

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

*open hearts,
open minds,
open doors*

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Newsletter

July 28, 2010



Sunday August 1st Gospel Jubilee and Dinner On The Grounds

5:00 P.M. Supper in the Fellowship Hall

- ◇ The church provides fried/baked chicken, drinks, and bread.
- ◇ Bring ONE of the following: vegetable, salad, or dessert. We'll put everything together and share. All are welcome!

6:00 P.M. Concert in the Chapel—THE STEEL CITY QUARTET

- ◇ Enjoy great gospel music from an outstanding musical quartet. Come and have your faith lifted!

FINE ARTS CAMP is Monday **Aug. 2nd**, thru Thursday **Aug. 5th, 9 a.m. –12:30 p.m.** The theme is “Building the Ark.” We will have classes in Drama, Music, Gardening, Art, Science Fun, and Graphic Design. This camp is for children who have finished 5K thru 5th grade. Cost is \$25. Friends are welcome.

DISCIPLE BIBLE STUDY

Plans are being made for Midweek Ministries beginning in September. The Disciple Bible Study series produced by the United Methodist Publishing House is an excellent way to grow our understanding of the scriptures. We hope to offer one or more classes.

DISCIPLE I - “Becoming Disciples Through Bible Study”

A 34 week review of the entire Bible, both Old and New Testaments A great beginner course for people who don't know a lot about the Bible. Bob Nelson will lead the teaching.

Other possibilities are:

DISCIPLE II - “Into the Word, Into the World”

A 32 week study of Genesis, Exodus, Luke, and Acts

DISCIPLE III - “Remember Who You Are”

A 32 weeks study of the Major and Minor prophets of the Old Testament and the Letters of Paul in the New Testament.

DISCIPLE IV - “Under the Tree of Life”

A 32 week study of various Old Testament writings of the Gospel of John, Letters of John, James, Jude, and Revelation.

JESUS IN THE GOSPELS

A 30 week study of the life of Jesus

CHRISTIAN BELIEVER

A 30 week study of the classical doctrines of the Christian Faith

SHORT-TERM DISCIPLE STUDIES

8-11 week in-depth studies of sections of the Bible: Psalms, John, New Testament, Old Testament.

If you are interested in any of these studies, please contact the church office at 822-0910. Contact Becky Walker at 987-0404 or Bob Nelson at 823-5622 for more information.

Greater Birmingham Ministries “Back to School Fund Drive”, August 1 and August 8.

Did you know that a donation of \$55 will provide a new school uniform, a pair of socks, underwear, and a belt for a child living below the poverty level through *Greater Birmingham Ministries*? The cost of a uniform on top of school supplies is more than many families can afford. **YOU** can help families in need with a monetary donation. Bring your donation to the church office or place it in the church offering plate. Please make checks payable to Bluff Park UMC with “Back to School” on the memo line. Contact Sherrill Corson for more information scorson@bpumc.org.

**Hospitals: St. Vincent - Zelia Baugh Mt. Royal Tower - Fred Elder UAB West - Tom Hudson
Brookwood - Jewell Riley Golden Living Center - Albert Mixon**

Counseling: Unfortunately, every problem doesn't have a satisfactory solution. Sometimes we simply have to live with an undesirable or unacceptable situation. How do we cope with that reality? Steve Sweatt is available to help us find our way. 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.

Scholarships: Applications are being accepted for the Bluff Park United Methodist Higher Education Scholarship Awards for the 2010-2011 academic year. Get an application form from the church office. Deadline is August 1. Scholarship grants are based on financial need.

Nominations are being received for the **Victor Harbor Community Service Scholarship** for the 2010-2011 academic year. This scholarship is awarded to an entering college freshman from our congregation based on an outstanding record of service to the church, school, and community. The scholarship recipients are selected by nomination and not by application. Anyone may nominate a student. Submit a letter of nomination to the church office.....Contributions to the Victor Harbor Scholarship Fund are welcome from interested persons, classes, and groups. Thank you.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to Tammy Waldrop in the death of her mother, Joyce Morrow of Hoover, on July 24th; to Keith Henley in the death of his brother, Paul Henley of Salem, Arkansas, on July 20th; to Mark Griggs in the death of his mother, Marcella Griggs of Dadeville, AL, on July 24th. Our prayers are with the families in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to David and Megan (Bedwell) Brown on the birth of a son, David Braxton Brown, on July 23rd in North Carolina. David & Kathy Bedwell are the maternal grandparents.

