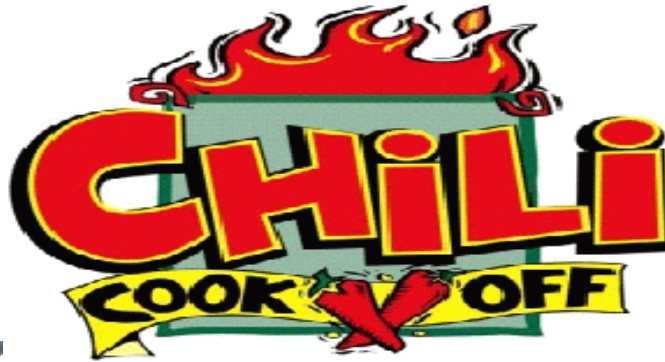




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**Newsletter, January 8, 2013**

19th Annual



and  
**Cornbread and  
Chocolate Chip Cookie  
Bakeoff**



Sunday, January 13  
5:00 p.m.  
Fellowship Hall

Get out your best recipe and bring it HOT by 4:30 for the judging.  
Doris will cook a pot of BLAND, MILD, CHILI for the faint of heart!  
Hot Dogs and Chips provided.

Followed by the Board of Stewards at 6:00  
Committee Meetings to begin at 6:30

**A HOT TIME ON A COLD NIGHT!!!!**  
**EVERYBODY WELCOME**



**Bus:** It's finally here. The new bus has arrived! Thanks to everyone who contributed to the cost of our new vehicle. It's comfortable and still has that "new bus smell." We appreciate all the time and effort Geoff Huddleston devoted to this project.

**Budget:** We had a strong finish financially to 2012. Offerings the last two weeks of the year completely erased the deficit and gave us a nice surplus when it was all over. The congregation is to be commended for its generous stewardship in what was a difficult year for many people. Thank you very much.

**Members of our Church Family in the Hospitals:** Shands—University of Florida: Tripp Mitchell  
St. Vincent—Bill White Princeton—Kate Catanzano Brookwood—Marilyn Wike Williams

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Peggy Kersh, who died on January 4. She was a member of the Opportunity Class....also to former BPUMC member Lisa Davenport in the death of her father, Edgar Zammit of Baton Rouge, Louisiana....also to Betty Sinclair in the death of her sister, Joan Popham of Minneapolis, Minnesota, on January 4.....Our prayers are with these friends in their time of sorrow.

**Worship:** Remember that we have an evening worship service at 6:00 p.m. in the chapel most Sundays. Tom Roberts is the regular preacher for this service. It has a relaxed, casual, informal style. When you can't be here in the morning, evening worship provides an opportunity to worship God. It's a good way to end a Sunday and to begin a new week.

**Midweek:** We're off to a good start on Wednesday nights. Join us on January 16. Supper will be served continuously from 5:00-6:30 with takeouts available. All choirs, handbells, classes, and activities for children and youth will meet as usual. On January 16:

- \* The Class "**On a Mission From God**" meets at 6:00. Sylvia Sumners will lead a tour of the Food Pantry and discuss this wonderful ministry and how to be a part of it.
- \* Reid Crotty's Bible Study at 4:30 and 6:30 will cover Acts 16-18 "Paul In Greece."

**Counseling:** "Let it go." Sometimes that's easier said than done. A broken relationship—a missed opportunity—a personal failure—a wrong done to us—something in the past we're ashamed of. Steve Sweatt can help us learn to let go of what's holding us back and making us miserable. He is an ordained minister and licensed counselor and marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling, an agency of the North Alabama Conference. Steve Sweatt comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Evening and weekend appointments can be arranged.

**Meeting:**

Thursday, January 10	6:30	Finance Committee
Sunday, January 13	3:30	Music Committee
Sunday, January 13	6:00	Board of Stewards
Sunday, January 13	6:30	Simultaneous Committee Meetings
Thursday, January 17	6:30	Community Ministries Foundation

**Cookbooks**—Available in the church office and in the narthex. Cost \$20.

**Sermon:** Printed copies of Reid Crotty's January 6 sermon "Pray Without Ceasing" are available from the church office or in the sanctuary narthex.

**KICKOFF NIGHT**  
**Sunday, January 13, 6:30 p.m.**  
**SIMULTANEOUS COMMITTEE MEETINGS**

Much of the work of the church is planned and carried out through our various committees. Every person in our congregation is invited and encouraged to find a place of service on one of these committees. Choose a committee that matches your gifts and interests.

