



**Bluff Park
United Methodist Church**
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Newsletter, January 15, 2013



CHRISTMAS EVE AT BLUFF PARK



RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, January 20

7:30-12:30; In the Gym

Blood supplies are low following the holidays. Help to replenish the Red Cross Blood Bank. Let's aim for 50 points of blood on Sunday. A lot of people have the flu and other winter-time ailments. So if you are healthy, your donation would be greatly appreciated. And remember, it only takes a few minutes to give the gift of life. (Photo ID required)

Choir: Do you like to sing? If you do, then you're qualified to join the choir! All parts are needed, and there are no auditions. Work is beginning for Lent and Easter, so **NOW** would be a great time to get started. Just come to rehearsal on Wednesday night at 6:30, and we'll get you a music folder and a robe. Singing in the choir is a wonderful way to serve and a powerful way to invigorate your own faith. Come and join us!

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

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

February 3
April 21
May 19
June 7
June 14

Two Arrangements

April 28
June 16
June 23

Members of our Church Family in the Hospitals: Shands—University of Florida: Tripp Mitchell
St. Vincent—Bill White; Robert Hamill Princeton—Kate Catanzano Lakeshore—Pat Henley

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Rick Richards in the death of his mother, Marion Richards of Cahaba Heights, on January 10Our prayers are with the family 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 continue on Wednesday night, January 23. Supper is served continuously from 5:00-6:30, with takeouts available. All choirs, classes, handbells, Bible studies, and activities for children and youth meet as usual. On January 23:

- * Becky Walker's Bible Study at 6:00 is studying "Revelation and the End Times" by Dr. Ben Witherington
- * Reid Crotty's Bible Study at 4:30 and 6:30 will cover Acts 19-20 "The Leadership of Paul."
- * Russell Blackburn is looking for some new adult Handbell Ringers at 5:45 in the handbell room.
- * Ann Harter invites everybody in grades 3-6 to Young Ringers Handbells at 4:30 in the handbell room. Come and try it. It's fun!
- * Financial Peace University, led by Dan Little, meets at 6:00.

Counseling: Remarriage following a divorce or death of a spouse is a major decision and a big step. There's a lot to think about Steve Sweatt has many years of experience as a professional, licensed counselor and marriage and family therapist. He is also an ordained minister. He can help us to be sure that we've thought things through carefully and are ready to take that step. Steve is affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference, and he comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church and located below the chapel. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Weekend and evening appointments can be arranged.

Membership: There will be a Membership Class for anyone interested in joining the church on February 3 at 10:00 (during Sunday School) in the fellowship hall. Learn about Bluff Park Church and opportunities to get involved and to grow in Christ. New-comers are welcome here!

Cookbooks—Available in the church office and in the narthex. Cost \$20. The divider pages were drawn by the children and we hope you enjoy it.

Thank you:

Thank Reid, Peter, and all my church family for the visits, cards, calls, and prayers during my recent illness. I am still recovering and appreciate all your prayers. Sincerely, Linda Moore
Thank you so much for all the cards, calls, food, and expressions of sympathy received at the death of my son, Alan Ralph. A special thanks to Reid and Peter for all the hospital visits while Alan was ill. It is a blessing to have so many caring church friends and it is comforting to know others care. Odessa Harbor

Meetings:

Thursday, January 17 6:30 Community Ministries Foundation
Sunday, January 27 4:00 Chile Mission Team

Missions: The church Mission Committee met this past Sunday and was reminded that it isn't enough just to have faith. Faith that doesn't show itself by good deeds is no faith at all—it is dead and useless (James 2:14-17). Our church is a compassionate group of people who are dedicated to advancing the teachings of Jesus Christ through service to others. In order to accomplish this, our goals are to:

- Identify opportunities to serve both our local community and the greater world around us
- Foster volunteerism within our congregation
- Encourage collaborative efforts with other organizations, churches and groups
- Raise funds and allocate resources to promote missions activities

Our church members are already performing services in many ways and we want to share those opportunities with others. Therefore, the Missions Committee requests that each group send a brief note describing the work being done and how others can get involved. Please e-mail the note to Tim Mosley at t.mosley1113@gmail.com or Tom Duley at tduley@bpumc.org no later than January 30, 2013.

