

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

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open minds,
open doors

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Newsletter

May 12, 2010

TRANSITIONS

A number of changes are and will be occurring at the church.

Lawton Higgs will leave us in June to become pastor of Oakmont UMC in Homewood. His last Sunday at Bluff Park will be May 30. Lawton will preach at both morning worship services that day, and for the 5th Sunday Connection Class at 9:45 in the Fellowship Hall, there will be a "Sunday School Mixer" and Going Away Time for Lawton. All adult classes are invited and encouraged to participate. A Love Gift will be presented. To contribute, make checks payable to the church and mark them "Love Gift—Lawton."

Michael Pugh also leaves us in June to become Youth Minister of a church in Cullman, which is his and Shelley's home town. He will accompany the Youth Choir on their Choir Tour to Charleston and Savannah the first week in June. The Homecoming Concert on the evening of Sunday, June 6, will be his last day here. We will recognize him that night with a Love Gift. To contribute, make checks payable to the church and mark them "Love Gift—Michael."

Joining us in June in the newly created position of Executive Minister will be **Rusty Glasgow**. He will direct the church staff and oversee the daily operations of the church. Rusty has already met with several people and groups in the congregation. He brings a wealth of experience, an abundance of energy, and a multitude of new ideas with him. We worked hard to make this appointment happen. Rusty will live in the Foothills Drive parsonage which the Crotts have vacated to move into their own home.

Also joining us in June as Associate Minister will be **Sherrill Corson**. She will also serve as pastor of Hoover First UMC and will live in their parsonage. A number of us met Sherrill when she spoke at Ladies Day on May 1. She has a background in missions and will lead us in creating more opportunities for our people to become involved in missions here in our own community.

Both Rusty and Sherrill will be here for the Ice Cream Social sponsored by the youth on Sunday evening, June 13. Everybody is invited to meet them then. Rusty will preach at both morning worship services on June 20, and Sherrill will preach at the evening worship service the same day.

The Search Committee is working on finding a new Director of Student Ministries. We have several good prospects. Meanwhile **Reed and Emily King** have volunteered to step up and provide leadership and continuity as we move into the summer activities. And in addition, **Steven Guy**, a University of Alabama student, will join us soon as our Summer Youth Intern. So we are set to continue at full speed through the interim period until a new staff member arrives.

And we have a change in the church office. Janie Briggs resigned as Financial Manager to accept a position with a local bank. Our new Financial Manager is **Joan Landrum**. She comes to us from the staff of Hunter Street Baptist Church with experience that will be helpful for us.

Congratulations to Bryan and Laura (Weems) Tull, who were married at the church on May 7.....to Jeff and Carol (Logan) Cornelius, who were married at the church on May 8.....to J. R. and April (Barnette) Adams, who were married on May 8 at Lake Martin.....We wish for each couple many years of happiness together.

Midweek: Midweek Ministries comes to an end on May 19. We will take our summer break and resume again on September 8. Thanks to the teachers and leaders of all our classes, choirs, and activities for another great year....Reid Crotty's Bible Study at 4:30 and 6:30 on May 19 will conclude the Book of Leviticus by exploring chapters 26-27 which deal with rewards, penalties, and vows.

Hospital: St. Vincent Trudy Lawyer

Meetings:

Sunday May 16 6:30 Music Committee
Tuesday May 18 6:30 Youth Search Committee
Thursday June 10 7:00 Finance Committee

Counseling: Anger is a powerful emotion. It can be channeled in positive or negative directions, and it can be either a constructive or destructive force in our lives. Are you struggling with anger? Are you angry with a particular person—with your situation in general—with your employer, school, church, or some other organization or group—or even with yourself? Don't let it destroy you. Use that energy for a good purpose. Steve Sweatt is here to help. He is an ordained minister, licensed counselor, and certified marriage and family therapist who comes to the church for personal, marriage, and family counseling. He is affiliated with United Methodist Pastoral Care and Counseling, Inc., and has a satellite office beneath the chapel. Call 213-0227 or 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential and affordable.

HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS: Please email Michael with your name, where you graduated from and where you plan to go to school. May 23 you will need to wear your cap and gown to the 11:00 service.

