



BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter January 8, 2017

Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life

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Dear Friends,
As we start a new year in ministry together, we invite you to join us in reading through the ENTIRE Gospel of Luke during the first sixty days of 2017. It is my hope that our church family will be exposed to the great love of God displayed in Jesus Christ - a love extended to you and to me. The Gospel of Luke is very interested with the Kingdom of God being offered to all people (both Jews and Gentiles) with Jesus Christ being the shepherd seeking to bring all sheep unto him.

As you read the Gospel of Luke, I hope you will consider what Jesus' love and mercy means for you.

60 DAY BIBLE READING CHALLENGE—THE GOSPEL OF LUKE

JANUARY

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:1-25 | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:12-26 |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:26-38 | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:27-42 |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:39-56 | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:43-49 |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 1:57-80 | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:1-17 |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 2:1-20 | 21. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:18-35 |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 2:21-38 | 22. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 7:36-8:3 |
| 7. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 2:39-52 | 23. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 8:4-15 |
| 8. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 3:1-20 | 24. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 8:16-25 |
| 9. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 3:21-38 | 25. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 8:26-56 |
| 10. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:1-13 | 26. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:1-17 |
| 11. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:14-30 | 27. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:18-36 |
| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 4:31-44 | 28. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:37-48 |
| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 5:1-11 | 29. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 9:49-62 |
| 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 5:12-26 | 30. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 10:1-24 |
| 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 5:27-39 | 31. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 10:25-42 |
| 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 6:1-11 | |

FEBRUARY

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 11:1-13 | 15. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 18:1-17 |
| 2. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 11:14-28 | 16. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 18:18-43 |
| 3. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 11:29-54 | 17. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 19:1-27 |
| 4. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 12:1-21 | 18. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 19:28-48 |
| 5. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 12:22-48 | 19. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20:1-26 |
| 6. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 12:49-59 | 20. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 20:27-47 |
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| 12. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 16:1-18 | 26. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 23:26-52 |
| 13. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 16:19-17:10 | 27. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:1-35 |
| 14. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 17:11-37 | 28. <input type="checkbox"/> Luke 24:36-53 |

MARCH

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| 1. <input type="checkbox"/> Psalm 51:1-17 (Ash Wednesday) |
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News of the Week

BLOOD DRIVE

There will be a Red Cross Blood Drive in the Bluff Park UMC gym on Sunday, January 8th, from 7:30am–12:30pm. Please make time to stop by and give the gift of life. A Red Cross Donor Card or photo ID is required to make a donation. To schedule an appointment to donate, call 1-800-Red-Cross or visit their website at Red-CrossBlood.org and use the keyword BPUMC.

UPCOMING VIM TRIP

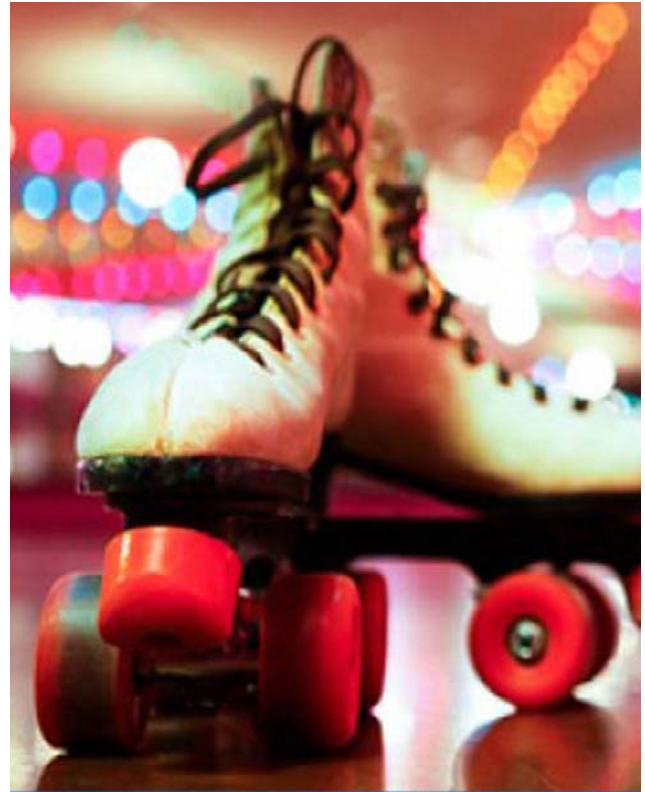
We will be taking a Volunteers in Mission trip to South Carolina from February 26 to March 4, 2017. If you would like to be a member of this team please let Tom Duley know by January 15th so that he can get our team registered with the folks in South Carolina. He can be reached at 822-0910 ext 112 or tduley@bpumc.org.

