



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter December 23, 2014

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**Happy
New
Year**

Wishing You God's Richest Blessings In 2015...

News of the Week

DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES OF THE OLD TESTAMENT

Have you ever thought that you and your family were too messed up and dysfunctional to really belong in a church? Or maybe you've thought that there is nothing God could do with a family like yours!

Well, think again!

The families in the Old Testament book of Genesis were a royal mess. There was rivalry, revenge, and plain old dysfunction. Yet, God still did amazing things through them. Join us on Sunday mornings this January and February as we begin a new sermon series at Bluff Park UMC that looks at the *Dysfunctional Families of the Old Testament*.

SCREAM FREE PARENTING SEMINAR

Parenting is not about kids, it's about parents. If you're not in control, then you cannot be in charge. What every kid really wants is parents who are able to keep their cool... no matter what. Easier said than done, right?

If this sounds like you, there's help. Group sessions Wednesdays 6:00 - 7:15 January 7, 14, 28 and February 4 & 11. Call the office to sign up (group size is limited.)

FINANCE OFFICE HOURS

The Finance Office will be open on December 31st from 8:00am–12:00pm. Any contributions that need to be recorded in 2014 must be dropped off by noon on the 31st.

STEWARDSHIP UPDATE

As we close out 2014, we have received 247 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.

SPECIAL WORSHIP TIME

This Sunday we will have a special schedule. There will be one morning worship service at 10:00am and a church-wide breakfast from 9:00-10:00am. There is no Sunday School, but there will be children's church. Our normal schedule resumes January 4th.

SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION

Our sympathy is extended to Margie Thompson on the passing of her husband Bernie on December 17th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Marshall Reid Roders, Sr. who passed away on December 17th. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow.

Our sympathy is extended to the family of Betty Lou Hager who passed away on December 18th. Our prayers are with them in their time of sorrow.

IN THE HOSPITAL...

Nan Moore—Trinity
Jim Northington—Shelby Baptist
Shirley White—Brookwood

2014 CHRISTMAS POINSETTIAS

IN MEMORY OF...

Robert Westwater by Jim and Anne Foote
Jean Williams by Frank Williams
Lester Wyatt by Peggy Wyatt
Sara Marie Battle by daughter Carolyn Battle
Charles L. Vogt by the Vogt Family
Marion and Kate Catanzano by Russ, Kay, and Nick Bridges
Richard Bueoy by Dee Bueoy
Bryce and Pearl Montgomery, Virginia Smith and Ruthe Ryne by Joan Davis
Jack Gray by Myra Gray
Gloria and Brown Saunders by Mark and Ann Williams
Charles Rose by Paulette and Bill Pearson
Mary and Ed Pearson by Paulette and Bill Pearson
Ruth Boyd by Leonette Slay
Bill Snow by Jenny, George, Frank, and Merrill Thagard
Joe Knight by Knight-Drennen Family
Ralph Drennen by Bob, Mike, and Bill Drennen
Mark Lunsford - We miss you Uncle Mark by Cindy, Mike, Sofie, Michael, and Ellie
Bobby Jo Ashworth by Sandy and Jim Dollar
Our parents and Don by Charles and Carolyn

Mark Lunsford by Mom and Dad (Millie and Bob Lunsford)
Rowe Driver by The Norris Family
Tommie Norris by The Norris Family
Susan, Cindy, and Mary Anne by The Smith Family
August A. Moore by Cary Lawson Moore

IN HONOR OF...

