

# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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*Newsletter May 28, 2017*

*Seek God, Lose Yourself, Find Life*

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## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR GRADUATES!**

These wonderful students are transitioning into new endeavors and our prayers are with them!

### **High School Graduates – May 2017**

Christopher James Causey

Justin Coley

Matthew H. Cook

Corey Hart Ferguson

Brody Camp Garrett

Emma Harper Haynes

Shelby Elizabeth Henderson

Abbie Knight

Allison Kunka

Tanner McRenolds

Alyssa Noelle Mezzell

Jacob Franklin Mynatt

Leslie Hannah Norris

Will Pomeroy

Rachel Diane Pope

Logan Shultz

Grace Thomas

Patrick Thomas

Stephen Wallace Thomas

Samantha Ward

Zachary Aaron Woodruff

Other high school graduates in our greater church family: Conner Seth Baygents, Anna McGarity, Will North

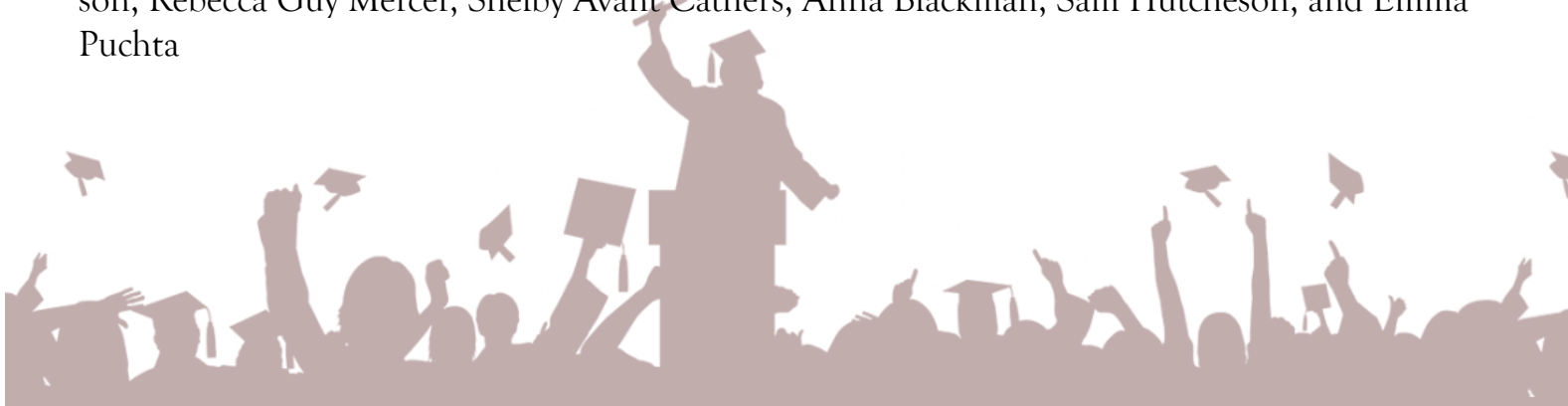
### **College Graduates**

May 2017 - Anna Quinn, Zachary Adams, Wes Ward, Fletcher North

Other Graduates: Alex Vogt (Navy), Emily Kirkpatrick (JD), Will McCallum (MBA), Joy Wal-drop (DVM), Michelle Leatherwood (Pharm.D), Peter von Herrmann (D.Min.)

### **Graduates in 2016**

Jaren Breland, Sarah Kathryn Mosley, Danielle Clinton Gray, Cooper McEuen, Samantha Nelson, Rebecca Guy Mercer, Shelby Avant Cathers, Anna Blackman, Sam Hutcheson, and Emma Puchta



# News of the Week

## BABY SHOWER FOR TORI AND JOHN CARL HASTINGS

The whole congregation is invited to a baby shower honoring Tori and John Carl Hastings. Join us on June 11th from 2-3:30pm in the parlor. A registry has been created for them at [babylist.com](http://babylist.com).

## BPUMC NIGHT AT THE BALLPARK

Mark your calendar for BPUMC Night at the Ballpark. Join us on the evening of June 16th for a night of baseball, hot dogs, and fellowship. Sign up for tickets in the Narthex on Sunday mornings starting May 28th or call the office to reserve your spot! Tickets cost \$12 each and include admission to the game, and a meal voucher for a hotdog, chips, and a drink. Transportation to the ballpark is available on the church busses, but space is limited so reserve your spot early!

