



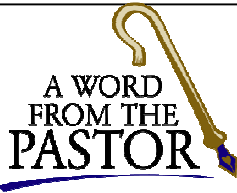
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Easter Sunday was a truly blessing! Our Sanctuary was full. The flower cross outside was beautiful. The music was outstanding! There was a sense of joy throughout our church on Sunday. We reached our goal of raising \$15,000 for the Habitat for Humanity Home and we raised over \$17,000 for other missions! Now that we have heard the Good News of Easter Sunday, it is time to turn our attention to an important the command that Jesus has for us.

My friend, Rev. Jacob Armstrong, says that it may have been the most important question ever asked: "One of them, a legal expert, tested [Jesus] by asking him 'Teacher, what is the greatest commandment in the Law?'" Yes, the religious experts were trying to trick Jesus into saying something that they could then use against him. But, Jesus' answer was to give them and to give us a helpful guideline on how to live out our lives.

Jesus replied that we should love God with all of our heart, soul and mind. And he also replied that we should love our neighbor as ourselves. Finally, Jesus replies that all of the Law and the prophets hang upon these two commands to love.

Our hearts are designed to love God and others. To do so is to find our true purpose and a way to truly be alive.

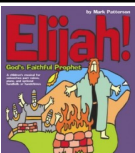
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LOVING LARGE: A New Sermon Series April 27 through May 18, 2014

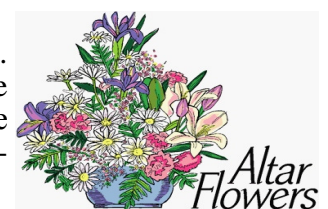
Join us in worship this Sunday to learn more about Jesus' commands that we love God and love our neighbor as ourselves. Love is the greatest thing we can do. It is the most courageous thing we can do. And that's why, for Jesus, everything hangs upon love. This Sunday's sermon title is "True Love Is Not Easily Distracted" and Rev. Mike Holly will be preaching this week.

Stay tuned for more information about a special Mother's Day offering. We will be taking up an offering on May 11th at both morning worship services for Jessie's Place, a women's and children's shelter in downtown Birmingham. More information will be provided soon!



Join us on Wednesday evening at 6:00 in the Fellowship Hall to hear the **Children's Musical**. Elijah is the name of the musical. All are invited to attend.

2014 Flower Calendar: There are a few dates left on the 2014 Flower Calendar. Please sign up to remember a loved one or to commemorate a special occasion. One arrangement is \$50.00; both \$100.00. The dates that are available are: May 4, June 15, July 6, August 31, September 28 (1/2), October 1 (1/2), 12 (1/2), 19, 26 (1/2), November 2, 23 (1/2), and December 14. Please sign up in the main office or contact 822-0910.



Member of our Church Family in the Hospital:

Brookwood Shirley White UAB Gary White Children's Drew Goins

Sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Lisa Gibbons who died on April 7. Our prayers are with the family in their time of sorrow. **MEMORIAL SERVICE WILL BE HELD ON April 27 at 2:00 p.m.**

The **Bass Club** Meeting is Thursday, May 1, at 6:30 P.M We will talk about the Bass Nation bylaws.



EASTER SUNDAY AT BPUMC

We were overwhelmed this Sunday by the generosity of this congregation as we concluded Lent and our two Lenten offerings - the Easter Love Gift and the Bluff Park Habitat for Humanity Home. Through your contributions and the generous work of our matching contributors, we WILL be able to fully fund our congregation's commitment to construct a Habitat for Humanity home this year. We also raised \$17,829 in our Easter Love Gift that will go toward supporting various missions in the community and the world. Our mission committee prayerfully decides each year which organizations and projects it will support with these funds. It's not too late to contribute to either of these offerings. Please consider how you might spread the good news that we serve a living God who loves through our very acts of giving.

The **Choir Committee** will meet May 18 at 3:30 in the library. We will be discussing new choir, acolyte and handbells robes.

Update Membership: It is not too late to update your **membership information**. You can do this on line (<http://bluffparkumc.org/updateinfo/>) or call the office at 822-0910.

NEW MEMBER CLASS: Our next new member class will begin on April 27 at 9:45 in the church parlor. Whether or not you are planning to join our church, we encourage you to come. We will find out more about this congregation, about our denomination, and about what it means to be a member at Bluff Park UMC. There will be two class sessions, April 27 and May 4. For more information, talk to Peter at petervh@bpumc.org

Tom Duley and Bill Pearson will hold a **Promise Home wrap-up meeting** on Wednesday, May 7 from 4:30 to 5:30 pm and from 6:30 to 7:30 pm. in the Opportunity Classroom. Each session will cover the same information so pick the time that is best for you. Tom and Bill will cover all aspects of the Promise Home story including building, financing, current status and more. There will be a time for questions and answers as well. If you have any remaining questions or need more information about the Promise Home we would love for you to join us.

Mother's Day



Support our local mission projects

**Semi-Annual
Charity Sale**
Saturday
May 3rd 6-10 AM

Graduation



Weddings

It's a **Win-Win**. You save \$5.00
Money stays here



Just for Me !!!



Pre-sale begins April 27th

\$5.00 Discount tickets available from UMW members
And the Church office



2nd Annual Garden Tour
Hosted by The Green Team
April 26, 9-11 AM.
Meet at the Columbarium Parking Lot.
Start out at the

- **Creation Kids Community Garden.**
- **Tour some local gardens**
- **End with lemonade and cookies at the Dunns' "outdoor room".**

CHILDREN'S NEWS

CHILDREN'S CHOIR will have their musical, *Elijah* this Wednesday at 6p.m. in the Fellowship Hall. The church family is invited to attend!

