

# Bluff Park United Methodist Church

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open doors

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## Newsletter

May 19, 2010

SUNDAY, MAY 23, 2010

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### SENIOR RECOGNITION DAY—11:00 MORNING WORSHIP SERVICE

Tyler Allen Bass	Ian Taylor Hines	Sarah Slack
Andrew Campbell Clifton	Killian Hodo	James Bradley Thompson
Graham Andrew Craig	Reid McKay Knight	Aaron Vollenweider
Alex Croninger	Dusty Knickrehm	Shelby Lee Waddell
Lauren Taylor Delashaw	Emily Lauren McEuen	Joy Waldrop
Austin Farmer	Katherine Miller Patrick	Emily White
Ali Hamel	Matthew Coultas Pears	

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### Congratulations to Class of 2010 High School Graduates

#### HANDBELL CONCERT

6:00 p.m.

DIRECTED BY JENNIFER FAULKNER

#### 5:00 Light Supper in Fellowship Hall

The Handbell Choir has prepared a program of sacred and popular music that all ages will enjoy. Join us before the Concert in the Fellowship Hall for a light supper together. Our handbell ringers enrich our worship services throughout the year, and we appreciate their preparing and offering this concert.

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#### PENTECOST

May 23 is the Day of Pentecost, which falls on the 50th day after Easter. Pentecost was an Old Testament festival established in ancient times. It was on that Day in the year Jesus was crucified and resurrected that the Holy Spirit filled the early disciples in Jerusalem. It's often called "the Birthday of the Church." Read Acts 2 for the scriptural account of what happened. Reid Crotty's sermon will be based on that chapter and is entitled "Wind Power."

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**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to Otis Bibb in the death of his father, Otis Bibb, Sr., of Columbiana, on May 12. May the family find comfort in their time of sorrow.

**Congratulations** to Chris and Fleming (Chambers) Chance, who were married at the church on May 15. We wish for them many years of happiness together.

**Counseling:** Alzheimer's Disease affects both the person who has it and the person's family. How do we recognize the signs? And what can we do when it touches someone we love? Or if we suspect it might be affecting us? We need good information to explore our options. Steve Sweatt can provide guidance and resources. He is an ordained minister, licensed counselor, and certified marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Methodist Pastoral Care and Counseling, Inc., who comes to the satellite office here at the church for personal, marriage, and family counseling. Call 213-0227 or 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential and affordable.

**Braves:** We have one seat available for the Braves-Phillies game in Atlanta on Wednesday, June 2. Leave at 8:15, Game time is 12:05 CDT. \$25 for game ticket and transportation. Call Cindy in the church office at 822-0910.

**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.

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

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

**Thank you** to all the golfers, volunteers, hole sponsors and donors who helped with the Tom Alley Golf tournament. We had 76 golfers play and raised \$6,000 to be divided between the youth program and the Victor Harbor Scholarship Fund !!

<b>Hospitals:</b>	<b>Brookwood Veterans</b>	Mildred Higdon Jim Windham	<b>Trinity</b>	Gwen Eblen	<b>St. Vincent's East</b>	Joe Knight, Sr.
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**Meeting:** Thursday June 10 7:00 Finance Committee

**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.

**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.

**Fairfield:** The last worship service at Fairfield First United Methodist Church will be the 30th of May. Although this is a sad time for those with connections to that church, we have a unique opportunity. We have been given the lovely stained glass windows from that church to place in Phase 2 of our current building program. In order to take advantage of this opportunity, we must pay for the removal, crating, and replacement of the windows, all of which will cost in the neighborhood of \$20,000. If you are interested in participating in this project, please contact Becky Walker at your earliest convenience. Thank you.

**Fishing:** The Bluff Park UMC Bass Club had their tournament last Saturday at Lake Jordan. The winners were Jim and Scott Dollar, who caught 5 fish with a weight of 11 lb. 4 oz. Butch Hopper and Larry Langham also caught 5 fish, but their weight was less. Thanks to Allen Word for organizing the tournament.

**Notice:** We still have several seats on the bus available for our trip to Atlanta on Tuesday, May 25, to visit the new Hindu Temple. Join Betty and Reid for the day. Travel by tour bus. Cost is \$50 plus lunch on-your-own. Learn about another culture and religion. Call Betty in the church office at 822-0910 for information and registration. Friends are welcome. It's going to be a very interesting day.