A NEW YEAR OF MIDWEEK MEETUPS

A new year of MidWeek Meetup activities begins Wednesday, January 11th. In addition to our weekly meal time and fun activities, we have a number of learning opportunities. The Pastor's Bible Study resumes at 4:30pm. We are starting a UMW sponsored study on The Bible and Human Sexuality, led by Tom Duley, the Half Truths study, and the Young Adult Bible Study. In addition to these learning opportunities, we continue to have activities for the kids, Youth Worship, choir rehearsals, and Holy Communion, or you can just hang out and have a little coffee and conversation. We look forward to meeting up with you on Wednesday nights!

2017 ALTAR FLOWERS

There are dates left on the 2017 Flower Calendar. Please sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. We have two arrangements each Sunday. Dates available include: January 22 and 29. Check with the office for other available dates. Please sign up in the main office or call (205) 822-0910.



SKATE NIGHT! Church -Wide Skate Party

January 15th from 5:00-7:00pm

@ Roller Motion
2474 Morgan Road
Bessemer, Alabama

Memorials

BUILDING FUND

Laverne Boles by The Opportunity Class

FOOD PANTRY

Fraulein Adams Farr by Ed and Nan Thomas

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet McFadden by Daniel and Jimmie Faye McFadden

Jarman Baxley by Marvin and Diane Broome

David Simmons by Marvin and Diane Broome

CHOIR FUND

Mary Louise Ballard by Jim and Pam McIntosh

WHITE CHRISTMAS FUND

John Pearson by Jack and Sue Pearson

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Abston by Daniel and Jimmie Faye McFadden

Buddy Harper by Pony Thompson

Michael Thompson by Pony Thompson

UNDER THE BRIDGE MINISTRIES

Jarman Baxley by Marvin and Diane Broome

David Simmons by Marvin and Diane Broome

Honorariums

PASTORS DISCRETIONARY FUND

Betty Hottenstein by Marvin and Diane Broome

BPUMC Staff by Curtis and Paula Thompson

FOOD PANTRY

Betty Hottenstein by Jan Harris

Libby Snow by George and Jenny Thagard, Frank Thagard, Merrill and Ben Flowers

Pat and Carol Westbrook by Pony Thompson Green

CHRISTINE CROCKETT SCHOLARSHIP FUND

George and Ginny Nash by Harry and Peggy Hill

SENIOR MINISTRY

Betty Hottenstein by Preston and Jo Ann Huddleston

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

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

SKATE PARTY: We will be having a Church-Wide Skate Night on Sunday, January 15th, at Roller Motion (2474 Morgan Road in Bessemer.) The party goes from 5-7pm. All skate rentals and dinner are free! We encourage you to attend as a family and bring your friends.

FIELD TRIP/MISSION TRIP: Our next mission trip/field trip will be on Martin Luther King Day, January 16th. We will be making thank you gifts for Bargains on the Bluff (who helps support our mission projects throughout the year) in the morning, eating a pizza lunch, and then going to see a movie in the afternoon. Drop off will begin at 7:30 and pickup will be at the church between 4:30 and 5:30. Please RSVP with Melissa Hendon at mhendon@bpumc.org as soon as possible as we only have 26 spots available.

STUDENT MINISTRY

BLUFF PARK SKI PARTY - SUNDAY, JANUARY 8TH We're turning the youth parking lot into our very own ski resort....minus the snow (we think!) We'll have hot chocolate and cider, games, food and a bonfire. If you haven't come before on a Sunday night or even if it's just been awhile, then we'll see you at the party. This winter is all about making new memories with your friends in our youth group in 2017. (If it rains, we'll move inside!)

DISCOVERY WEEKEND - FEBRUARY 3RD-5TH This is the single most important spiritual formation in our student ministry each year. High school and college students will work to serve our middle school students - modeling them what it means to live out the Great Commission of Matthew Chapter 28. There will be games, gifts, snacks, meals and free t-shirts which the students enjoy. But most importantly, there will be worship, prayer, discussions and testimony - all provided by our older students for our younger students.