WOW! We are heading into summer! Check out the summer events calendar below!

CHILDREN'S COUNCIL will meet on Wednesday April 30 in the New Light Classroom at 6:30p.m.

ELEMENTARY CHILDREN'S FIELD TRIP is June 4th. Bowling, pizza, and a movie! This is for rising 1st graders thru 6th graders. Cost is \$30 a child. Room for 23 students. Doors open at 7:30a.m. We leave around 9:30a.m. and are back by 4:30p.m. We ask that you pick your child up by 5:30p.m. Call to reserve your child's place on the bus!

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL leaders are looking for volunteers to help with our Wilderness Escape this year. If you like having fun and enjoy watching children grow in their faith, we have just the thing for you! Please e-mail Mrs. Leigh Delashaw @ ldelashaw@bpumc.org if you would like to volunteer!

SUMMER EVENT CALENDAR

On The Road Again Field Trip	Wed. June 4	For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders
On The Road Again Field Trip	Wed. June 18	Cost \$30.00 a child 7:30am-5:30p.m
Little Imaginations Day Camp	Mon.-Fri. June 16-20	9a.m.-1p.m. Call 822-5813 for more info!
Preschool Splash Party	Tue. June 24	For Preschoolers and family 10:30a.m.-noon Free!
Vacation Bible School	Mon.-Fri. July 7-11	Cost \$10 Dinner served. 5-8:15p.m.
Fine Arts Camp 9a.m.-12:30p.m.	Mon.-Fri. July 28-31	Cost \$35 For rising 1 st thru rising 6 th graders
Promotion Sunday	Sun. Aug. 3	All Children!

STUDENT MINISTRY

THANK YOU

Congratulations to our 2014 Confirmands who have done an excellent job this year, exploring what it means to be a follower of Jesus Christ. Hey students and parents: Be on the lookout for quarterly newsletters which should arrive soon in your mailbox. You can learn all about what we're doing this summer.

SAVE THE DATES

Confirmation Sunday, April 27th. Our Confirmands will "firm up" their commitment to God and to the Church during 11am worship.

Senior Recognition, May 18th. Our graduating seniors will be honored with a breakfast at 10am and during worship at 11am.

Wednesday, April 23, 5:30pm: MS Girls Small Group & MS Guys Recreation

Wednesday, April 23, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 27, 10:00am: Sunday School in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 27, 10:00am: Confirmands Meet in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 27, 12:00pm: Confirmation Luncheon in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 27, 4:00pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, April 27, 5:30pm: Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 27, 6:00pm: Game Show Program in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 27, 6:00pm: HS Girls Small Group

SENIOR ADULT MINISTRY

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 23: COOKING CLASS with Rosemary Dallam—6-7 Fireside Room

THURSDAY, APRIL 24: SHEPHERD CENTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 26: RED HAT LUNCHEON call Betty for reservations

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 30: COOKING CLASS with Wesley Lassen, The Cook Store, Mt. Brook

SATURDAY, MAY 3: LADIES DAY—Loving God, Loving Each Other

Join us for a day of fun, excitement, and surprises.

Devotion by Yvonne Sellers (Dawson Baptist Church),

Special Music by Alice Marie and Randy, Bible Study with Becky Walker, and Music/Love Story by Delores Hydock and Bobby Horton. Beth Chapman, guest luncheon speaker. Sign up for Tablesapes. 1st. 2nd, 3rd prizes awarded.

Tickets on sale this week in the narthex.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17-23: SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS—Riverwalk, Boat Tour, The Alamo, LBJ Ranch, Alamo Missions, Museum, San Fernando Cathedral, Mexican Market Square, Fredericksburg—National Museum of the Pacific War. Cost \$675 –Deposit \$100

Special Moment with Jesus!

Bless the Lord, O my Soul, and all that is within me, bless his holy name. Psalm 103:1



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The Week of April 27—May 3

Sunday, April 27

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service
12:00 p.m. Confirmands Luncheon
5:00 p.m. Magic City Choral Society
6:00 p.m. Evening Worship

Monday, April 28

Tuesday, April 29

9:30 a.m. Last Bible Study

Wednesday, April 30

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

Wednesday, April 30

6:00 p.m. Becky Walker's Bible Study
6:30 p.m. Children's Council
6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation
6:30 p.m. Choir

Thursday, May 1

9:30 a.m. Shepherd Center

6:30 p.m. Bass Club

Friday, May 2

Saturday, May 3

Ladies Day

Ushers

8:45: Montz 11:00: Lawson

Cross

8:45: Sally Francis Little 11:00: Preston Scott

Acolytes

8:45: Jonathan Kerns 11:00: Graham Coltrane

Children's Church

8:45 Bowles 11:00 Worley

Meal on Wheels April 30: Diane Moore

Greeters April 27: Faith Class

Food Pantry: May 7: Becky McCrary

BPUMC FOOD PANTRY

1st Wednesday each month

We are serving 200+ families a month.

We appreciate all donations!

Last Week's Record

April 20, 2014

Youth/Children	63/146
Morning Worship	1365
Weekly Operating Needs	29,189.36
Operating Receipts	\$25,916.00
2014 Operating Budget	\$1,517,847.00
Expected to Date	\$432,400.00
Received to Date	\$380,152.93
New Members in 2014	12

LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$1,930.00
Received to Date	\$457,732.56

**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, April 27, 2014

8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship
"True Love Is Not Easily Distracted"
(Matthew 22:34-40)
Mike Holly

VALET PARKING

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

MIDWEEK MEAL April 30

Pork loin, dressing, green beans or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.

May 7

Spaghetti and meatballs, corn on the cob or baked chicken, baked potato bar, roll and dessert.