HELP!! The food pantry is very low on food and money. Please don't forget this mission project. If you would like to find out more about this project or have a speaker during Sunday school, please call Penny Burns at 823-7176.

Request: Please remember that the back pews on the left side of the sanctuary (facing the altar) in front of the sound room are a "fragrance free area." Those who wear perfume or cologne are asked to sit in other sections of the sanctuary as a favor to those who are allergic to these fragrances. Thank you.

The summer program is in need of **plastic shoe boxes with lids**. Please bring them to the office.

THE NURSERY is missing 4 pagers. Please check diaper bags and purses to see if one was accidentally put in there. You can leave them on the table in the nursery hall or put in Mrs. Leigh's mailbox in the office.

Thank you: A big thank you to Jimmy Ashworth, Frances Bellows, Linton and Pat Chambers, Patsy Cummings, Joan Davis, Jo Ann Johnson, and Chris Kirkland for their hard work and dedication planting flowers around the church for all to enjoy. It was a labor of love. Wayne Freeman

Graduates: We would like to announce those from our congregation who are receiving college degrees in the weekly church newsletter. Please send that information to the church office. Thank you.



2010 Flower Calendar: The following dates are still available to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion in the year 2010. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. Please sign up in the foyer of the Education building or call Elizabeth Sheetz, 822-0910, ext. 101. Thank you for adding to the beauty of our Worship Services. Dates available: July 25(½); September 19 (½); October 3 (½), 24 (½); November 21 (½), 28 (½).

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY
1st and 3rd Wednesday
each month
We are serving 80+ families
a month.
We appreciate all donations!

MEMORIALS

PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Margie Hutcheson by Steven and Tracy Korson, Living Stones Class, Baxter and Kay Booth.

FOOD PANTRY

Dick Hardy by Mahala McKinney

HONORARIUM

PASTOR DISCRETIONARY FUND

Congratulations **Curt Thompson**—Master's Degree (UAB) by Curtis and Paula Thompson



MEN'S BREAKFAST
Sunday, June 6, 9:45 a.m.
(During Sunday School)

Fellowship Hall
Speaker: Mark Whitlock, President, Mark's Outdoor Sports

THE COLUMBARIUM

Information packets available from the church office or in the sanctuary narthex on Sunday mornings.



HANDBELL CONCERT

Sunday, May 23, 6:00 p.m. (Light Supper at 5:00)

Jennifer Faulkner and our Handbell Choir will present a program of religious and popular music. This will be a real treat for all of us.

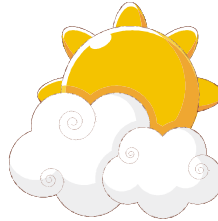
ZUMBA Fitness Class

Is making Summer Plans
 Monday Nights
 Wednesday Nights??
 Contact India Gold at 823-0144

**CAMP SUMATANGA
 ELEMENTARY CAMPS**

Registration packets are on the table by the Fellowship Hall.

If you have a question, please contact Mrs. Leigh at 822-0910 ext. 107.



Camp Sumatanga

- Camp 1 June 13-18,
- Camp 3 June 27-July2,
- Camp 5 July 18-23

Elementary Dates

- Camp 2 June 20- 25
- Camp 4 July 11-16
- Camp 6 July 25- 30

CHILDREN'S NEWS

4th5th FELLOWSHIP will go to **PASSPORT CAMP, JUNE 12-16!** We will go to Mercer University in Macon, Georgia.

ON THE ROAD AGAIN FIELD TRIPS will start on Weds. June 9. 7:30a.m.-5:30p.m. We will go peach and strawberry picking. After lunch, we'll go see a movie. This is for children who have finished K5 through 5th grade. We have room for 21 children. Call or e-mail Mrs. Leigh to sign up.

AHOY YE MATEYS!!! MAJOR CHANGE!!! VBS is Monday thru Friday this year!!! It's time to batten down the hatches and make final preparations for the *High Seas Expedition* Vacation Bible School. **July 12-16.** It will be at night this year. 5p.m.-8p.m. This is for Children who have finished 3K preschool through 5th grade. We need 10 teachers and 15 adult shepherds. We also need middle school and high school youth to help assist. Dinner will be served at 5p.m.-5:30. Programming will start at 5:45p.m. Cost is \$8.00. Please call or e-mail Mrs. Leigh if you can help!!!