MUSIC SURVEY: We seek a great response to our survey from youth through adults. That includes all family members that attend morning worship. If you have not already completed the survey, please either pick one up from the church office and turn it in there or complete it online. To complete the survey online just go to www.bpumc.org and click on the survey link. Thank you all for helping us grow the music program in mutual worship of God as we serve the Bluff Park community.

NEW MEMBERS

Mary Frances Westwater and Kay Westwater live at 1722 Mountain Laurel Lane and come by transfer from Vestavia Hills UMC. Mary Frances is Kay's mother-in-law. Kay is also the sister of Anne Foote.

Ray and Janann Williams and their daughter Meredith Lorino live at 310 Albemarle Drive, along with Meredith's 2 1/2 year old daughter CJ. They come by transfer from First Baptist Church in Athens, AL. Ray is with Centaur Building Services. Janann is with Tommy Turpin CPA. Meredith is with Johnson Development.

HANDBELLS

We are please to report that Russell Blackburn will become our new Handbell Director. He will be a Music Major at Samford University and is a graduate of Hoover High School where he was active in the music program. At Samford, he will be studying with Bill Stricklin, who is one of the leading handbell directors in the area. Russell is very talented as we look forward to having him with us.

AUGUST 29TH - RALLY NIGHT

End of Summer- Fall Kick-Off

5:00 p.m. Fellowship Supper

6:00 p.m. One Night Revival Service

Guest Preacher: John Ed Mathison

Frazer Memorial UMC

Montgomery, AL

Great singing — Special Music

Don't Miss It!!!

THE SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

August 1st - 8:45 A.M. & 11:00 A.M. services

Sermon by Reid Crotty

Leading Ladies

Sponsored by United Methodist Women on August 9th

Social Hour at 6:00 p.m.

Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Cost 6:00 per person

Columbarium: The columbarium has arrived and has been installed on one of the two foundations at the site below the parking lot. The second foundation is for a second Columbarium that may be added at some point in the future. It was previously indicated that the price of a Columbarium Niche would increase from \$1800 to \$2000 when the Columbarium was delivered and installed. However, a variety of circumstances resulted in a very short notice of the delivery and installation date. Thus, to ensure that there is adequate notice prior to the price increase, the Columbarium Committee has decided to extend the discounted price through August 31st. An information packet with details about the columbarium is available at the Narthex desk or in the church office.

**ZUMBA FITNESS CLASS
SUMMER SCHEDULE**



Mondays 6:30-7:30;
Wednesday (Zumba Toning) 6:15-7:00
Call India Gold for information and registration at 823-0144.

CHILDREN'S NEWS

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PROMOTION SUNDAY is August 15. Parents are asked to come by the Fellowship Hall during the Sunday School Hour to register their children for Sunday School. A short explanation of the Preschool, Children's, and Youth Ministry will be presented. We want parents to be more aware of what we do to help our children with their faith journey and how parents can make it more meaningful.

ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL In the adult Sunday School classes there will be sign up sheets for the new Sunday School Year. The Children of our church need your help. Please prayerfully consider teaching a unit class. The curriculum and resources are provided. If you have any questions, please contact Leigh Delashaw at ldelashaw@bpumc.org or call 822-0910 ext 107.

4th & 5th FELLOWSHIP For Children who are entering the 4th and 5th grades, we will have back to school gathering on Sept. 12th. We will go to CiCi's Pizza and then go bowling. We'll start at 5p.m. and be back by 7:45p.m. Please let Mrs. Leigh know if your child can go!!!!

YOUTH MINISTRY

The Youth at BPUMC will be having our annual Youth Week August 1-8.

Sunday: 5th Grade Kidnapping (5:00 pm)

Monday: Facebook Scavenger Hunt (6:00 pm)

Tuesday: Service Project at East Lake (2:00-5:00 pm)

Wednesday: Game Day (6:00 pm)

Thursday: Messy Games (6:00 pm)

Fri - Sun: Trip to Ocoee River (depart at 10:00 am)

Any adult interested in helping out during Youth Week, please contact Patrick Carnathan

This week at Bluff Park UMC Student Ministry:

July 26th: Monday Sports @ 3:00

July 28th: Holy Ground @ 6:30

July 29th: Lunch Bunch @ Noon

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES
CHURCH PICTORIAL DIRECTORY**

If you have not signed up for your pictures please call 1-800-500-6525 for an appointment. Our goal is 400 BPUMC families/individuals. No purchase is required. We want everyone in the directory.

