

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

*open hearts,
open minds,
open doors*

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Newsletter

August 16, 2010

APPRECIATION DINNER For CHOIR MEMBERS and HANDBELL RINGERS And Their Families

Wednesday, August 25
Serving Begins 5:30

We want to thank the musicians of our congregation who lead us in worship. They perform a valuable and much appreciated ministry. Bring your entire family and enjoy dinner as guests of the church.

Also, prospective new choir members and handbell ringers are welcome and invited. If you would like to sing or ring, now is the time to get started. Not only is it a way to serve, participation in the music ministry will deepen your own faith. And it's a lot of fun!

EVENING WORSHIP

August 22, 6:00p.m.
In the Chapel

Sermon by Sherrill Corson

Join us for a casual, informal service at the close of the day. It's a wonderful way to prepare for the beginning of the new week. If you haven't heard or met Sherrill, this is a good chance to get to know her!

5th SUNDAY CONNECTION CLASS

August 29, 9:45a.m.
In the Chapel

All adult classes are invited for a presentation by Compassion International Children's Ministry. Reed and Emily King went on a mission trip to Rwanda earlier this summer with Compassion International. They will share this experience and inform us about this great ministry.

Light refreshments will be served.

LITTLE IMAGINATIONS PRESCHOOL

We are nearing full enrollment for the fall! The only openings are:

Infants: MWF Class — 2 Spots

Age 3k: MWF Class — 2 Spots

Call Tracy Estes at 822-5813 for information or registration. We have waiting lists for other classes!

MIDWEEK MINISTRIES RESUMES WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8!

COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

Despite a lack of visible progress recently, the construction of the columbarium site is continuing. We hope that it will be nearing completion next month. You can still purchase a niche for \$1,800. After August 31, The price will increase from \$1,800 to \$2,000. 41 of 96 niches have already been sold.

Inurnment in the columbarium has several advantages compared to burial. One is the location of the columbarium at the church. Another is the cost. While the costs of both inurnment and traditional burial can vary widely, the cost of inurnment will be much less than burial. Also, it is very important to make your wishes known to your closest relatives. Acquiring a niche now is a very clear way to make your wishes known to your family, and it relieves your family of the burden of making hasty decisions at a difficult time.

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

Counseling: Remarriage following a divorce can bring much happiness and contentment. We can improve our chance of a successful remarriage by considering carefully what happened in our previous marriage. What lessons can be learned, and what can or should we do differently? Steve Sweatt can assist in examining these questions. 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.

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to:

The family of Sara Street, who died on August 11.

To Opal Bonner, in the death of her sister, Vera Snellgrove of the Thatch Community in Walker County on August 6.

Our prayers are with these friends in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to:

Dan and Ivey Little in the birth of their 8lb, 10oz daughter, Sarah Katherine, on August 9.

New Members:

Kirk Patton comes by transfer from St. James UMC in Atlanta, Georgia. His wife Jill (Glaze) grew up at Bluff Park. The Pattons recently moved back to Birmingham from Montgomery. Their children are Claire Elizabeth (age 8) and Emma Grace (age 5).

Hayden Powers comes by transfer from Gulf Breeze UMC in Gulf Breeze, Florida. He lives at 134 Kay Avenue in Trussville and is engaged to Andrea Bailey. Hayden is with McPherson Oil.

Notice: The Planning Committee will meet on Sunday, August 22 at 4:30 in the library. Margaret Cook and Roger Norris encourage all members to be present as we review progress in implementing the Master Plan for our congregation. Completion of Phase I of the building program and changes in the church staff alignment are significant steps.

Short Term Disciple Bible Study: The Disciple Bible Study Series fulfills a desire many of us have for in-depth scripture studies in a small group setting. Some individuals are not able to commit to the length time frame (30-34 weeks) of the courses. In response to that situation, the short-term Disciple Bible Studies were developed. Spanning 8-12 weeks, this series uses a similar format and is wonderful for those who are exploring Bible Study or those whose time is limited. We will begin *Invitation to the Old Testament* with an orientation meeting on September 15. The group, led by Becky Walker, will meet in the library from 6-7:30 for 8 weeks, concluding November 17. We will examine God's call to the Hebrew people through the pages of scripture, and hear anew His call and direction in our own lives. Come and join us!

