



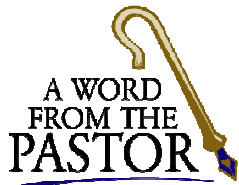
BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

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Newsletter, March 4, 2014

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This Sunday, we will begin our Lenten sermon series with words of grace and forgiveness. Jesus, painfully hanging upon the Roman cross, looks at the centurions (Roman soldiers) and the religious leaders from the Temple and speaks aloud: "Father, forgive them for they know not what they do."

Jesus speaks those words to people who were brutally cruel to him. However, the Church has also taught over the centuries that Jesus also speaks those words to all Christians of all time. We all need God's forgiveness. We all have fallen short, and keep trying to pick ourselves up. We all have failed to be obedient, but have tried to go our own way. We have not kept God as our Lord but have turned needlessly to idols.

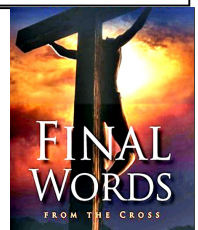
Jesus speaks words of forgiveness to us all before we were even born. What does this say about the very heart and the unique mission of Jesus Christ? This is our topic for the first Sunday of Lent. Join us in morning worship!



The Living Room study will begin on Sunday, March 16th at 5:00 pm in the Fireside Room on the first floor of the church building near the Gymnasium. We will be studying "The Gospel in Life: Grace Changes Everything" by pastor and author Timothy Keller. This study will study the basics of our faith and how we are meant to live out our faith in every day living. The Living Room study is for young adults and child-

care is provided.

The Final Words: The season of Lent (which begins on Ash Wednesday, March 5th), our church will be studying the six final words or phrases from Jesus as he is upon the cross. Christ's dying hours, his final statements were heard by those who stood at the feet of the cross. series "Final Words From The Cross, will allow us to encounter the words of love and grace as God's Son dies out of immense love for each and every one of us. A study guide and DVD is available for purchase if any small group or Sunday School class would like to study along.



Lenten Morning Prayer: Rev. Tom Duley will lead a morning prayer service each Wednesday before Easter Sunday starting on March 12th at 7:30 am in our Sanctuary. This a wonderful way to take on a rich spiritual discipline during the time of Lent as we seek to grow in faith and love of God and others.

We are **receiving two mission offerings during Lent** this year. The Easter Love Offering will support ministries and missions that we as a church are involved in.

The second offering will support the construction of the **Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House**. For each dollar that you donate to the Habitat House a donation in the amount of \$2.66 will be made from matching funds donated by an anonymous donor. This will be our local Volunteers in Mission project for 2014. The Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity House is sponsored by the BP UMC United Appeal Fund.

When you write your checks please remember to designate where your gift should be directed by writing either Easter Love Offering or Bluff Park Habitat House in the memo line.

Peter von Herrmann will preach on Sunday, March 9 at 6:00 p.m.



Daylight Savings Time Begins
March 9
Spring forward



BLOOD DRIVE
March 9
Gym
7:30 a.m.—12:30 p.m.

NEW MEMBER: We welcome *Nicole Ryan D'Antonio*, She lives in Hoover and comes from a Decatur church.



It's not too late to join the **Daniel Plan!** We will meet in the Fireside Room at 5:45pm next Weds. March 5th, briefly,

and then go to the Ash Wednesday Service together at 6pm. The next Wednesday, March 12th, we will meet in the Fireside Room at 6pm to 7pm. Come join us! We are having fun learning how to be healthier! Call 985-9463 for more info. Kandis



Prayer Shawls: On March 17th our regular meeting will have extended hours. We will bring our sack lunches and meet from 10am to 2pm. We will be available to anyone who wants to learn to cro-

chet or knit and will, as we always do, have a good time chatting and snacking! So if you want some free lessons, see you then! If you work during those hours and so cannot come, join us on March 8th at the Hoover Library for Purl @ the Plaza and we will teach you there! Call 985-9463 for more info. We have tools and yarn so you do not need to buy anything but let me know you're coming so I will have the supplies available. Kandis

Sunday, March 16

FAMILY NIGHT—SKATE NIGHT

Roller Skating at

Roller Motion

2474 Morgan Road

5:00-7:00



We've rented the rink for the evening,
and everybody is welcome!
Bring the whole family. Invite a friend.
Spectators are welcome.
Here's something everybody of all ages
can enjoy together!

No Admission Charge
No Skate Rental Fee
Dinner Provided

"Little Bags"



You only need a little to give a lot; is the phrase used to identify the new addition to the Food Pantry's outreach mission. Taking it to the Streets is what the Fort Family is wanting you to help with by picking up pre-packed lunch bags of ready to eat food to give to those in need you come in contact with on your daily walks or drives of life. The size is designed to help those people you see at a red light or on a street corner asking for food. Every bag will also include a Bible verse and Urban Ministries contact number. You can help in several ways; Pray for the ministry and the people it serves, make monetary donations, donate single serve food and put a bag in your car. We will include a more detailed list in the Sunday bulletin and the items are posted on the community bulletin board. Rhonda Fort will be visiting your Sunday School Class to cover all the details or you can contact her at rfort05@gmail.com or phone/text 492-5207.



Preschool Pajama Party, March 7 from 6:00-7:30.m in the Opportunity Classroom

Children's Council will sponsor a **Spaghetti Luncheon** on April 6. Carry out only—\$5 a box or \$20 family max. Tickets on sale now. Call Leigh for more information.