Discovery Weekend IS OPEN to non-members. Just remember: Because you serve as leaders, high school students attend for a discounted price of \$25. The cost for middle school students is only \$75 for the weekend. Please make sure your friends understand this before they register. You can register now and pay later. We want you to invite all your friends so please don't let the price be a roadblock. We are happy to provide financial assistance for anyone who wants to attend. Just email Kathryn at kdavis@bpumc.org to set that up. We know that there are scheduling conflicts almost every weekend of the year. Students can come and go if they have a recital, practice, audition, game, etc. We just need to know before that weekend.

DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING WINTER SCHEDULE. There's so much going on as we enter 2017: Holy Ground Worship, Discovery Weekend and more. Keep track of things via your smartphone or tablet by going to your app store and downloading our free app. Just search the key words Youth Wing to find it.

SAVE THESE DATES Friday-Sunday, February 3-5, 2017: *Discovery Weekend*, Friday-Sunday, June 9-11, 2017: *Whitewater Express Summer Trip*, Sunday-Saturday, July 2-8, 2017 (tentative): *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip*. (Contact Kathryn Davis kdavis@bpumc.org if you have any issues.)

THIS WEEK

Sunday, January 8, 10:00am

Sunday, January 8, 4pm

Sunday, January 8, 5pm

Wednesday, January 11, 5:30pm

Wednesday, January 11, 6:30pm

Sunday School

Confirmation Class & Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Bluff Park Ski Party

Hang Out & Small Group Time

Holy Ground Worship

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, JANUARY 12

TUESDAY, JANUARY 17

THURSDAY, JANUARY 19

THURSDAY, JANUARY 26

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Karen Haiflich, Medicare Changes

DAY TRIP, 10:00 AM-4 PM, Cypress Inn for lunch and afterwards, an **ADVENTURE** (ice cream is involved)

SHEPHERD'S CENTER —Andy Meginnis - A program of music

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—Gene Smith, President, Hoover City Council

SPECIAL MOMENT WITH JESUS

The Lord is a sun and shield; God is favor and glory. The Lord gives—doesn't withhold—good things to those who walk with integrity. Psalm 84:11



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- Chad Malcolm, cmalcolm@bpumc.org



The Week of January 8—14

Sunday, January 8
7:30 am-12:30 pm Blood Drive in Gym
8:45 am Morning Worship Service
9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Morning Worship Service
4:00 pm Confirmation Class

Monday, January 9
10:00 am Prayer Shawl

Tuesday, January 10
9:30 am Covenant Bible Study
6:00 pm Church Life Meeting
6:00 pm Under The Bridge

Wednesday, January 11
9:00 am Gospel of Mark
4:00 pm Pastors Bible Study
5:00 pm Midweek Meetup
5:45 pm Men's Chorus
6:00 pm Half Truths Study
6:00 pm The Bible and Human Sexuality
6:00 pm Handbell Choir
6:00 pm Young Adult Bible Study
6:00 pm Youth Small Groups
6:30 pm Choir
6:30 pm Walk/Run with Laura Ann Pitts
6:30 pm Holy Ground Worship

Thursday, January 12
9:30 am Shepherd's Center
1:00 pm Staff Parish Committee

Friday, January 13
12:00 pm Friendship Class Luncheon

SUNDAY, January 8, 2017
Baptismal Remembrance
8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship
Acts 10:34-48
"Dwell With God"
Rev. Mike Holly

Lectionary Scripture Readings
Isaiah 42:1-9
Psalm 29
Acts 10:34-43
Matthew 3:13-17

SERVING SUNDAY
Ushers
8:45 Nelson 11:00 Dover
Cross
8:45 Ian Chatterton 11:00 Ellie Blanchard
Acolyte
8:45 Cadence Ward 11:00 Avery Edwards
Greeters: Canterbury
Meal on Wheels: Joan Davis
Food Pantry February 1st:
Richerson/Lawson

Midweek Meetup January 11th: Epiphany/
Christmas Party. Menu TBA.

Last Week's Record

January 1, 2017

Children	NA
Morning Worship	234
Weekly Contributions Expected*	\$27,212.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$9,764.00
Annual Contributions Expected*	\$1,415,000.00
Contributions Expected to Date*	\$27,212.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$9,764.00
New Members in 2017	0

10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN

January 1, 2017–December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$5,720.00
Received to Date	\$157,373.00

**Provisional figures pending approval of 2017 budget.*

**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.