



BLUFF PARK

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The New Testament book of Acts tells us something significant about the early Christians in Jerusalem: they had “glad and generous hearts.” Here at Bluff Park UMC, we have demonstrated that we are generous people. As the last coat of paint dried on the Habitat Home, and as we come closer to our goal for donations to Imagine No Malaria, we are walking in the path of those generous saints before us.

As Thanksgiving approaches, I invite you to consider what it means to be glad in God. Early Methodists were often described as enthusiastic (and that was not meant as a compliment). They were filled with joy and passion, and gladly gave their lives over to God. They did this because they were so thankful for God’s love, grace, and acceptance of them. As we march on towards Thanksgiving and to the start of Advent, let us remember our blessings and live these last months of 2014 as glad and joyful followers of Jesus.

MEMORIALS

PASTOR’S DISCRETIONARY FUND

Yevonne Bowman by Wayne and Jacqueline Walton, James and Sara Perry, Barbara Morgan, Alphas and Mary Marlow, Robert and Elizabeth Cahoon, the Friendship Class, G.S. and Catherine Hallmark

CHOIR ROBES

Eleanor Walker by the “Bunco Gang” which consists of: Pat and Joe Campbell, Eva and Gary Click, Carole and Jack Armistead, Kathy and Robert McGuffie, and Pam and Jim McIntosh

Yevonne Bowman by Gene and Jean Brown

CHRISTIAN CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Yevonne Walton Boman by Harry Hill

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Charles Crews by the Vitality Class

Charles Shelby by Peggy Fields

Esther Stephens by JB and Margaret Dover

Patrick Crotty by B.D. Tohill

Louise Hightower by John and Sylvia Summers

Yevonne Walton’s daughter by Martha McLemore

Yevonne Bowman by John D. Stewart

Elizabeth Roan Smith by Michael and Sandra Miller

Marjorie Hale Hillhouse by M.O. and J.B. Krawcheck

PERMANENT ENDOWMENT FUND

Louise Sturdivant by Bob Sturdivant

BUILDING FUND

Eleanor Walker by Joan and Stretch Dunn

FOOD PANTRY

Richard Bueoy by Anthony & Linda Nelson, Phil Sykes, Joyce Juzyk, Danny and Cathy Danhauer, Mary Weyant, Benny and Sara Serio, Brooke and Wilma Berggren, Neal and Sandra Anderson, Fred Rock, Lloydell and Diane Henggeler, Vaughn and Bev Buck, Anesthesia Ser-

vices of Birmingham, Victor and Jeanette Fuller, Bud and Jane Newcomer, Wayne and Denise Lewis, Marion and Judith Fuller, Ken Capps, Paul and Marcia Buresh, Calvin and Pamela Stream, Jon and Lyla Kruse, Virginia Olson, Dr. Lee Booker, Dr and Mrs. Alfred Habeeb Jr., Monty, Nola Henkel, Richard and Twyla Hughes, Don and Vivian Anderson, Burdette and Deloris Berck, Dickie and Carol Helzer, Bill and Mary Mumford, Larry and Gay Nelson, DeAnn Bueoy

Louise Hightower Stephens Moore by Fisherman Sunday School Class
UNDER THE BRIDGE MINISTRY

Eleanor Walker by Ben Sheets, Sue Pearson, Patrick and Carol Westbrook, Geoff and Ann Huddleston, Andrew and Ann Holder, Elizabeth Davis, JB and Frances Thrasher

SUNDAY FLOWERS

Johnny Medders by C.E. Medders, E. W. Medders

UMCOR RELIEF FUND

Charles Shelby by Patrick and Carol Westbrook

HONORARIUMS

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Steve White by J.B. and Frances Thrasher

Lena and Davis Holly by James and Charlotte Holly

UNDER THE BRIDGE

JB Thrasher by Canterbury Class

VICTOR HARBOR SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Jan Bailey, Kathy Bains, Betsy Brooks, Rosemary Dallum, Joan Dunn, Olivia Howard, Lynn Jackson, Ellen Kerns, Ellen McClure, Paulette Pearson, Teresa Real, Jan Rogers, Debbie Smith, Patti Thomas, Penny Williamson by Paula and Curtis Thompson

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Becky Walker by James and Rebecca McCrary

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

News of the Week

HABITAT HOME DEDICATION

The dedication of the Bluff Park Habitat house will take place on Sunday, November 23rd at 3pm. We are hoping to have a big turn-out of church members. Please make your plans to attend and wish the Perry family well as they start life in their new home. The address of the house is 329 Creek Run Circle, Calera.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

We continue to experience a strong response to our Stewardship Campaign. To date, we have received 204 Financial Pledges for 2015. Your pledges help the church make responsible financial plans. If you haven't turned in a Pledge Card, they are available in the pews, at the Welcome Desk, through the office, or can be downloaded from the church website.