Sunday August 1 - the following Sunday School Classes are scheduled for class pictures.

9:50 a.m. Roy Gilbert, 10:00 a.m. Opportunity, 10:10 a.m. Christ & Conversation, 10:20 a.m. Living Stones, 10:30 a.m. Home Improvement, 10:40 a.m. Cornerstone, 10:50 a.m. Friendship, 11:00 a.m. Anglers, 11:10 a.m. Fisherman

Sunday August 15 - the following classes are scheduled: 9:50 a.m. Covenant, 10:00 a.m. Seekers, 10:10 a.m. Canterbury, 10:20 a.m. New Horizons, 10:30 a.m. Faith, 10:40 a.m. Vitality, 10:50 a.m. Footsteps, 11:00 a.m. New Light, 11:10 a.m. Wesley Form.

Class pictures will be taken on the steps in front of The Chapel.

Choir and Nursery pictures will be taken during Church services on both the 1st and 15th. We will have a page in our new directory for our military personnel and need your help in gathering pictures and information. *If you have someone in a branch of service please call Betty.*

Upcoming Events:

Thursday August 5: SHEPHERD'S CENTER - Jill and Ginny, Lakeshore, will be here at 10 a.m. with a great program. Regular schedule at 11 a.m. Everyone invited.

Tuesday August 10: St. Bernard Church Tour/Ava Maria Grotto/Old German Town. Cost: \$3.00 gas donation - admission to Ava Maria Grotto, lunch-on-your-own. 8:30-4pm.

**We have scheduled another trip to see Gee's Bend for Tuesday December 14. Cost is \$40 and includes seeing the Pettaway Quilts/Tour, Gallery, Christmas lunch with Miss Betty at the Plantation/hearing her stories/seeing her quilts, riding the Ferry. Everyone that went on the July 6 trip is invited to go again free except for the lunch. Call Betty. Traveling by tour bus.

This Week's Calendar

Sermon, August 1, 2010
8:45 & 11 a.m. Morning Worship
"The Wicked Tenants"
(Matthew 21:33-46)
Reid Crotty

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012
 Amount Pledged \$1,491,048.00
 Received Last Week \$3,652.00
 Received to Date \$281,249.25

Last Week's Record July 25, 2010

Sunday School	404
Morning Worship	573
Evening Worship	24
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$16,857.85
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$841,802.78
Received to Date	\$810,799.39
Building Fund Receipts	\$4,347.00
Building Fund in 2010	\$211,918.02
New Members in 2010	45

August 1, 2010

Greeters: Aug 8th — New Horizon
Ushers: 8:45 D. Carlisle 11:00 Dollar
Acolytes: 8:45 Jasmine Hendon
 11:00 Helen Lunsford
Cross: 8:45 Rachael Miller 11:00 Emma Howell
Children's Church: 8:45 TBA 11:00 TBA
Meals on Wheels: August 4: Robin and David
 Martin
Food Pantry: Aug 4: Julie Adams

Sunday, August 1
 8:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 5:00 p.m. New 6th Grader Welcoming to Youth
 5:00 p.m. Supper in the Fellowship Hall
 6:00 p.m. Gospel Jubilee

Monday, August 2
 8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fine Arts Camp
 6:00 p.m. Youth Scavenger Hunt

Tuesday, August 3
 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fine Arts Camp
 2 p.m. - 5 p.m. Youth Service Day at East Lake UMC

Wednesday, August 4
 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fine Arts Camp
 6:00 p.m. Youth Game Day
 7:00 p.m. Bass Club

Thursday, August 5
 9 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. Fine Arts Camp
 9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
 6:00 p.m. Youth Messy Games

Friday, August 6
 10:00 am Youth Depart for Ocoee River trip

Saturday, August 7
 3:00 p.m. Copelan/Windham Wedding

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

VALET PARKING

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

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

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