ONE More Water Well in Sudan: The downpour of rain this past Saturday did not dampen the spirits or the hopes of the Footsteps Class in their mission to raise funds to provide a water well for a village in Sudan through a ministry called "Never Thirst." "Never Thirst" drills water wells in India, Sudan, and the Central African Republic. Not only do they provide physical water where there is no water but they also share the Living Water of Jesus Christ. Through your generous donations to the garage sale, the Footsteps Class celebrates the raising of \$5300 as an answer to the fervent prayers of a village in Sudan for drinking water and a prayer of the Footsteps Class to extend the Kingdom of God. If you would like more information on "Never Thirst" or would like to help sponsor a water well, contact Jeremy or Brook Gossett.



FALL SCHEDULE

**Mondays: ZUMBA
6:30 — 7:30p.m.**

September 13 — November 15
 Cost of 10-week session: \$80.00
 Drop-in Rate: \$10.00

YMCA Members: 50% discount on 10-week rate and drop-in rate.

**Holiday Special for ZUMBA Mondays
6:30 — 7:30pm**

November 22—December 13
 Cost of 4 week session: \$20.00
 Drop-in rate: \$5.00
 (No YMCA discounts)

SPECIAL OFFER: If a participant brings a new participant to class, the participant bringing a friend or family member gets a **FREE ZUMBA CLASS**. These free passes are available for printing off of Cristina's access to ZUMBA marketing materials on the website.

NOTE: Leftover classes from summer sessions can be rolled over. However, **sessions will no longer be prorated in the fall.**

Urban Kids Birthday Cakes

Urban Kids starts up again this week and it's time to enlist help in baking birthday cakes for them for the upcoming school year. If you would like to donate a birthday cake (or cakes) please call Lois Truss (823-3741) or email at lois.t.truss@gmail.com.

If you're not a baker, store-bought cakes are welcome!

Food Pantry Update:

The number of people we help is growing every month. In July we gave food to 97 families, which included 43 seniors, 127 adults and 152 children.

The Food Pantry Committee wants to thank everyone for their support in this mission.

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

New York City

Rusty Glasgow is taking a winter trip to NYC, and you're invited! If you're interested, you may contact Rusty for more information at rglasgow@bpumc.org or 822-0910. All ladies welcome!

Bass Club Meeting

September 29

Discussing the Lay Lake Bass Tournament on October 9. Please be there if you plan to attend because there is a new tournament date and release form!

DISCIPLE STUDIES

We plan to offer two Disciple Bible Study classes as a part of Midweek Ministries this fall.

Bob Nelson will lead Disciple I, which is a 34 week survey of the entire Bible, including both the Old and New Testaments. This is a great introductory class for people who don't know a lot about the Bible.

Becky Walker will lead the short-term Disciple Study of the Old Testament, which is an 8-week course focusing specifically on that section of the Bible. She will lead the New Testament study after the first of the new year.

Be watching for information about the first session of each class!

“Every Member In Ministry” – BPUMC Mission & Outreach

Our love for God must be both an upward and outward active expression of love towards others. The goal of BPUMC is for every member to discover a place of Christian service and mission through giving and/or “hands on” ministry. If you are looking for a place of service or have an idea to share with others, please contact Sherrill Corson at 822.0910 or scorson@bpumc.org.

Outreach Updates:

Thanks to each of you who contributed so generously to the **Greater Birmingham Ministries** back to school uniform drive. \$1100 has been collected to date which will provide many children the new school uniforms they need.

Commit2Care – Sunday, October 3rd – donate food (to benefit BPUMC food pantry) and blood (American Red Cross)

Festival of Three Kings – Individuals, Sunday School classes, and other groups will be give the opportunity in October to “adopt” a child or children for Christmas. Festival of Three Kings gift distribution scheduled for Saturday, December 11th.

Promise Home (formerly UMRA) – “next steps” are being undertaken to break ground for the construction of this home on the church property. Volunteers will be needed for various stages of construction once it has begun.

Every Member in Ministry Mission Conference – Sunday, January 23, 2011. Representatives from several mission and non-profit organizations will be present to share information and speak with classes about their ministries and ways to volunteer or get involved.

Church of the Reconciler – seeking donations of garbage bags, coffee, sugar, peanut butter, jelly, toilet paper, sanitary gloves, 8 oz foam cups, 11” foam plates, napkins, spoons/forks. Seeking volunteers to serve lunch on Sundays.

Firehouse Shelter – Volunteers needed to serve meals.

CHILDREN’S NEWS

MIDWEEK WILL START SEPTEMBER 8!

Handbells for 3-5th graders will be at 4:30pm. Our very own **Ann Harter**, who taught at Fine Arts Camp, will be leading the children. It will be a great experience for the elementary ringers!

Open Gym will be 5:00-5:45pm.