THE FULL SUMMER SCHEDULE Elementary Field trip Schedule -Wednesday June 9,16, 23, 30 and July 21,and 28. The **Preschool Summer Camp** dates June 21-25 and July 19-23. **Passport Camp for the 4th5th Fellowship** is June 12-15. **VBS** will be July 12-16 at night this year. **Fine Arts Camp** will be Aug. 2-5.

YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer trips are right around the corner. If you are interested in going, please sign up on the youth hall or in the church office. There are only 2 more practices before choir tour. If you are planning on going you need to be at every practice. The summer trips will cost \$275 for choir tour and Senior High and Junior High is \$190. Deposits for Choir Tour are past due. Sr. High and Jr. High Mission deposits are due May 13.

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

UP-COMING EVENTS:

Thursday May 20: Ginny and Jill, Lakeshore, Regular 11:00am schedule. Everyone invited.

Tuesday May 25: Day Trip to Lilburn, Ga with Reid and Betty. We'll tour BAPS SHRI SWAMINARAYAN MANDIR or Hindu Temple. Made with pink Indian sandstone, Italian marble and Turkish limestone. The three tiers are a homage to the body of God, columns representing legs, windows as ears and flags as hair. Statues, carvings and much more. Cost: \$50.00 per person. Lunch-on-your-own. Traveling by tour bus. Call Betty.

Saturday, May 29: BPUMC Red Hat Luncheon, Firebird at Patton Creek. Call Glynda Culver at 822-0006 or Betty at 822-0910 for reservations.

Friday July 9 - Sunday July 18: BOSTON FULL - \$200.00 deposit ASAP - balance due June 1.

YELLOW DOT PROGRAM

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, May 16

8:45 a.m.
9:45 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

Morning Worship
Sunday School
Morning Worship
Evening Worship
Music Committee

Monday, May 17

8:30 a.m.
6:30 p.m.

Staff Meeting
Zumba

Tuesday, May 18

8:30 p.m.

Search Committee

Wednesday, May 19

4:30 p.m.
4:30 and 6:30 p.m.
5:00 - 6:30 p.m.
5:45 p.m.
5:50-6:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.
6:40-8:15p.m.

Young Ringers Handbells (3rd-5th graders)
Pastor's Bible Study
Midweek Meal
Adult Handbells
Children's Choir
Susan Truss Bible Study (Beth Moore)
Holy Ground Service
Coffee and Conversation
M & M Kids
Adult Choirs

Thursday, May 20

9:30 a.m.

Shepherd Center

Friday, May 21

6:00 p.m.

Friendship Class

Sermon, May 16, 2010
8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
"The Absence of the Presence of God"
(Acts 1:6-14)
Reid Crotty
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"Joyful Wondering"
(Luke 24:36-49)
Tom Roberts

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012

Amount Pledged	\$1,491,048.00
Received Last Week	\$16,066.87
Received to Date	\$ 148,808.56

Last Week's Record

May 9, 2010

Sunday School	420
Morning Worship	743
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$22,203.40
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$533,141.79
Received to Date	\$548,266.04
Building Fund Receipts	\$16,387.87
Building Fund in 2010	\$224,964.78
New Members in 2010	28

Save the Date!

Mountain Marketplace, An Art & Gift Event
June 19, 2010

Midweek Meal, May 19

Turkey and dressing, mashed potatoes, and green beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread

SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

Monday, 6:30-7:00 a.m.
Arby's on Montgomery Highway
Men of all ages welcome

Men's Freeplay Basketball

In the Gym; Sunday & Thursday,
7:00 p.m. (Church Members)
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. (Community)

VALET PARKING

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

May 16, 2010

Greeters: May 23— Seekers
Ushers: 8:45—McDonald; 11:00— King—C
Acolytes: 8:45-Jasmine Hendon 11:00— Emma Howell
Cross: 8:45-Shelby Henderson 11:00— Lia Keadle
Children's Church 8:45—Fort
11:00—Ellis and Grubb
Meals on Wheels: May 19: Tarin Rafferty
Food Pantry: May 19: Kay Adams

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