Join us at the Birmingham **Barons Game Friday, June 4 at 7:00 pm in Section 209** to see a great baseball game, some Star Wars characters, Fireworks, and if you are one of the first 1,500 through the gate, a free giveaway. Admission family tickets are **Free** and will allow 5 people in to see the game with just one ticket. You can also purchase a **Food Voucher for \$4.00 each** that includes a drink, chips and hot dog which is a great deal!( food tickets will be available for pick up 5/30 in the Narthex or in the office after 5/30). Family Life will be set up in the Narthex again Sunday, May 23 for you to pick up your free admission ticket and purchase a food voucher. You may also come by the office to take care of both tickets. Questions contact Julie Adams 822-6516 or juliead40@bellsouth.net.

**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."

**Thank You:**

I would like to **thank** Reid, Lawton, and Tom for the visits and prayers while I was in the hospital. Trudy Lawyer.

**Dear BPUMC:** We always love to play a concert in your beautiful sanctuary. Even more special is the support and encouragement we receive from you, your staff and your congregation. Thank you for your generous Christian spirit and I hope we are good stewards of your facilities that you allow us to use. Sincerely, Gwen Knowlton, secretary,

Red Mountain Chamber Orchestra.

**Dear Bluff Park UMC,** Our staff is truly grateful for your help and generosity. With your help, our patient who was without gas for four weeks was able to restore services. It is wonderful to have a church in the community that is willing to lend a helping hand. Thank you for helping our dear patient when she was in need.

Sincerely, Rachel Glencso, Social Worker, Countryside Hospice

**Thank you** for your support of The Firehouse Shelter in downtown Birmingham. Your donation enables us to provide services, as well as essential daily needs, to guide our homeless population to a brighter future. We use the funds raised from generous contributors such as you to operate and grow our programs. In addition to our main location on Third Avenue North, we have six other housing locations which provide Transitional Housing, Permanent Supportive Housing and Safe Haven, a specialized housing for seriously mentally ill homeless men. Again, we could not operate any of these programs without your support.

Thank you, Steve Freeman, Executive Director

I would like to take this opportunity to **express my personal gratitude** for your church's most generous donation to our Meals on Wheels program. Your gift will allow us to continue to feed almost 1,000 homebound seniors in Jefferson County. Again, thank you for supporting our work to feed our homebound elderly in Jefferson County. Gratefully George A. Graham,

Executive Director, Jefferson County Council on Aging.

**MAY 30 - 5<sup>th</sup> SUNDAY CONNECTION CLASS**  
9:45 Fellowship Hall  
**Sunday School Mixer**  
and  
**Farewell to Lawton**  
All adult classes encouraged to participate.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS**  
**SUMMER SCHEDULE**  
Beginning June 7  
Mondays 6:30-7:30  
Wednesday (Zumba Toning) 6:15-7:00  
Call India Gold for information and registration at 823-0144.



**MEN'S BREAKFAST**  
**Sunday, June 6, 9:45 a.m.**  
**(During Sunday School)**  
 Fellowship Hall  
**Speaker: Mark Whitlock, President,**  
 Mark's Outdoor Sports

Several members of the **Compassion Circle** and friends are participating in the **CF Walk on May 22<sup>nd</sup>**. If you would like to join us for the Walk at Veterans Park or make a donation please contact Jan Harris or Jennifer McEuen. You can also make a donation at [http://www.cff.org/GREAT\\_STRIDES](http://www.cff.org/GREAT_STRIDES), Find a Walker/Team. Our team name is **"Compassion for a Cure"**.

**COLUMBARIUM:** Despite the lack of any visual progress at the site, this project is still on schedule. Delivery of the columbarium is scheduled for next month. You can still purchase a niche for \$1,800. When the columbarium is delivered and installed, the price will increase from \$1,800 to \$2,000. 31 of 96 niches have already been sold.

The advance purchase of a niche is a good way for a person to make their wishes known and to minimize the decisions that have to be made by family members after death. In Alabama, some decisions can only be made by family members. For example, cremation must be approved by a decedent's closest relative after death. Most family members will follow a decedent's wishes, as long as those wishes are clearly known.

An information packet with details about the columbarium is available at the narthex desk or in the church office.

**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.

### CHILDREN'S NEWS

**PARENTS** can now register for any camp on the church's website, [www.bpumc.org](http://www.bpumc.org) !!!!

**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 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We have room for 21 children. Call or e-mail Mrs. Leigh to sign up.