HAM MOUNTAIN

Ham Mountain is beginning to take shape in the Narthex. Once again, we will be receiving 1 pound canned hams for use in the Bluff Park Food Pantry. You can bring your donations to the church during the entire month of November and the hams will be distributed through the Food Pantry on December 3rd. The Ham Mountain display is located in the Narthex of the church, so bring those hams by and help us build a huge Ham Mountain this year. Ham Mountain is sponsored by the Bluff Park United Appeal Fund.

CELL PHONES

During the month of November, we will be collecting old and unused cell phones. These phones will be donated to a program that provides cell phones for victims of domestic abuse who are getting a new start on their lives. A box will be in the Narthex of the church beginning on November 2nd. Please find those old cell phones you no longer need, and bring them to the church. They will be cleaned of information, refurbished, and made available to those who need them.

CHILE VOLUNTEERS FOR 2015

The Chile Volunteers in Mission team has openings for additional team members. We will be traveling to Angol, Chile to support the work of John Elmore our Covenant Missionary Partner at El Vergel Methodist Agricultural School. The dates of the trip are March 13-27, 2015. If you are interested or have questions please contact Tom Duley.

ADVENT MORNING PRAYER

The holy season of Advent begins on November 30th. This year we will again have Advent Morning Prayer as a way of focusing our hearts and minds as we prepare for the coming of Jesus into the world. Advent Morning Prayer starts on Wednesday, December 3rd. The service begins at 7:30 am and will be held in the sanctuary. This is a service of Scripture, prayer and Holy Communion. The service lasts approximately 30 minutes.

DOUBT & FAITH

On November 16th, at 6:00pm, Canterbury United Methodist Church will be hosting a presentation by author Rachel Held Evans. She will be exploring the topics of doubt and faith. This free event will be held in the Canterbury Center and childcare is available. For more information visit:

www.canterburyumc.org/fallseries

SPECIAL THANKS

Special thanks to Julie Adams, Jimmy Ashworth, Frances Bellows, Peggy Comer, Patsy and Bob Cummings, Wayne Hamlin, Olivia Howard, Evelyn Lawrence, Jan Rogers, Jay Scultz, Bernie Thompson, and Charlotte and Alan Word for their dedication and service to making our church grounds beautiful.

If you would like to join us and help care for the church grounds by planting and caring for flowers, pruning, watering, fertilizing, weeding, and mulching, contact Wayne Freeman at 822-5817.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

Our sympathy is extended to Pat Lyles on the passing of her husband Tom on November 6th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Nan Moore—Trinity

IN REHAB...

Jeannie Jenkins—Fairhaven



Christmas Poinsettias

Reserve your large beautiful poinsettia now to remember or honor a loved one at Christmas. The cost is \$23.00 per plant payable to the church. Deadline for ordering is December 15.

In Honor Of: _____ **by** _____
In Memory of: _____ **by** _____

Return order form and payment to the church office.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

NEEDED - Large brown paper grocery sacks. These will be used for a missions' project for Sunday School. Please bring them to the office.

THE DOLLY AND ME TEA is Sunday Nov. 16 at 1pm in the church parlor. All young girls are invited to attend with their favorite doll and favorite mother!

THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT is Dec. 7 at 5pm in the sanctuary. You will receive a letter next week about this special event. Please let Mrs. Leigh know by Nov. 24 if your child can participate. Contact Leigh Delashaw if you do not receive a letter. The Christmas Pageant is a wonderful way to ease into Advent!

THE 4TH 5TH FELLOWSHIP will go to Trussville Playstation on Sunday November 23. We will need parents to help drive the children there. Let us know if you can help. Cost is \$10. Please let Kaci Brasher know if your child will be going with us. kacibrasher@gmail.com. We will leave at 1:30 and be back by 5p.m.

THE 4th 5th FELLOWSHIP will be going to Exit 456 at Camp Sumatanga on March 13-15. This is a 2 day event. It is a week-end designed to help children understand their Methodist heritage and to encourage their faith journey. It is a FABULOUS event sponsored by the North Alabama United Methodist conference. It can be a very important event for your 4th or 5th grader to attend!

