



# BLUFF PARK

UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

*Newsletter, April 23, 2013*

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## TOM ROBERTS TO RETIRE

Tom Roberts, who has served as our Parish Minister for the past 10 years, will retire from that position at the end of May. Tom has ministered to our homebound and shut-in members, visited hospitals on Wednesdays, and been our regular Sunday night preacher. In addition, he has taught Sunday School classes, conducted funerals, and assisted in various ways. He and Jean have been a wonderful presence in our congregation. Tom's final Sunday night to preach will be May 19 at 6:00 in the chapel. Prior to the service, there will be a light supper in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30 where we will express our appreciation for his ministry at Bluff Park. Everyone is invited to attend. Thank you Tom and Jean!!!!



## COLUMBARIUM UPDATE

The Columbarium here on our campus is a modern version of the old church cemetery. There's something comforting about bringing our loved ones to the church as their final resting place. Our Columbarium is a beautiful facility on the east side of our property. The first unit contains 96 niches. Each niche can hold one or two urns. To date, 54 niches have been sold, and we have had 7 inurnments. Two more are expected in the near future. A second unit can be added when the first is filled.



The cost of a cremation and a niche in the Columbarium is only a fraction of the cost of a traditional funeral and burial (cemetery plot, casket, vault, opening and closing of the grave, headstone and foot marker, transportation, etc). Family visitation and a memorial service can be held at the church at no charge for facilities.

There are information packets available in the sanctuary narthex or from the church office. Andy King is chair of the Columbarium Committee. He would be happy to answer any questions or to provide additional information.



### Golf Tournament:

Mon April 29;

Riverchase Country Club  
Registration opens at 11:00;  
Tee time 12:30

Cost: \$85 entry fee per player  
(golf fees, range balls, box lunch, sodas)  
Lots of prizes.

Sponsorship: \$100 per sign  
or \$500 for 2 signs and 4 players.

Benefits

Bluff Park United Methodist Church

Presented By:

BPUMC United Appeals Fund, Inc.

To sign up, contact the church office.



### Senior 's Fun Day Luncheon with Reid and Tom Friday, April 26 Fun starts at 10:00 a.m. Reservations call Betty



### LADIES DAY

Saturday, May 4

For All Ladies of BPUMC, Friends,  
and Community

Worship, Music, Bible Study,  
Tablescapes,

Special Guest, and Lunch

Tickets \$15.00; Buy Your Ticket Today!

See Betty in the Narthex!



**RED MOUNTAIN  
CHAMBER ORCHESTRA**  
and  
**MAGIC CITY  
CHORAL SOCIETY  
SPRING CONCERT**

Tuesday, April 30, 7:00 p.m.  
BPUMC Sanctuary  
Everyone welcome!

**Sympathy** of the congregation is extended to the family of Bill Chaple, who died on April 21 in Meridian, Mississippi. Bill was a member of our church and served as a Local Pastor in the North Alabama Conference....Our prayers are with his loved ones in their time of sorrow.

**Congratulations** to Matt and Kathryn O'Neal on the birth of an 8 lb. 9 oz. daughter, Ava Elizabeth, on April 18....to David and Rebecca Mooney on the birth of a 6 lb. 6 oz. son, Hudson James, on April 18. Rebecca is one of our Children's Choir Directors....also to Kerry and Kimberly Broome on the birth of a 6 lb, 14 oz. son, Landon Charles, in Washington, D.C. on April 21. Marvin and Diane Broome are the paternal grandparents.

**New Member:** *Joe Richards* lives at 1631 Southpointe Drive with his wife, Nell. He comes by transfer from Fairview UMC, where he has been a mainstay of that congregation for many years. Fairview Church will hold its final service on May 19. Joe is retired. He and Nell attend the Fishermen Class.

**Welcome:** We received our 2013 Confirmation Class into membership on Sunday. These young people join by Profession of Faith. We are proud of and grateful for each of them.

Brittany Marie Causey  
 Barclay Brooks Culverhouse  
 Ethan Scott Harter  
 Mary Jasmine Hendon  
 Landon Jeffrey Knight  
 Pippa English Lotter

Trent Allen Morgan  
 Hannah Grace Pope  
 Russell Mark Thomas  
 Justin David Toth  
 William Alphonso Watts IV



**Invitation:** The Hoover Mayor's Prayer Breakfast will be held on Tuesday, May 7, at 7:30 a.m. at the Wynfrey Hotel. Guest speaker will be Auburn and Miami Dolphins star Mike Kolen. The church has 11 seats, and they are available at no charge to the first 11 people who would like to attend. Sign up in the church office.

**Welcome:** There will be a New Member Brunch for anyone who would like to join the church on Sunday, May 5, at 9:45 (during Sunday School) in the fellowship hall. Information about BPUMC will be shared and questions answered. Anyone looking for a church home is invited and welcome. Those who've been visiting with us are encouraged to consider becoming members. We want you to be a part of our future as we prepare to receive a new Senior Minister and begin a new chapter in the life of our congregation.