## TRAVEL TO THE HOLY LAND

It is not too late to go to the Holy Land. The dates for the trip are January 30th to February 8th 2018. If you want to take the Nile Cruise extension the return date will be February 15th. This promises to be the trip of a lifetime. We will see what Jesus saw and walk where Jesus walked. If you have interest in learning more contact Tom Duley@822-0910 ext.112 or [tduley@bpumc.org](mailto:tduley@bpumc.org).

## ICE CREAM SOCIAL

Mark your calendar. On June 4th at 5pm we will have our annual Ice Cream Social in the Fellowship Hall. The Student Ministries hosts this event and it also serves as a fundraiser with all donations going to Student Ministry Summer Trips.

## IN THE HOSPITAL...

Morris Dillard—Brookdale  
Jennifer Johnson—UAB

## Easter Love Gift Report 2017

Thank you to everyone who made a contribution to the Easter Love Gift special offering this year. Here is a report of the mission projects we will support in 2017 thanks to your generosity and faithful giving.

MINISTRIES	AMOUNT
<u>Local</u>	
Firehouse Shelter	\$2,028.00
First Light	\$2,028.00
McCoy Adult Day Care	\$2,028.00
Urban Ministry, Inc.	\$2,028.00
Meals on Wheels	\$2,028.00
United Community Centers, Inc.	\$2,028.00
Habitat for Humanity	\$1,000.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$13,168.00</b>
<u>International</u>	
Rise Against Hunger (Formerly Stop Hunger Now)	\$4,501.00
Never Thirst	\$4,500.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$9,001.00</b>
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$22,169.00</b>



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**BLUFF PARK UMC VBS**  
**July 17-21**  
**8:30am - 12:30pm**  
Rising 4k-5th Grade  
Register Online  
[BluffParkUMC.org/vbs2017](http://BluffParkUMC.org/vbs2017)

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

**VBS VOLUNTEER NEEDS:** Did you know we already have over 150 children signed up for Vacation Bible School this year and are expecting record breaking numbers!!!! We are in need of VBS volunteers the week of July 17-21 from 8:30-12:30 to help us show the love of Jesus Christ to the children of our church and our community.! You can see all of the available volunteer spots and sign up for them at <http://bluffparkumc.org/vbs-2017-volunteer-page/>, or by emailing Melissa Hendon at [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org).

**PRESCHOOL SPLASH PARTY:** There will be a Preschool Splash Party for all Preschool aged children and their families will be on Thursday, June 1st from 10:00-12:00 on the playground! Come out and enjoy sprinklers, kiddie pools, squirt guns, snow cones, juice boxes, and more! Please register at [bluffparkumc.org/preschoolsplashparty](http://bluffparkumc.org/preschoolsplashparty). We look forward to seeing you all there!

**FIELD TRIP/MISSION TRIP:** On Wednesday, June 21st, will be going to Desoto Caverns for the day, where we will take a cave tour and participate in some other fun activities! Because of the length of this trip, our mission project will occur in the gym before and after we leave and will consist of creating artwork to share the love of Jesus with others. Drop off will begin at 7:30, we will leave the church at 9:30, and pickup will be at the church between 5:00-5:30. Please RSVP with Melissa Hendon at [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org) as soon as possible as there are limited spots available and they fill up fast!

**SUNDAY SCHOOL:** The Elementary Sunday School lesson will be on "Paul and Silas" and the Preschool Sunday School lesson will be on "A Snake in the Garden!"

**CHILDREN'S CHURCH:** Our lesson in Children's Church this week will be "Paul's Shipwreck!"

**CHILDREN'S WEEKLY EMAIL:** If you would like to start receiving our Children's Weekly Email to find out all of the fun and exciting things that are going on in the Children's Ministry at BPUMC, please email Melissa Hendon at [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org) and let us know!

## STUDENT MINISTRY

**PROMOTION SUNDAY - MAY 28TH** This is the first Sunday that our rising 6th graders begin attending Sunday School in the Youth Wing. We will gather in the Rec Room for announcements and prayer requests and students are encouraged to grab a snack from the kitchenette counter as they arrive. If you're a rising 6th grader or their parent and you have not begun receiving texts and emails from our student ministry team by the end of this week, please contact Kathryn Davis [kdavis@bpumc.org](mailto:kdavis@bpumc.org) so we can add you to our contacts list.