UPCOMING EVENTS

November 16 1:00pm-3:00pm	Dolly and Me Tea Party in the Parlor
November 24	Deadline for Notice of participation on the Pageant (Name to be included in program)
November 30 9:50am-10:45am	First Sunday of Advent crafts during Sunday School (Thank you Footsteps Class!)
December 7 2:00pm-3:00pm	Pageant Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
December 7 5:00pm-5:30pm	Christmas Pageant in the Sanctuary
December 7 5:30pm-7:00pm	Church-wide Christmas Party in the Fellowship Hall

STUDENT MINISTRY

FALL RETREAT - NOVEMBER 21ST-23RD. 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 t-shirt. Registration is now open online at the church website under the GIVE->Online Donations tab.

HOLY GROUND WORSHIP - THREE SIMPLE RULES. We're in a worship series based on three very simple rules for Christian living: Do No Harm, Do Good, and Stay in Love with God. We'll learn how to follow these simple rules in a complex world. Rev. Mike Holly will be giving the message on the 19th and serving Communion.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, November 16, 10:00am	Sunday School in the Youth Wing
Sunday, November 16, 4:00pm	Holy Ground Rehearsal in the Youth Wing
Sunday, November 16, 5:00pm	MS Guys, MS Girls and HS Coed Small Groups
Sunday, November 16, 6:00pm	FREE Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall
Sunday, November 16, 6:30pm	SNL in the Holy Ground Room
Wednesday, November 19, 4:30pm	Holy Ground Rehearsal in the Youth Wing
Wednesday, November 19, 5:30pm	Hangout Time in the Youth Wing & Gym
Wednesday, November 19, 6:30pm	Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing - Stay in Love with God

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

TUESDAY NOVEMBER 18

ANNISTON DAY TRIP - Lunch, Classic-on-the-Noble, Rabbit Shop and more - cost: \$5.00 gas donation 9:30am - 3:00pm. Call Betty.

THURSDAY NOVEMBER 20

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—the fun starts at 9:30 am.

WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 3 -

BILTMORE HOUSE CANDLELIGHT CHRISTMAS TOUR/BILLY GRAHAM MINISTRIES-CAMPUS, Christmas Dinner at Deer Park, Historical Church Tour, overnight in Asheville, Thursday we travel to Charlotte for a guided tour of the Billy Graham Campus. We'll visit Ruth's Attic, Mr. Graham's Library, live Nativity, enjoy the Christmas Lights, Cow Barn, take a Carriage Ride, and have Christmas Dinner. Traveling by tour bus with Mr. Bob. Cost: \$450.00. \$100.00 deposit balance due November 24th. Come - go with us.

FRIDAY DECEMBER 5

GOVERNOR AND MRS BENTLEY CHRISTMAS TOUR Tour the Mansion and grounds, visit the 1st Lady's Gift Shop and Dinner. Cost: \$65.00 - Traveling by tour bus. 3:00-9:00pm. If you need a ride to and from the Church call Betty

MONDAY DECEMBER 8

Special Moment with Jesus

"Give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you." 1 Thessalonians 5:18



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The Week of November 16—November 22

Sunday, November 16

8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
1:00 pm Dolly & Me Tea
5:00 pm Evening Worship

Monday, November 17

10:00 am UMW Joy Circle

Tuesday, November 18

9:30 am Becky Walker's Bible Study
5:30 pm Choir Rehearsal

Wednesday, November 19

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

Thursday, November 20

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

Friday, November 21

6:00 pm Friendship Class Dinner
4:00 pm Student Ministry Retreat Depart

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2014

8:45am and 11:00am Morning Worship
"Forgiving Trespasses"
(Scripture - Matthew 6:12)
Rev. Tom Duley

5:00pm Evening Worship Service
Rev. Peter von Herrmann

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Judges 4:1-7
Psalm 76
1 Thessalonians 5:1-11
Matthew 25:14-30

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
8:45 McDonald 11:00 Footsteps
Cross
8:45 Matt Lagan 11:00 Emily Toth
Acolytes
8:45 Emma Patton 11:00 Preston Scott
Greeters: Home Improvement
Meals on Wheels November 19:
Betsy Britain
Food Pantry December 3: Kay Adams

MIDWEEK MENU November 19th

Turkey and dressing, creamed potatoes, green lima beans, baked chicken, baked potato, and salad bar.
Chicken fingers for the kids.

Last Week's Record

November 9, 2014

Children/Youth	96/55
Morning Worship	530
Weekly Operating Needs	\$29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$19,909.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$1,216,125.00
Received to Date	\$1,073,191.25
New Members in 2014	48

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,083,250.00
Received Last Week	\$2,323.33
Received to Date	\$571,073.19

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

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.