**How to Schedule a Baptism:** We will have one or more baptisms for 10 consecutive Sundays, beginning on March 24. That's a lot of babies. Baptisms can be scheduled for the 8:45 or 11:00 morning worship service on any Sunday. Call the church office at 822-0910 to make arrangements.

**Midweek:** Midweek Ministries continues on Wednesday nights through May 8. Supper is served continuously from 5:00-6:30, with takeouts available. On May 1:

- \* Becky Walker will conclude the study of **Revelation and the End Time** at 6:00 in the Friendship classroom.
- \* Peter von Herrmann resumes **Finding the Holy in Hollywood** at 6:00 in the Footsteps classroom.
- \* Reid Crotty's class on **Great Chapters of the Bible** at 4:30 and 6:30 in the Opportunity classroom will explore Romans 8.
- \* There's always **Coffee and Conversation** after supper in the fellowship hall. No lesson—No schedule—No agenda

**VIM:** We will send a Volunteers in Mission Team to Massapequa, Long Island, New York on August 10-18 to assist with Hurricane Sandy recovery. The team will stay at and work out of the Hicksville UMC on Long Island. We have 2 spots left on the team. Please contact Tom Duley immediately if you are interested at 822-0910 or [tduley@bpumc.org](mailto:tduley@bpumc.org).

**Missing:** If you have checked out the DVD's from J. Ellsworth Kalas studies: \*Parables from the Back Side and \* Old Testament Stories from the Back Side, please call or return them to the church office.

**"Save the Date"** for the rain barrel workshop that is scheduled on Sunday, May 19th in the fellowship hall from 2-4 pm and the cost is \$45. Sign up begins April 21st. Contact Julie Adams for more information at 822-6516.

**Counseling:** Change can be hard. Whether it's a move—a change of job or school—health issues—a death in the family—divorce—children leaving (or returning) home—retirement—a change in the neighborhood or community—or something else, change can leave us floundering. Steve Sweatt is available to help. He is a licensed professional counselor and certified marriage and family therapist affiliated with United Counseling, a ministry of the North Alabama Conference, who comes to the satellite counseling office here at the church. Call 824-8320 for an appointment. It's confidential, convenient, and affordable. Evening and weekend sessions can be arranged.

**Meetings:** Thursday, May 9 6:30 p.m. Finance Committee

## GROW ALABAMA

Pick up at the church  
 Call 205-991-0042 or  
[www.growalabama.com](http://www.growalabama.com)  
 for more information



## **ATTENTION!!** Fashionistas and Bargain Hunters

THE SEMI-ANNUAL CHARITY SALE is April 27h from 6-10 am .Once again United Methodist Women will be offering \$5.00 discount tickets. For your convenience, early shopping begins APRIL 7th. Beat the crowd and get even better savings All proceeds from sale tickets will go to support our Local Mission programs. See any UMW member for tickets and pamphlets to see the deals.



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

**DEAR CONGREGATION:** In these modern times we must be vigilant about the care of our children. Every member should be aware of what is expected of our church in regards to how we take care of our children and what we can do to help keep our children safe. Safe Sanctuaries is what we base our policies on, regarding children and the church. We are required to hold training sessions periodically to give our congregation the chance to be kept up to date. The entire congregation is invited to attend. Some have already been through the training in the past 12 months so they do not have to attend this training! BUT, if you have NOT been trained, please come by the Fellowship Hall Sunday May 5<sup>th</sup> at 9:45a.m., grab some breakfast and head down to the Youth Hall. Bart Styes will lead a Safe Sanctuaries Training session from 10-10:45a.m. A master list of those who have already had their training and background check will be in the Fellowship Hall for those who feel the need to check it.

**LADIES DAY—POSTPONED TO LATER DATE** due to conflicting circumstances.

**CHILDREN'S NEWS**

**NEXT ELEMENTARY FIELD TRIP** will be Wednesday June 12. We will go peach picking, to Pizza Pro and watch a movie. Cost is \$30.00. Be on the look out for more details!

**ELEMENTARY SUNDAY SCHOOL** Thank you Home Improvement class for teaching the April unit on Pentecost. Last Sunday was wonderful! Every teacher, every shepherd spot was filled. Thank you for all of the members of this class. This is an excellent way for children and parents to have a Sunday School lesson. Everybody can learn something!

**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](mailto: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.

**SUMMER** is not that far off. **Children's Ministry** is geared up for lots of fun activities.

**June- On the Road Again** Elementary field trips. Cost-\$30.00 a child. Lunch and snacks included. Must have notarized Travel/Medical form on file. Doors open at 7:30a.m. Pick up your child by 5:30p.m. We are back from trips between 4 and 4:30p.m.

Wed. June 12-Peach Picking, Pizza and a movie.

Wed. June 19-SciQuest in Huntsville AL. Wed.

Wed. June 26- Museum of Natural History, Anniston AL

Day Camp for Preschoolers thru 2<sup>nd</sup> graders.-Mon.-Fri. June 24-28 9a.m.-1p.m. Bring a lunch.

Call the Preschool Director, Tracy Estes at 822-5813 for more information.

