



**Bluff Park
United Methodist Church**
733 Valley Street, Hoover, AL 35226
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Newsletter, March 12, 2013

433 SHADES CREST ROAD
Hoover, AL 35226-1104

INVITATION TO BID

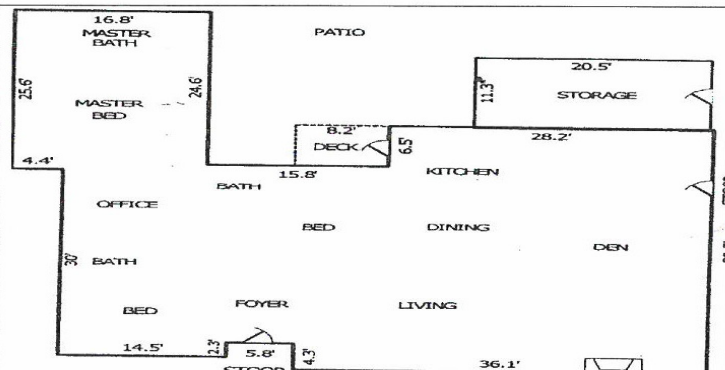
The current owner, Bluff Park United Methodist Church, 733 Valley Street, Hoover, AL 35226 (205-822-0910) will accept sealed bids for the sale of this property properly completed prior to noon March, 29, 2013. A minimum bid of \$200,000 is required. The bid should be accompanied by a check in the amount \$1000 made payable to Bluff Park United Methodist Church as earnest money. This will be applied to the final sale price. All other bidder's checks will be returned via USPS no later than April 2, 2013.

Packages containing bid forms can be obtained from the church office. Only bids submitted on these forms will be considered. Bids will be opened at 1 pm on March 29, 2013 in the church library. Closing is anticipated 30 days after bid opening. Owner and buyer will share equally in title insurance and closing attorney's cost. All other costs shall be the responsibility of the buyer.

An OPEN HOUSE will be held for bidders' inspections on Friday March 22, 2013 and Saturday March 23, 2013 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

OWNER MAKES NO WARRANTIES WITH RESPECT TO THIS PROPERTY OTHER THAN WARRANTY OF TITLE

DESCRIPTION OF PROPERTY



- Lot size: 1.26 AC (estimated) consisting of home located on 1.17 acres and a second parcel 4300 SF located across street
- House description: 2408 Square feet - 8 room , 3 bdrm. 3 bath central AC, gas heating, fireplace, range oven, dishwasher microwave, rear patio and deck,
- Storage building (20 x 16) in backyard and an additional storage room (232 square feet) attached to home.
- Septic tank
- Built 1964 zoned E2
- Located in the City of Hoover

SAVE THE DATE
Monday, April 29
BPUMC GOLF TOURNAMENT
Riverchase Country Club
Details to follow.....

EASTER LOVE GIFT FOR MISSIONS
100% for others
Goal: \$30,000
Received to Date: \$12,380.00



Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Jack McCann, who died on March 9. He was a member of the Opportunity Class.....also Durwood Freeman in the death of his brother, Ray Freeman of Birmingham, on March 5. Our prayers are with these families in their time of sorrow.

Congratulations to Doug and Leslie (Lawson) Urrea, who were married at the church on March 9. We wish for them many years of happiness together.

Congratulations to Brandon and Allison Burns on the birth of a 7 lb. 15 oz. son, Robert Bryan, on March 11. Anne Keenon is the maternal grandmother.

Counseling: Steve Sweatt is available to speak to Sunday School classes, UMW Circles, and other groups in the church on a variety of family life and relationship issues. He is an ordained minister and licensed professional counselor affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference. He has come to the satellite counseling office here at the church for many years. To schedule a counseling appointment, call 824-8320. To discuss a topic your group would like to explore with Steve, call him directly at 213-0227.

Midweek: Midweek Ministries continues through March 20 before taking a week off on March 27 for Spring Holiday. Supper is served continuously from 5:00-6:30 with takeouts available. Current classes are:

- **IMMIGRATION AND THE BIBLE** led by Reid Crotty at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Opportunity classroom
- **GOD OF ROCK** led by Bart Styes at 6:00 in the chapel
- **WALNUTS ON MY BOOKSHELF** led by Peter Kirchikov at 6:00 in the parlor
- **THE FINAL WEEK** led by Tom Duley at 6:30 in the Footsteps classroom
- **FINANCIAL PEACE UNIVERSITY** led by Dan Little at 6:00 in the Fireside Room

MEETINGS:

Thursday, March 14	6:30	Finance Committee
Sunday, March 17	3:00	New York VIM Meeting
Sunday, March 17	4:00	Board of Stewards

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, March 24, 7:30-12:30
In the Gym
Give the Gift of Life!