**AHOY YE MATEYS!!** It's time to batten down the hatches and make final preparations for the *High Seas Expedition* Vacation Bible School. **July12-16.** It will be at night this year.5p.m.-8p.m. This is for Children who have finished 3K preschool through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. We need a few more teachers adult shepherds. We also need middle school and high school youth to help assist. Dinner will be served at 5.-5:30p.m. Programming will start at 5:45p.m. Cost is \$8.00. Please call or e-mail Mrs. Leigh if you can help!!!



**FINE ARTS CAMP** is Monday **Aug. 2**, thru Thursday **Aug. 5, 9a.m.-12:30p.m.** The theme is "Building the Ark." We will have classes in Drama, Music, Gardening, Science Fun, and Graphic Design. This camp is for children who have finished 5K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. Cost is \$25.

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

### YOUTH MINISTRY

Choir Tour and Senior High Mission Trip cost \$275 and the Jr. High Mission trip cost \$190 Deposits for all summer trips are past due. If you are planning on going, please contact Michael. There will be a choir tour parents meeting next Monday, May 24. Meeting will be at 6:00 in the Youth Hall. You should have received a packet in the mail about choir tour. If you have not, then your student is not on the list and you need to sign up NOW.

### SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES

\*\* We have (2) two Wheelchairs that have been returned that are not ours. Wheelchairs are available for members, friends, and community. If you borrow a Wheelchair please make sure you are returning the right one back to BPUMC. Other medical equipment, Walkers, Canes, Crutches etc. are available. Please check in with the office when borrowing or returning.

#### UP-COMING EVENTS:

**Friday May 21: "Much ADo About Nothing"** Homewood Park Out-door Theater. Bring a lawn chair. Tickets \$10.00. Bus will leave parking lot at 6:00pm. Call Betty to reserve your seat on the bus.

**Tuesday May 25: Day Trip to Lilburn, Ga with Reid and Betty.** Bus arrives at 6:00 a.m., departing at 6:30. 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.

**Thursday May 27: SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - Early Fellowship 9:00am, a time to chat and welcome new friends. Surprise guest at 10:00am. Come See, Come Hear. Regular schedule at 11:00am.

**Friday July 9 - Sunday July 17: BOSTON.** Trip balance due June 1.

**Monday June 7 & Tuesday June 8: AARP SAFETY DRIVING CLASS** 8:00am - 12:00Noon. Taking this class may help lower your vehicle insurance. Check with you insurance company. Call Betty.

# This Week's Calendar

## Sunday, May 23

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship  
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School  
 9:45 a.m. Senior Recognition Breakfast  
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship  
 5:00 p.m. Supper  
 6:00 p.m. Handbell Choir Concert

## Monday, May 24

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting  
 6:30 p.m. Zumba

## Tuesday, May 25

Betty's Mystery Trip

## Wednesday, May 26

5:45 p.m. Adult Handbells  
 6:30 p.m. Holy Ground Service  
 6:40-8:15p.m. Adult Choirs

## Thursday, May 27

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

## Friday, May 28

6:00 p.m. Fishermen Class

**Sermon, May 23, 2010**  
**8:45 and 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship**  
**"Wind Power"**  
**(Acts 2:1-21)**  
**Reid Crotty**

**Save the Date!**  
 Mountain Marketplace, An Art & Gift Event  
 June 19, 2010

### BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012  
 Amount Pledged \$1,491,048.00  
 Received Last Week \$4,376.33  
 Received to Date \$ 229,020.11

### Last Week's Record May 16, 2010

Sunday School	452
Morning Worship	564
Evening Worship	17
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$21,774.43
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$561,201.88
Received to Date	\$570,040.47
Building Fund Receipts	\$ 4,501.33
Building Fund in 2010	\$153,630.89
New Members in 2010	28

### BPUMC FOOD PANTRY 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

We are serving 80+ families a month.  
 We appreciate all donations!

### 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 23, 2010

**Greeters: May 30—** Wesley Forum  
**Ushers:** 8:45 -Chatterton; 11:00 - Youth—D  
**Acolytes:** 8:45-Rachel Miller 11:00- Helen Lunsford  
**Cross:** 8:45-Landon Knight 11:00 Dorothy Logan  
**Children's Church 8:45—**Gold  
 11:00—Hayes and Hecklinski  
**Meals on Wheels: May 26:** Peggy White  
**Food Pantry: June 6:** Theresa Richerson

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