**ICE CREAM SOCIAL - JUNE 4TH** Our last fundraiser before summer trips is coming up soon. We'll serve a light supper with many options of ice cream and toppings from 5pm to 7pm in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, June 4th. All members of our congregation and community are invited to attend and there will be entertainment. Students who bring ice cream and/or help with setup, serving, and clean up will earn money for summer trips. Parents: If you help out, you can increase your student's earnings! Contact Kathryn Davis [kdavis@bpumc.org](mailto:kdavis@bpumc.org) to sign up.

**ATTENTION ICE CREAM MAKERS:** Do you have an ice cream maker and a good recipe? Bluff Park Students are looking for members to donate some home made ice cream for the upcoming Ice Cream Social. The students will provide the tasty toppings and serve up the treats. If you can bring ice cream, please contact Kathryn Davis [kdavis@bpumc.org](mailto:kdavis@bpumc.org) and let her know what flavors and how much you plan to bring.

**DOWNLOAD OUR MOBILE APP & KEEP UP WITH THE FAST-MOVING SUMMER SCHEDULE.** There's so much going on as we move further into 2017: Promotion Sunday and more. You can 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, June 9-11, 2017: *Adventure Camp Summer Trip*, Sunday-Saturday, July 2-8, 2017: *Appalachia Service Project Mission Trip*.

### THIS WEEK

Sunday, May 28th, 10:00am

Sunday School in Youth Wing  
No Midweek Meal or Holy Ground Worship in May!

## SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

### UPCOMING EVENTS

THURSDAY, JUNE 1

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER WILL NOT MEET** ~ Vacation Day

THURSDAY, JUNE 8

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER** ~ Dr. Lowell Vann, Retired Professor of Art, at Samford University ~ A Chalk Drawing ~ See an astonishing work of art created before your eyes! Fireside Room ~ 10 AM

THURSDAY, JUNE 15

**SHEPHERD'S CENTER SUMMER KICK-OFF** ~ Very special guest SEC Official, Allen Baynes, will present Mis-steps and Miracles ~ clips of SEC miraculous plays and goofy misses. Guests receive free lunch. Members receive free prizes of the day.

FRIDAY, JUNE 9

**DAY TRIP** ~ Make your reservation for the Rattlesnake Saloon! Fly down the mountain like the wind! Dine at a real life Saloon. Shop for doodads at the General Store. Make a reservation with Fran at 822-0910 or email [fgatch@bpumc.org](mailto:fgatch@bpumc.org).

"Do not let your hearts be troubled. Believe in God, believe also in me. In my Father's house there are many dwelling places." John 14:1-2



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**The Week of May 28—June 3**

**Sunday, May 28**  
8:45 am Morning Worship Service  
9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Morning Worship Service  
**Monday, May 29—Memorial Day**  
**Office Closed**  
**Tuesday, May 30**  
6:30 pm Board of Trustees  
**Wednesday, May 31**  
5:45 pm Men's Chorus  
6:00 pm Handbell Choir  
6:30 pm Choir  
**Thursday, June 1**  
9:30 am Shepherd's Center  
10:00 am Preschool Splash Party

**SUNDAY, May 28, 2017**  
**8:45 and 11:00am Morning Worship**  
**Acts 1:6-12**  
**"Entrusted"**  
**Rev. Mike Holly**

**Lectionary Scripture Readings**  
Acts 1:6-14  
Psalm 68:1-10, 32-35  
1 Peter 4:12-14; 5:6-11  
John 17:1-11

**SERVING SUNDAY**  
**Ushers**  
8:45 Chatterton 11:00 Youth  
**Cross**  
8:45 Lily Matheson 11:00 CJ Lorino  
**Acolyte**  
8:45 Natalie Self 11:00 Rebecca Rice  
**Greeters: Faith Builders**

**Meal on Wheels: Adams**  
**Food Pantry June 7th: Sumners/Lawson**

**Last Week's Record**

May 21, 2017

Children	65
Morning Worship	487
Weekly Contributions Expected	\$27,137.00
Weekly Contributions Received	\$51,733.00
Annual Contributions Expected	\$1,411,109.00
Contributions Expected to Date	\$569,877.00
Contributions Received to Date	\$573,732.75
New Members in 2017	14

**10,000 REASONS CAMPAIGN**

January 1, 2017—December 31, 2019

Amount Pledged	\$1,099,621 .00
Received Last Week	\$2,144.00
Received to Date	\$223,102.65

**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.