blessings the animals.

Very often, a pet is one of the closest companions in a person's life.

We take this opportunity each year to ask God to bless this relationship and all of God's creation.

The blessing of the animals is also an opportunity to reach out to the community. So, we encourage you to tell your friends and neighbors who are pet owners to come by the church and bring their pets.

## HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL IS COMING

On Wednesday, October 29th from 6:00-8:00pm we will host our annual Halloween Carnival at the church. There will be carnival games, prizes, food and more. Come dressed in your costume.

The Halloween Carnival is a great opportunity to invite new people to the church. Extend a personal invitation to your friends and neighbors.

## FREE BOATING SAFETY CLASS

Allen Word and the BPUMC Bass Club have made arrangements for the Alabama Marine Police to come to Bluff Park and lead a 3-day class for anyone interested in becoming a licensed boat operator.

Classes will be held on October 20, 21, and 22 from 5:30-8:30pm. If you would like to participate, please contact Allen at 205-382-5233/allenjword12@att.net or call the church office.

**IMAGINE NO**  
Imagine Saving Millions Of Lives  
**MALARIA**

### 575 LIVES SAVED SO FAR...

In the first phase of our 3 year Imagine No Malaria fundraising campaign *we have raised enough money to save 575 lives (\$5,752).* We fell short of our 2014 goal by \$2,581, but we have still made a difference.

When we ultimately meet our church's goal of raising \$25,000 over three years we will have been responsible for saving 2,500 lives. Each \$10 donation provides the treated bed nets, testing kits, medicine, and training needed to save one person from the tragic effects of malaria.

It's not too late to take a stand against malaria and give to the Imagine No Malaria campaign.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**THE CHILDREN'S WORSHIP CENTER** is located in the narthex by the stairwell on the left side by the plants. There are clip boards with paper and crayons, Bibles and storybooks that you can borrow and then return after the service is over. If your child goes to Children's Church, we ask that parents return the materials when the service ends.

**PARENTS.** There is a brief survey in your Sunday School classes room about Children's Ministry. Please take a moment and fill one out. Place it in the brown envelope and someone will pick them up by Oct. 15. If you are not in a Sunday School class, you can pick one up on the information table on the Elementary Sunday School Hall or the Preschool Hall.

**THE HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL** is coming up!!!! Wednesday Oct. 29 6-8p.m. **SPOILER ALERT-** As part of the festivities, there will be a **Popsicle cart from Steel City Pops!** There will also be food, fun, and fellowship for all who participate! Invite your friends and neighbors!!! Come dressed in Costume!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

October 8th  
October 22

November Unit Study Hall. 6:30pm, New Light class  
Spooky Cooking Class with Charlotte McCrary. 6:30pm in the Fireside Room.

October 29th

Halloween Carnival 5pm-8pm, gym

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**HALLOWEEN CARNIVAL PLANNING**, This Sunday at 5pm: Be There to Volunteer at the Carnival! On Wednesday, October 29th, our church will hold it's annual Halloween Carnival. And that means our students must plan and set up our Haunted Youth Wing! To volunteer as part of our team at the carnival, students must attend either/and our planning session this Sunday, October 5th at 6:30pm or our setup time on Sunday, October 26th.

**FALL RETREAT - NOVEMBER 21-23.** Our annual fall retreat to Camp Sumatanga is the weekend leading into Fall Break. We will "retreat" to the camp to "re-center" ourselves on Christ. Cost is \$125 and includes transportation, lodging for two nights, five meals and a tshirt. Registration is now open online at the church website under the GIVE->Online Donations tab.

**HOLY GROUND WORSHIP - "THE WALKING DEAD" SERIES.** Each week as we approach Halloween, we'll look at our culture's fascination with zombies, vampires and werewolves. On October 8th, we ask the question: Are you trudging through life like a zombie or living a life that is fully reborn?

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, October 5, 10:00am

Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, October 5: 4:00pm

Holy Ground Rehearsal in the Youth Wing

Sunday, October 5: 5:00pm

MS Guys, MS Girls and HS Coed Small Groups

Sunday, October 5: 6:00pm

FREE Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, October 5: 6:30pm

Halloween Carnival Planning

Wednesday, October 8, 4:30pm

Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Wednesday, October 8, 5:30pm

Hang Out Time in the Youth Wing

Wednesday, October 8, 6:30pm

Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY OCTOBER 2

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - Mystery Program??? 10:00am.

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8

**COOKING CLASS - SAMIA** - The Pita Shop 6:00-7:00pm Fireside Room - Check it out

THURSDAY OCTOBER 9

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - Rev. Buddy Majors, Music Minister/Associate Pastor 1st Baptist Church McCalla.

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

**FLU SHOTS - SHEPHERD'S CENTER** 9:00-10:00am Come to the Gym. Bring your insurance cards

THURSDAY OCTOBER 16

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - Dr. Segrest, Baptist Princeton - Vein Center - 10:00am

SUNDAY OCTOBER 19

**FLU SHOTS** - Church Members and Community. Robert, of Roberts' Discount Pharmacy. Bring your Insurance cards/\$25.00 without cards.

MONDAY DECEMBER 8

**CHRISTMAS TOUR - GOVERNOR'S MANSION** Gift Shop, Dinner. Tour Bus - cost: \$60.00pp.

### Special Moment with Jesus

"Sing praises to the LORD, O you his faithful ones, and give thanks to his holy name." Psalm 30:4



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## The Week of October 5—October 11

### Sunday, October 5

8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
11:00 am UMW Meeting  
2:00 pm Blessing of the Animals  
6:00 pm Evening Worship  
6:00 pm SPRC Meeting

### Tuesday, October 7

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study

### Wednesday, October 8

4:30 pm Pastors' Bible Study  
5:00-6:30pm Dinner  
5:30 pm Disciple 1  
5:45 pm Handbell Choir  
6:00 pm Men's Chorus  
6:30 pm Midweek Ministries  
6:30 pm Choir  
6:30 pm Children's Council

### Thursday, October 9

9:30 am Shepherd's Center

### Friday, October 10

6:00 pm Friendship Class Dinner

### Saturday, October 11

8:00 am First Habitat Work Day

### SUNDAY, October 5, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship  
*"Being There"*  
(Scripture - Hebrews 10:19-25)  
Rev. Mike Holly

6:00pm Evening Worship Service  
Rev. Peter von Herrmann Preaching

### Lectionary Scripture Readings

Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Psalm 19

Philippians 3:4b-14

Matthew 21:33-46

### SERVING SUNDAY

#### Ushers

8:45 Thompson 11:00 Vitality

#### Cross

8:45 Neiley Mann 11:00 Rory Edwards

#### Acolytes

8:45 Emma Patton 11:00 Davison Dover

#### Greeters : Cornerstone

**Meal on Wheels October 8:** Leonette Slay  
**Food Pantry November 5:** Penny Burns

### MIDWEEK MENU October 8

Meatloaf, turnip greens, scalloped potatoes, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar. Corn dogs for the kids .

## Last Week's Record

September 28, 2014

Children/Youth	90/72
Morning/Evening Worship	481/26
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$16,486.50
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$1,053,975.00
Received to Date	\$922,123.64
New Members in 2014	48

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,661.67
Received to Date	\$547,771.34

**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!

### VALET PARKING

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