Juanita Cox by Ronda and Dyer Carlisle III
Chris, Emily, and Adam Wilkins by Fred and Pam McDonald
Mary Frances Westwater by Jim and Anne Foote
Leigh Delashaw by the Vogt Family
Our daughter and 8 great grandchildren by William and Peggy Best
Jen Jen (Jennie Alley) by William Wise
Julia and David Von Herrmann by Nana and Pa
Alice Marie and Randy Morrison by Amanda and Betty von Herrmann
Carol and Pat Westbrook by Fred and Betty von Herrmann
Leigh Delashaw by The Shepherds Center
Libby Snow by Jenny, George, Frank, and Merrill Thagard
Danielle, Daryl, Nora, Jack Riley, and Amanda by Jack and Carole Armistead
Judith Smith by Wendy, Angela, Tara and Family

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

THE ELEMENTARY/PRESCHOOL SUNDAY SCHOOL CHRISTMAS PARTY was great. The kids enjoyed a great breakfast! Thank you to Ms Doris and her crew for the delicious kid friendly breakfast! Thank you to Bethany Dover and Ivy Holmes for putting it together and keeping the giant bowl of syrup from becoming a disaster! And thank you to Tricia Shanlever for singing with and entertaining the kiddos! You are a life saver!

THE PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY is just around the corner! It will be February 20th at 6:00pm. There will be crafts, snacks, and entertainment! We can still use some volunteers to help make this super fun event possible. Please contact Ms Marcie at nursery@bpumc.org to find out how you can help. And don't forget your jammies!

THE 4TH/5TH FELLOWSHIP will be going to Exit 456 at Camp Sumatanga on March 13-15, 2015. This is a two day event. It is a weekend 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/5th grader. Plus so much fun, its crazy! Interested? Send an email to mhendon@bpumc.org to get the registration started.

UPCOMING EVENTS

December 28 No Sunday School. There will be Children's Church

February 20 Preschool Pajama Party 6:00pm

STUDENT MINISTRY

DISCOVERY WEEKEND - JANUARY 23-25, 2015. Save the date for this incredible weekend of spiritual formation, when our high school students will lead our middle school students in worship, discussion, prayer and fellowship with the assistance of our college students and adults. High school students will begin meeting to prepare on Sunday afternoons as soon as we're back from Christmas break. We cannot wait to see what God has planned for our students! Online registration will be open very soon.

THIS WEEK

Sunday, December 28 No Sunday School or Evening Activities this Week

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

**MERRY CHRISTMAS
AND
HAPPY NEW YEAR!**

~From Senior Adult Ministries



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The Week of December 28—January 3

Sunday, December 28

9:00 am Breakfast
10:00 am Morning Worship Service
2:00 pm Chris Delionback Memorial Service

Wednesday, December 31—New Year's Eve

OFFICE CLOSED

8:00 am-noon FINANCE OFFICE OPEN

Thursday, January 1—New Year's Day
OFFICE CLOSED

PUBLISHING SCHEDULE UPDATE

There will not be a newsletter published next week due to the holidays. Instead, be watching for the Winter/Spring Mission and Ministry Guide for 2015.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 28, 2014

10:00am Morning Worship

"A Light, a Sword, and a Crazy Old Woman"

Scripture - Luke 2:22-40
Rev. Peter von Herrmann

No Evening Worship

Lectionary Scripture Readings

Isaiah 61:10-62:3
Psalm 148
Galatians 4:4-7
Luke 2:22-40

SERVING SUNDAY

Ushers
10:00 TBA

Cross

10:00 Carolyn Thompson
Acolytes

10:00 Will Thompson

Greeters: Wesley Forum

No Meals on Wheels December 31

Food Pantry January 7:

Sylvia Sumners

Last Week's Record

December 21, 2014

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| Children | 68 |
| Morning/Evening Worship | 635/57 |
| Weekly Operating Needs | \$29,189.36 |
| Operating Receipts | \$28,666.50 |
| 2014 Operating Budget | \$1,517,847.00 |
| Expected to Date | \$1,378,275.00 |
| Received to Date | \$1,237,974.02 |
| New Members in 2014 | 48 |

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

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| Amount Pledged | \$1,083,250.00 |
| Received Last Week | \$12,105.00 |
| Received to Date | \$621,153.19 |

**BLUFF PARK UNITED
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**
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.