Children’s Choir for preschoolers, young elementary, and older elementary will be from 5:30-6:30.

M&M Kids will be 6:30-7:15

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!!!

THANK YOU to all the parents who registered their children during Promotion Sunday. If you did not register your children this past Sunday, please fill out the green registration sheet. You will find them on the information table by the Fellowship Hall and on the Elementary Floor. We are rebuilding our database and **need complete information on every child whether you are new or have been a member for years** that is in our program.

YOUTH MINISTRY

I hope everyone’s first week back in school was a success! Thanks to everyone who helped out with Youth Week, It could have not been made possible without your help! We will be having Holy Ground this week on Wednesday at 6:30 in the Chapel. Come join us as our worship team lead us in worship, and we will be watching a NOOMA video titled “Rich”. Sunday - meet at the Preserve at 5:30 p.m.

Hope to see you there!!

Holy Ground next week: 3 week series titled, “**Give It Up**”

Upcoming events:

September: Small Groups and Extra Point

October: Halloween Haunted House and Purity Lock-In

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES:

Kindness-Pass-It-On

PICTURE MAKE-UP DAY is Thursday September 2. Call Betty for appointments!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Saturday, August 21: BPUMC RED HAT LUNCHEON: Call Barbara Brannum 822-4776 or Pauline Hendricks 979-9931 for reservations.

Sunday August 22: PEACH PARK: End of summer fun! Hot Dogs, BBQ, Peach Pies, Peach Ice Cream, enjoy the rocking chairs, scenery, check out the Vegetables and Peaches. Cost: \$3.00/gas donation. 4:00pm – 8:00pm.

Thursday August 26: SHEPHERD’S CENTER: Earlybird Fellowship at 9:30am. Music with Rob Perry at 10:00am. Regular schedule at 11:00am.

Friday September 10: SENIOR FUN DAY - LUNCH WITH REID. Mark your calendars. The fun, with special entertainment, starts at 11:00am. Cost: \$8.00 per person.

Call Betty Hottenstein for more information! 822-0910

Our new church pictorial directory will have a special page for our Military Personnel and we need your help in gathering this information.. If you have a love one in a branch of the service please call Betty.

This Week's Calendar

Sunday, August 22

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship
 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
 11:00 a.m. Morning Worship
 4:00 p.m. Trip to the Peach Park
 4:30 p.m. Planning Committee
 5:30 p.m. Youth @ The Preserve
 6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, August 23

8:30 a.m. Staff Meeting
 6:30 p.m. Preschool Committee

Tuesday, August 24

Wednesday, August 25
 5:30 p.m. Choir Supper
 6:30 p.m. Holy Ground

Thursday, August 26

9:00 a.m. Shepherd Center
 4:00 p.m. Preschool
 7:00 p.m. Book Club

Friday, August 27

Saturday, August 28

6:00 p.m. Godfrey/Ferguson Wedding

Men's Freeplay Basketball In the Gym

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

SONRISE MEN'S PRAYER BREAKFAST

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

MEETINGS:

Planning Committee
 Sunday, August 22nd, 4:30
Preschool Committee
 Monday, August 23, 6:30
Finance Committee
 Thursday, September 2, 7:00

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY 1st and 3rd Wednesday each month

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

VALET PARKING

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

BE A PIECE OF THE PUZZLE

January 1, 2010 - Dec. 31, 2012
 Amount Pledged \$1,491,048.00
 Received Last Week \$5,247.33
 Received to Date \$297,695.79

Sermons, August 22, 2010
8:45am & 11:00 Morning Worship
Reid Crotty
"The Rich Man and the Beggar"
Luke 16:19-31

6:00pm Evening Worship
Sherrill Corson
"Shout to the Lord"
Psalm 100

Last Week's Record August 15, 2010

Sunday School	530
Morning Worship	675
Evening Worship	52
Weekly Operating Needs	\$28,060.09
Operating Receipts	\$18,794.36
2010 Operating Budget	\$1,459,125.00
Needed to Date	\$897,922.96
Received to Date	\$896,272.76
Building Fund Receipts	\$10,396.34
Building Fund in 2010	\$239,826.00

August 22, 2010

Greeters: Aug 29th — Wesley Forum
Ushers: 8:45 Doran 11:00 Arthur
Acolytes: 8:45 Tyler Turner
 11:00 Natalie Smith
Cross: 8:45 Zach Woodruff
 11:00 Haley Stallworth
Children's Church 8:45 TBA 11:00 TBA
Meals on Wheels: August 25: Diane Moore
Food Pantry: September 1: Kay Adams

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