Some of our committees have a specified membership. These include Trustees, Finance Committee, Pastor-Parish Relations Committee, Permanent Endowment Committee, Scholarship Committee, and Preschool Committee. Members of these groups are elected by the Charge Conference.

Other committees are open to anyone who would like to serve. All you have to do is show up for the meeting! Here's a description of these groups:

**EDUCATION COMMITTEE** - Marlowe Fort, chair - Makes plans for Sunday School, Midweek Ministries, Bible Studies, special educational programs.

**EVANGELISM COMMITTEE** - Julie Adams, chair - Outreach to visitors and newcomers, Membership classes, Assimilation of new members, Ambassador program.

**FAMILY LIFE COMMITTEE** - Amy Matheson, chair - Plans events and activities that families can enjoy together, such as the Chili Cookoff. Other recent examples are Family Skate Night, Veterans programs, Street Fair, Christmas Party, Gospel Jubilee, Blessing of the Animals, Church Picnic, Barons game, Wedding Renewal, Valentine Dinner.

**MISSIONS COMMITTEE** - Tim Mosley, chair - Plans mission trips and emphases through the year, Promote the Easter Love Gift for Missions, Volunteers in Mission.

**MUSIC COMMITTEE** - Stretch Dunn, chair - Promotes our choirs and handbells, Pipe Organ Concert, special music programs, Christmas on the Bluff.

**WORSHIP COMMITTEE** - Diane Moore, chair - Responsible for the sanctuary, plans for seasons of the year, altar flowers. Will be working on Ash Wednesday, Lent, Palm Sunday, and Easter.

**CHILDREN'S COUNCIL** - Leigh Delashaw, Director - Plans and organizes our Children's Ministry, Sunday School, Children's Church, Church Nursery, Midweek Programs, Grade 4-5 Fellowship, Vacation Bible School, Day Trips and Camps, Fine Arts Week, Summer and seasonal activities, Acolytes

**YOUTH PARENTS** - Bart Styes, Director - Supports our ministry with students, provides adult and parental participation, work with Director of Student Ministries.

**VALET PARKING**

Every Sunday morning!  
Drive to the covered  
entrance near the nursery  
and fellowship hall.

**BPUMC FOOD PANTRY**

1st Wednesday each month  
We are serving  
100+ families a month.  
We appreciate all donations!



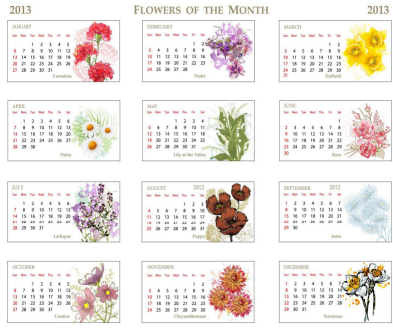
Monday 6:30  
In the Gym

**SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER****BREAKFAST**

**Mondays, 6:30-7:00 am**  
Arby's on Montgomery Highway  
Men of all ages welcome

**Men's Freeplay Basketball****In the Gym**

Sunday & Thursday: Wednesday:  
7:00pm 7:00pm  
(church members) (community)



**FLOWER CALENDAR:** The following Sundays are open for altar flowers. This is a nice way to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion in the year 2013. Sign up on the calendar in the entrance area of the education building or call the church office at 822-0910. Cost is \$50 for one arrangement or \$100 for both arrangements.

**One Arrangement**

January 27

April 21

**Two Arrangements**

February 3

March 31

April 28

May 15

**CHILDREN'S NEWS**

**PRESCHOOL and ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL** will meet in their regular classrooms. We are now back in routine! Elementary Sunday School is studying the story about Jesus in the Temple when he was 12 years old. Some of the highlights are constructing a miniature temple, practicing Hebrew writing and making unleavened bread and charoset.

**4<sup>th</sup> 5<sup>th</sup> FELLOWSHIP** will next meet on Wednesday, January 7 when Midweek starts back. We will go on a retreat Feb. 1-2. It is **EXIT 456 at Camp Sumatanga**. This is a conference wide camp which was a lot of fun last year. Cost is \$65.00. Registration starts now. Please let Mrs. Leigh know if your child is going by Jan. 20. An updated travel/medical form is required. An information sheet will be handed out this Wednesday and Sunday.

**ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP** Our next field trip will be January 21. Cost is \$30.00 a child. Register now for your child to get a seat on the new bus! We will announce our destination next week. We have room for 21 children.