Board: The Board of Stewards will meet on Sunday, March 17, at 4:00 in the Opportunity classroom. There are several important items of business to consider. All Board members are asked to attend if possible. There will be a called Charge Conference as part of the Board meeting to consider sale of a house and property located at 433 Shades Crest Road.

New York VIM trip. There will be a meeting on Sunday, March 17th at 3 PM to discuss the possibility of a VIM trip to New York this summer to help with recovery from Hurricane Sandy. The tentative dates for the trip are August 10th to August 18th. The meeting will be held in the library. If you are interested we would love to see you at the meeting.

BBQ: The annual BBQ is coming up on April 12-13. We need DOOR PRIZES for the ticket stub drawing. Bring items to Reid Crotty's office. Thank you.



HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

MAUNDY THURSDAY MARCH 28

7:30 a.m. Lenten Prayer and Worship Service

7:00 p.m. Holy Communion

Sermon: "The Mark of Cain"
(Genesis 4:8-16)
Reid Crotty

GOOD FRIDAY MARCH 29

7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross
(Sanctuary)

Easter Lilies add a beautiful touch to the Easter Worship services. Reserve yours today to honor a special person or remember a loved one. The cost is \$15.00 per lily payable to the church with your order. Deadline for orders is March 24.

In honor of _____

By _____

In memory of _____

By _____



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: 7:00pm
(church members)
Wednesday: 7:00pm
(community)

MARCH 30 is our annual Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast! Everyone is invited for breakfast at 9a.m. Afterwards at 10 a.m. the preschool 3,4, and 5s with all of the elementary children will hunt for Easter Eggs. At 10:30, the Toddlers and 2 year olds will hunt at 10:30a.m. on the playground. There will be plenty of eggs for them to hunt! The 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will hunt in the courtyard. The preschool 3,4, and 5 year olds will hunt on the north side of the playground. The Elementary K5, 1st and 2nd graders will hunt on the south side of the playground. The playground is naturally divided by a dry creek rock bed which serves as the division.



From Peter: A recent CNN article criticized our national healthcare struggles in an interesting way - we currently don't have a health-care system, we have a sick-care system. We don't look at ourselves when we're well and try to stay that way, we show up only when we're sick. That's why we have so many problems.

Our conference has recently used a church-care system to help churches understand who they are, where they are healthy and where they need some work. The idea is that every church everywhere needs certain characteristics to be who God calls them to be, and a survey has been developed and internationally tested to be a check-up for churches to assess their health in these characteristics. If we're sick in one of these areas, people will stop coming or stop being active. That's not good, so we need to do some work. In areas we're doing great, knowing what we're good at will help us emphasize that in reaching others.

There are eight characteristics of healthy churches, and I'll summarize them with a question - 1. Do we love God? 2. Are people allowed to lead in the church? 3. Do we create ministries that meet needs and that utilize our personal gifts? 4. Does the way we're organized help our ministry? 5. Do we care when we worship God? 6. Do we have smaller groups where we support each other? 7. Do we reach out to people outside our congregation? 8. Do we love each other?

This Sunday we'll be having a check-up by taking a survey in the fellowship hall that will see how we answer each of these questions. Having 30 people take the survey is statistically validated in international tests to accurately check-up on a church. They've given it to 30, they've given it 1,000, and as long as you've gotten 30, you'll get the same answer. We've currently identified around 40 people from across every Sunday School class and pretty much every ministry who are particularly active to take this survey. Someone you know will already be taking this survey. However, if you'd like to spend some time personally in taking the survey you're welcome to come to the fellowship hall. This will help us love each other, this will help our new senior pastor, and this will help us serve God. I'm excited about the potential of knowing ourselves even better and being an even better church than we already are.

I hope you'll continue to be in prayer for our church, that you continue to love God and love each other as we serve our savior together. Peace, Peter

CHILDREN'S NEWS

EGGS! EGGS! EGGS! To get ready for our Easter Egg Hunt, we are asking the congregation to pick up a bag of empty plastic eggs and fill them with candy! You can find the bags of eggs in the narthex. Please return the filled eggs to the office or nursery by Wednesday March 27. Thank you!

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP We will meet this Sunday at 5:30-7:30p.m.

THE EASTER EGG HUNT AND BREAKFAST is Saturday March 30, 9-1:30A.M. The breakfast is at 9 a.m. The Easter Bunny will be here! Parents can take pictures of their children with the Easter Bunny! The hunt will begin at 10a.m. There is a rain plan in place- just in case!

PALM SUNDAY March 24 at both services, we will have a Palm Parade featuring the Children at BPUMC. We invite all children to participate in this expression of reverence and joy. Whichever service, your family attends meet Mrs. Leigh in the narthex to get your child in line for the walk around the sanctuary. They will walk during the first hymn. Afterwards the children will go and sit with their parents.

SAFE SANCTUARIES TRAINING is Sunday May 5 at 10a.m. in the Fellowship Hall. This is for adults who have not received the training this year or who have not received this type of training in the last 3 years.