**SENIOR ADULT MINISTRIES**

**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24: COOKING CLASS** — with Sami Emaish, Pita Shop

**THURSDAY, APRIL 25: SHEPHERD'S CENTER** - Charon Rogers, Care boxes to our service men and women.

**FRIDAY, APRIL 26: SENIOR FUN DAY with REID AND TOM ROBERTS**

The fun starts at 10:00 a.m. special music, mystery guest, lunch \$6.00 pp. Call Betty for reservations. Everyone is invited for the fun!

**THURSDAY, MAY 2: SHEPHERD'S CENTER** Mystery Day ????????????????

**SATURDAY, MAY 4: LADIES DAY—POSTPONED TO LATER DATE** due to conflicting circumstances.

For ticket refund—see Betty.

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

Historical district tour, carriage tour, church tour, and more. Side trip to Myrtle Beach, Barefoot Landing, shopping for the ladies, men bring your golf clubs for a round of golf at a local golf course. The cost: **\$565.00** pp. Deposit \$100.00.

Balance Due July 1

**Special Moment with Jesus!**

*"Be still, and know that I am God. I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth!" Psalm 46:10*

**Student Ministries**

Thank you for supporting our Student Band Tour. So far over \$500 has been raised! If you're still looking for a ways to show our students you care about them, you can contribute to our Scholarship Fund. With so many trips coming up this summer, any help you can give to lower costs for families with multiple children in our student program or who have a demonstrated financial need is greatly appreciated. You can make out a check to BPUMC with "Youth Scholarship Fund" on the memo line and turn that in to our main office at your convenience. Also, be sure to eat at Creekside Tavern in Patton Creek on the first Tuesday of each month. Let the wait staff know you'd like a portion of your check to go to Bluff Park UMC!

Wednesday, April 24, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, April 24, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing

Sunday, April 28, 10:00am: Sunday School

Sunday, April 28, 4:30pm: Holy Ground Team Rehearsal

Sunday, April 28, 5:30pm: Free Snack Supper in the Fellowship Hall

Sunday, April 28, 6:00pm: Hunger Games & HS Small Groups

Wednesday, May 1, 5:15pm: MS Small Groups

Wednesday, May 1, 6:30pm: Holy Ground Worship in the Youth Wing



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## The Week of April 28-May 4

### Sunday, April 28

8:45 a.m. Morning Worship Service

9:45 a.m. Sunday School

11:00 a.m. Morning Worship Service

6:00 p.m. Evening Worship Service

### Monday, April 29

12:30 p.m. Golf Tournament

### Tuesday, April 30

7:00 p.m. Red Mountain Orchestra

### Wednesday, May 1

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, May 1

6:00 p.m. Finding the Holy in Hollywood

6:30 p.m. Coffee and Conversation

6:30 p.m. Adult Choir

6:30 p.m. Reid's Bible study

### Thursday, May 2

9:30 a.m. Shepherd's Center

### Friday, May 3

### Saturday, May 4

Ladies Day

## CHILDRENS CHOIR MUSICAL

"The Prodigal Clown"  
Sunday, May 5, 6:00 p.m.  
Chapel

### Ushers

8:45: Cornerstone 11:00: Lawson

### Cross

8:45: TBA 11:00: TBA

### Acolytes

8:45: TBA 11:00: TBA

### Greeters May 5: Fishermen

Meals on Wheels: May 1: Leonette Slay

Food Pantry: May 1: Kay Adams

**Need a Hospital Bed? We have one free of charge. Call Betty.**

### Midweek Meal, May 8

Spaghetti, corn on the cob, garlic bread, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

## Last Week's Record

April 21, 2013

Sunday School	408
Morning Worship	652
Evening Worship	19
Weekly Operating Needs	\$27,025.00
Operating Receipts	\$21,071.62
2013 Operating Budget	\$1,405,300.00
Needed to Date	\$432,400.00
Received to Date	\$426,633.88
Building Fund Receipts	\$4,052.33
Building Fund in 2013	\$90,564.18
New Members in 2013	20

### LIVING OUR LEGACY

January 1, 2013—December 31, 2015

Amount Pledged	\$1,080,950.00
Received Last Week	\$3,717.33
Received to Date	\$161,577.00

## BLUFF PARK UNITED METHODIST COLUMBARIUM

Information Sheets in Narthex and Church Office

### Midweek Meal, April 24

Baked fish, rosemary potatoes, vegetable casserole, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread and dessert.

### Midweek Meal, May 1

Chicken Casserole and green peas, or baked chicken, baked potato bar, bread.

**Sermons April 28, 2013**  
**8:45 and 11:00 Morning Worship**  
**"What If I Worked?"**  
**(Acts 11:1-18)**  
**Peter von Herrmann**

**6:00 p.m. Evening Worship**  
**"..."**  
**(John 21:1-14)**  
**Tom Roberts**

**April 24—Midweek Servers**  
Pat and Matt Reeder—Fellowship Hall;  
Peggy and Gail-Carryout  
**Cashiers**  
Bill Walker and Woodie Comer