**PRESCHOOLERS** and their parents are invited to a **PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY!** It is Friday, February 8, 6-7:30p.m. The theme of the evening *Bedtime Stories!* So come dressed in your pajamas, bring a blankie and/or your favorite snuggle buddie and have some fun with us. We'll have a bed time snack and make a craft. We'll also hear some stories from one of the best storytellers in Birmingham!! (Hint- She's on the library circuit!) Please call Mrs. Leigh at 822.0910 Ext. 107, so we can reserve your family a spot!

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

**Special thanks to Mr. Geoff and everyone that worked so hard on getting our new bus.**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 10:**

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 17:**

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 22:**

**SHEPHERD CENTER**—Story time with Ginny Nash

**SHEPHERD CENTER**—Barney Perkins and friends, Mountain Music

**CLASSIC ON THE NOBLE**, Anniston (traveling on new bus) \$3 gas donation

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

*Yet those who wait for the LORD will gain new strength; they will mount up with wings like eagles, they will run and not get tired, they will walk and not become weary. Isaiah 40:31*

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10:**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 18:**

**CARE N' CONTACT BREAKFAST** — 10:00 a.m.—Fellowship Hall

**HYUNDAI PLANT TOUR**—9:00—4:00—Call Betty for reservations on the new bus. Gas donation requested.

**Student Ministries**

We begin 2013 with Discovery Weekend. This is a spiritual formation event held here at the church. We invite all members of our church family to be in prayer for our students and adult volunteers during the weekend of Jan 25\_27. To make sure our students know how much we love and support them, we are asking members of the church to provide homemade snacks and deserts that weekend. You can drop these off at the church office on Friday, Jan 25 during regular hours or at the Fellowship Hall on that Friday night or Saturday morning. Make sure to include an encouraging note to our students!

**Small groups are starting back. Check our church website for specific details on when and where.**

Wednesday, Jan 9, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Jan 13, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Jan 13, 4:30pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, Jan 13, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Jan 13, 6:00pm: Vision Night

Wednesday, Jan 16, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

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**The Week of January 13-19**

**Sunday, January 13**

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service  
3:30 p.m. Music Committee  
5:00 p.m. Chili Cookoff  
6:00 p.m. Board of Stewards  
6:30 p.m. Simultaneous Committees  
6:30 p.m. Bass Club

**Monday, January 14**

10:30 a.m. United Methodist Women

**Tuesday, January 15**

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

**Wednesday, January 16**

4:30 p.m. Children's Handbells  
4:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study  
5:00—6:30 p.m. Midweek Meal  
5:45 p.m. Adult Handbells

**Wednesday, January 16**

6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus  
6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study  
6:00 p.m. Financial Peace  
6:00 p.m. On A Mission From God  
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation  
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir  
6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible Study

**Thursday, January 17**

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center  
6:30 p.m. Community Ministries  
6:30 p.m. Bass Club

**Friday, January 18**

**Saturday, January 19**

**Ushers**

8:45: Nelson 11:00: TBA

**Cross**

8:45: Ethan McGriff 11:00: Campbell Hecklinski

**Acolytes**

8:45: Landon Knight 11:00: Olivia Woodruff

**Children's Church**

8:45 TBA 11:00: TBA

**Greeters: January 20:** Covenant

**Meals on Wheels: January 16** Ken and Kay Adams

**Food Pantry: February 6** Sylvia Sumners

**Last Week's Record**

January 6, 2013

Sunday School	443
Morning Worship	536
Evening Worship	20
Weekly Operating Needs	
Operating Receipts	\$27,729.00
2013 Operating Budget	
Needed to Date	
Received to Date	\$27,729.00
Building Fund Receipts	\$8,517.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$8,517.00
New Members in 2013	0

**LIVING OUR LEGACY**

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$7,148.00
Received to Date	\$89,636.03

**BLUFF PARK UNITED  
METHODIST COLUMBARIUM**

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

**Midweek Meal, January 9**

Fried catfish, baked beans, and French fries, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Midweek Meal, January 16**

Spaghetti, corn, garlic bread, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Sermons January 13, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"The God Who Notices"**  
**(Exodus 2:23-25)**  
**Reid Crotty**

**No Evening Worship**

**MIDWEEK MEAL SERVERS**  
**January 9**

Richard and Derilda Joiner - Fellowship Hall  
Wesley Forum Class—Carry out

**January 16**

Fishermen Class - Fellowship Hall  
Peggy and Gail—carry out