VBS- EVERYWHERE FUN FAIR will be this summer July 8-12, 9a.m.-12:30p.m. This is for rising 4k-thru elementary age children. We are looking for adult volunteers! If you would like to help, please contact Leigh Delashaw at ldelashaw@bpumc.org. A nursery is provided for children of volunteers. The 2 year olds (rising 3k preschoolers) of volunteers will have a vbs experience, too.

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

THURSDAY, MARCH 14:

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20:

THURSDAY, MARCH 21:

THURSDAY, MARCH 28:

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

TUESDAY, APRIL 16:

SATURDAY, MAY 4:

SHEPHERD'S CENTER—10:00 John O'Malley—War Dogs and their trainers

CARDS to Sick and Shut-ins—11:00 a.m. Library

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - 10:00 Wayne Freeman and Joan Davis—Gardening

SHEPHERD'S CENTER - 10:00 Herman Faulk—retired VP, Golden Flake

COOKING CLASS—with Jennifer & Bill Tsantes—6:00/7:00 p.m. Fireside Rm.

MYSTERY DAY TRIP ??????—\$65 per person includes traveling by tour bus, admission tickets, and lunch—Call Betty

LADIES DAY—Tablescapes, music, worship, Bible study, special guest and more

MONDAY, AUGUST 5 - THURSDAY, AUGUST 8 HISTORICAL CHARLESTON, SC

The blessing of the Lord makes a person rich, and he adds no sorrow with it. Proverbs 10: 22

Student Ministries

Are you looking for a way to show our students you care about them? Then consider providing snacks for our Sunday School classes. Becky Ferguson schedules individuals and adult Sunday School classes to provide students delicious food on Sundays at 10am in the Youth Wing. You can contact her at thefergs4@bellsouth.net or 205-261-9985.

Wednesday, Mar 13, 5:15pm: MS Guys & Girls Small Groups

Wednesday, Mar 13, 6:30pm: "God of Rock" Class in the Chapel

Sunday, Mar 17, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

Sunday, Mar 17, 4:30pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, Mar 17, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, Mar 17, 6:00pm: HS Small Groups & Wiffle Ball

Wednesday, Mar 20, 5:15pm: MS Guys & Girls Small Groups

Wednesday, Mar 20, 6:30pm: "God of Rock" Class in the Chapel

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The Week of March 17-23

Sunday, March 17

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Survey
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
3:00 p.m. New York VIM Team
4:00 p.m. Board of Stewards
5:00 p.m. Education Committee
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 18

Tuesday, March 19

9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 20

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
6:00 p.m. Walnuts on the Bookshelf
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, March 20

6:00 p.m. Financial Peace
6:00 p.m. God of Rock
6:30 p.m. The Last Week
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Adult Choir
6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible Study

Thursday, March 21

7:30 a.m. Lenten Prayer
9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center

Friday, March 22

6:30 p.m. Fishermen Class

Saturday, March 23

5:30 p.m. Wedding—Curles/Johnson

Sermons March 17, 2013
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"The Story of a Politician"
(John 11:45-53)
Reid Crotty

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship
"Twists and Turns"
(Matthew 21:23-32)
Tom Roberts

March 13—Midweek Servers
Peggy, Gail, and Betty—Fellowship Hall; Wesley Forum—Carryout
March 20—Midweek Servers
Fishermen Class-Fellowship Hall; Peggy and Gaile—Carryout
Cashiers
Sally Holland and Woodie Comer

BPUMC Red Hat Luncheon
Saturday, March 23. Call Jackie
Walton (822-1875)
for reservations

Last Week's Record

March 10, 2013

Sunday School	435
Morning Worship	562
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$22,703.00
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$270,250.00
Received to Date	\$255,945.52
Building Fund Receipts	\$7,289.00
Building Fund in 2013	\$47,789.65
New Members in 2013	3

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$6,404.00
Received to Date	\$126,826.67

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

Midweek Meal, March 13

Pork cutlets, mashed potatoes with gravy,
green beans, or baked chicken, baked pota-
to bar, bread.

Midweek Meal, March 20

Ham, macaroni and cheese, fried okra or
baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**LENTEN MORNING WORSHIP
AND PRAYER SEERVICE**
Thursdays, 7:30 a.m., Sanctuary
(Through March 28)

Ushers
8:45: McDonald 11:00: King
Cross
8:45: Jasmine Hendon 11:00: Clayton Marshall
Acolytes
8:45: Sally Frances Little 11:00: Molly Edwards
Children's Church
8:45 Chatterton 11:00 Gold
Greeters: March 24: Vitality
Meals on Wheels: March 20: Robin and David Martin
Food Pantry: April 3: Becky McCrary

Hospital Bed and other medical supplies availa-
ble if needed. Call Betty.