CHILDREN'S NEWS

THANK YOU to all of the people who helped with the Bargains on the Bluff Spring Sale! They sold over \$60,000.00 in merchandise. Thank you for helping pay for our children and youth interns. The sale was a lot of fun and a lot of people got some wonderful deals on clothes!

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday Feb. 26 in the New Light Classroom at 6:30p.m. Please let Ivy Holmes or Mrs. Leigh know if you cannot be there.

ATTENTION ALL PARENTS The Children's Council is collecting gift cards for the Silent Auction. If you would like to donate a \$10 (or higher amount!) gift card please give it to Leigh Delashaw, Ivy Holmes or Molly Knight. These will be used in the Balloon Popping Game!

THE PRESCHOOL PAJAMA PARTY is March 7. It is 6-7:30p.m. and in the Opportunity classroom. This is for all preschoolers and their families. We will have royalty to visit and tell some magical tales! Please make your family's reservation by contacting Leigh Delashaw @ ldelashaw@bpumc.org or calling 822-0910, ext. 107.

4th 5th FELLOWSHIP- Exit 456 is March 7-8 at Camp Sumatanga. We will leave the church at Friday 4:30p.m. and return Saturday at 4:30p.m. Cost is \$85.00. Our own youth director, Bart Styes will be one of the speakers!

STUDENT MINISTRY

THANK YOU! We greatly appreciate everyone who supported our student ministry through the Silent Auction and Pancake Dinner. We could not do what we do without your help!

Exit 456 is Friday-Saturday, March 7-8. This optional (but highly encouraged!) retreat at Camp Sumatanga is for tweens in grades 4-6. We are going as part of our Confirmation class experience. Please pray for our students who are attending.

Wednesday, March 5: No Small Groups or Holy Ground (Please join us in the Sanctuary for the Ash Wednesday service)

Sunday, March 9, 10:00am: Sunday School & Confirmation Class in the Youth Wing

Sunday, March 9, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, March 9, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, March 9, 6:00pm: Mystery Event & HS Girls Small Group

Wednesday, March 12, 5:30pm: MS Girls Small Group & MS Guys Recreation

Wednesday, March 12, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

THURSDAY, MARCH 6: **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**— Dr. Beth Hughes- Hoover/Princeton
11:00 a.m. Bible Study with Charlie Trucks

TUESDAY, MARCH 11: **MYSTERY TRIP ??????** 8:30-3:00

THURSDAY, MARCH 13: **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Ray Reach, The Alabama Jazz Hall of Alabama

SATURDAY, MARCH 15: **BPUMC RED HAT LUNCHEON** with Jackie Walton (822-1875) for reservations

THURSDAY, MARCH 20: **SHEPHERD'S CENTER**—Niki Sepsas—St. Patrick's Day in Ireland

TUESDAY, MARCH 25: **TOUR BEAR BRYANT MUSEUM, DENNY CHIMES**, lunch at Cypress Inn

THURSDAY, APRIL 3: **THE EXPLORATION IN ANTIQUITY CENTER**, La Grange, GA
Tour and Passover Meal - Traveling by Tour Bus—Cost \$75
5 Spaces Available—Call Betty

SATURDAY, MAY 3: **LADIES DAY**—Tablescapes, Memory Candle, Devotional, Special Music, Bible Study with Becky Walker, Lunch, Special Guest, lots of surprises!
Tickets on sale, Sunday, March 30

Special Moment with Jesus!

O my soul, bless God. From head to toe, I'll bless his holy name! Psalm 103:1

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The Week of March 9-15

Sunday, March 9

7:30 a.m. Blood Drive
8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
9:45 a.m. Confirmation Class
9:45 a.m. Young Adult Bible Study
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, March 10

Tuesday, March 11

Betty's Mystery Trip
8:30 a.m. Maintenance
9:30 a.m. Bible Study

Wednesday, March 12

4:30 p.m. Pastor's Bible Study
5:00 p.m. Dinner
6:00 p.m. Men's Chorus

Wednesday, March 12

6:00 p.m. Believe It or Not
6:00 p.m. The Daniel Plan
6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Safe Sanctuary
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, March 13

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center
6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

Friday, March 14

Saturday, March 15

2:00 p.m. Wedding Campbell/Brooks

Ushers

8:45: Nelson 11:00: Dover

Cross

8:45: Matt Lagan 11:00: John Michael Williamson

Acolytes

8:45: Alyssa Chavez 11:00: Olivia Woodruff

Children's Church

8:45: Turner 11:00 Self

Meal on Wheels March 12: Becky McCrary

Greeters March 2: Opportunity

Food Pantry: April 2: Kay Adams

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.
We appreciate all donations!

Last Week's Record

March 2, 2014

Youth/Children	74/91
Morning Worship	611
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$22,821.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$216,200.00
Received to Date	\$189,584.34
Building Fund Receipts	\$13,641.67
Building Fund in 2014	\$45,277.26
New Members in 2014	9

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015	
Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	13,591.67
Received to Date	\$420,531.58

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

Men's Free Play Basketball In the Gym

Sunday & Thursday: 7:00pm (church members)	Wednesday: 7:00pm (community)
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Sermon, March 9, 2014
8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"Father Forgive Them....."
(Luke 23:26-38)
Mike Holly

6:00 p.m.
Evening Worship
Peter von Herrmann

VALET PARKING

Every Sunday morning!
Drive to the covered
entrance near the nursery
and Fellowship Hall.

MIDWEEK MEAL: March 12

Meatloaf, wild rice, squash casserole, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

March 19

Fried pork chops, cabbage, pinto beans, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

**Wed. Night
Servers—March 12**
Fellowship Hall—
Richard/Derilda Joiner
Take Out—
Peggy and Betty