Tickets for this year's **Silent Auction, "The Legacy Gala"**, are officially on sale before and after each service in the narthex. Come join us as we raise money for our youth and children's programs on March 1st at The Club from 7-11 pm. The event will include dinner, dancing and silent and live auctions. To donate an item for the auction, please contact Megan Wise at megan.f.wise@gmail.com or 978-2907.

The **North Alabama Conference of the United Methodist Women** will sponsor a legislative advocacy day on March 2 at St. Paul UMC, 1500 6th Avenue North. This high impact event is grounded in Biblical witness and our shared traditions of justice, peace and integrity of creation. The 8:00-11:30 discussion will inform, educate, and mobilize for advocacy on both local and international policy issues. For 2013, United Methodist Women have four priorities of study and advocacy: immigration and civil rights, human trafficking, domestic violence, and poverty. Those interested in attending should contact Leonette Slay, District Social Action Chair, at lwsly@cs.com before February 8.

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)



Do you have a few leftover pounds from the holidays?
Did you make a New Year's Resolution to get in better shape?

Then **ZUMBA** is for you!!!!

6:30 on Monday nights in the gym

\$5 per class (age 12 and above)

Coed—for men and women

New Instructor: Ivan Correa

Don't put it off. Get started this week.

Make 2013 a Year of Good Health

CHILDREN'S NEWS

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP will next meet on Wednesday, January 16. We will go bowling on Sunday Jan. 27. Cost is \$8.00. 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 are going to PUMP IT UP. 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!

PARENTS We have 25 featured children's art work in the new cookbook. Check it out and purchase one at the Welcome Center on Sunday

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

TUESDAY, JANUARY 22:

THURSDAY, JANUARY 24:

CLASSIC ON THE NOBLE, Anniston (traveling on **new** bus) \$3 gas donation
SHEPHERD CENTER—10:00 a.m. Debbie, YMCA Highway 150

Special Moment with Jesus!

And let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, to which indeed you were called in one body. And be thankful.

Colossians 3:15

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. \$5 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. Make sure to include an encouraging note to our students!

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

Sunday, Jan 20 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Jan 20 4:30pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, Jan 20 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Jan 20 6:00pm: Dodge ball in the Gym

Wednesday, Jan 23 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

*Check www.bluffparkumc.org for info on our various student small groups that meet throughout the week.

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The Week of January 20-26

Sunday, January 20

7:30 a.m. Blood Drive
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, January 21

8:00 a.m. Children's Field Trip

Tuesday, January 22

9:30 a.m. Bible Study
9:30 a.m. Senior Trip

Wednesday, January 23

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 23

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 24

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

Friday, January 25

7:00 p.m. Fishermen Class
Discovery Weekend

Saturday, January 26

Ushers

8:45: McDonald 11:00: King

Cross

8:45: Sally Francis Little 11:00: Brittany Causey

Acolytes

8:45: Carolyn Thompson 11:00: Vasi Tsantes

Children's Church

8:45 TBA 11:00: TBA

Greeters: January 27: Faith

Meals on Wheels: January 23 Robin and David Martin

Food Pantry: February 6 Sylvia Sumners

Last Week's Record

January 13, 2013

Sunday School	437
Morning Worship	581
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$23,142.66
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$54,050.00
Received to Date	\$50,871.66
Building Fund Receipts	\$1,305.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$9,822.00
New Members in 2013	0

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$260.00
Received to Date	\$89,896.03

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

Midweek Meal, January 16

Spaghetti, corn on the cob, garlic bread, or
baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, January 23

Baked fish, rosemary potatoes, vegetable
casserole, or baked chicken, baked potato
bar, bread.

Sermons January 20, 2013

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Wasted Gifts"
(I Corinthians 12:1-11)
Reid Crotty

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"Here Now"
(Exodus 3:1-6)
Tom Roberts

MIDWEEK MEAL SERVERS
January 16

Fishermen Class - Fellowship Hall
Peggy and Gail—carry out

January 23

Matt and Pat Reeder—Fellowship Hall
Peggy and Gail—carry out

Cashiers

Sally Holland and Woodie Comer