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# Sunday Morning

TRADITIONAL WORSHIP 10:00 am

THE GATHERING AT BLUFF PARK: 10:00 am

SUNDAY SCHOOL: 9:00 am

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## Message from the Pastor

Hello Bluff Park Family!

We are in full swing here in our worship celebrations, missions, and ministries! There is much to prepare and much to rejoice in all that has occurred, is occurring, and will be occurring over the next few weeks!

On Sunday, Nov. 6 we will be celebrating All Saints'

Sunday where we remember all who have gone before us and name those of our church family who have died in the past year. Along with this we will be celebrating our Consecration Sunday for our Capital Cam-

paign. You are invited to bring your Commitment Card with you to worship on Sunday and to place it in one of the stations at the altar as a part of worship. This will occur when we receive Communion. This will also be occurring in both worship celebrations. Thank you to everyone who has participated in our Operational Budget and Capital Campaign!

Our Charge Conference is scheduled for November 20 at 2:30 PM. This is where we elect our lay leadership, approve our 2023 budget plan, and celebrate how God has called us in the past year. Following the worship celebrations on Nov. 20 we will begin preparing the Sanctuary and Chapel for the celebrations of Advent and Christmas! Anyone who is able to help is invited to do so. We hope this will be a productive, fun, and festive time of fellowship as we "prepare the House of the Lord!"

Our Advent season begins on Nov. 27. In our Traditions worship celebration, we will be having the "Hanging of the Green." This is a special act of worship where we explain and bless the special decorations in the Sanctuary. Did you know every one of them has a meaning? The service is filled with Scripture, song, and joyous anticipation as we begin the season of Advent. Come and experience the Hanging of the Green on the 27th!

The Advent celebration continues throughout December. More information will follow in the coming weeks. Be sure to check your emails, bulletins, and our social media pages for schedules, events, and special worship opportunities.

It continues to be a joy to be in service with you at BPUMC. I look forward to worshipping and fellowshiping with you as we continue in the legacy laid for us by our joyous saints and see where God is leading us next!

In grace,

Pastor Kevin



## BPUMC Women's Retreat

It's time to register for the BPUMC Women's Retreat on January 21-22, 2023, at Camp Sumatanga! All women of BPUMC are invited and we hope you feel welcome to come and bring a friend or two if you would like. This year's theme is:

**"The Well - Come. Surrender. Proclaim!"**

EARLY registration begins November 6th and will end Wednesday, November 30th. Cost ranges from \$125 to \$175 and all the information is in Realm. Costs will go up after November 30th. Not familiar with Realm and need assistance to register? Contact Amy Baird amycbaird@yahoo.com or Julie Adams juliead40@gmail.com.



## Veteran's Day Celebration and Lunch Sunday, November 13th

Join us in honoring our Veterans on Sunday, November 13th. Immediately after church, we will have a hamburger and hotdog lunch in the Fellowship Hall for those who reserve their meal by Sunday, November 6th. The meal will be prepared by our "Pit Crew" of expert grill masters! Donations to cover the cost of the event are welcomed. At 12:30, we will go back to the sanctuary for a program honoring our Veterans presented by the Hoover High School Jazz Band. To reserve your lunch, go to the Events section of the BPUMC Website and scroll to find the Veteran's Day Celebration or call the church office at 205-822-0910.

## Pickle Ball is Coming!

We will be marking-off a section of the old gym for members to begin playing pickleball. Play time can be scheduled by calling the church office once enough interest has been established. Please contact Mark Hearn (markhearn59@gmail.com) or Patti Fore (pfore31@gmail.com) if you have any questions about this sport.

## Altar Flower Update

Beginning in January the cost of placing flowers in the Sanctuary will increase to \$120. The increase is because the cost increased from our florist. Thank you to everyone who places flowers! They not only add beauty to our worship celebrations, but are also given to others by our flower ministry to help brighten their day!

## Volunteers Needed for the Trustees' Maintenance Team

The Trustees' Maintenance Crew is back! This group, led by Bill Garwick, meets at the church the second Tuesday of each month from 8:30 a.m. until noon. The team takes care of minor repair jobs such as changing light bulbs/AC filters, small electrical and plumbing repairs, painting, etc. Tasks that save the church money that would otherwise be used to pay for contractors and services. An additional benefit - you'll enjoy the fun and fellowship that comes from working together in the Maintenance Crew! Any Questions? Call Bill Garwick at 205-987-3838 or Bennie Vinson at 205-586-0159.

## Decorate the Sanctuary for Advent

We will be decorating the Sanctuary for the season of Advent immediately following the Traditional Worship Service on Sunday, November 20th. We would love for as many people as possible to stay and help us that day! A pizza lunch will be provided, and there will be childcare for elementary aged children.

## Charge Conference

Save the date. The Charge Conference will take place at the church on November 20th at 2:30pm.

## CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

As we approach the holidays, we have a number of great things going on in the Children's Ministry at BPUMC! To begin with, during the month of November, we will continue to teach our children the importance of sharing the love of Jesus Christ with others and treating our neighbors as ourselves by shopping for coats for the homeless as part of our November Mission Trip/Field Trip. Along these same lines, the children of our church will spend this month making Christmas cards and crafts for our church's Food Pantry and for our church's shut-ins.

Then, during the month of December we will be teaching the children of our church the true meaning of Christmas and how they can celebrate that in their lives. Along these lines, the children of our church will be presenting their annual Christmas Pageant on Sunday, December 4th from 5:00-5:30pm in the Sanctuary. As they perform the Christmas story and sing Christmas hymns together that night, it is our hope and prayer that they, as well as all the people who attend (everyone is welcome!), will be reminded of what Christmas is truly all about! In

addition, on Sunday, November 27th from 5:00-6:00pm in the Fellowship Hall, we will offer our annual Advent Wreath Workshop for families of our church and community. Families that attend will create an advent wreath, eat dinner together, and receive an advent wreath devotional book that they will be encouraged to use during the month of December to help remind them of the true meaning of Christmas! For more information on any of these events ministries or missions, please contact Melissa Hendon at [mhendon@bpumc.org](mailto:mhendon@bpumc.org)!



## STUDENT MINISTRY

We are winding down our fall semester of programming, but we still have a few things left for our Student Ministry in the upcoming months! The end of the semester can be a really stressful time for our students so encourage them to come take a break and fellowship with us!

### Events for November

#### Holy Ground Worship (November 2nd, 9th)

Join us this Wednesday for our Student-led worship service called Holy Ground! Dinner is \$2 and is in the Fellowship Hall at 5:30. We have free time from 6:00-6:30 in the New Gym and the Connect Room, then worship starts at 6:30 in the Holy Ground Room and goes until 7:30!

#### Sunday Night Activities (November 6th, 13th)

Join us tonight from 4-6 for open gym time in the new gym! It is open for all 6th-12th graders, so invite your friends! Afterward, we will be having game night from 6:00-7:30 which includes a free dinner!

#### One Night For the Homeless (November 10th)

Our annual One Night for the Homeless (1NFTH) is back on November 10th! One Night for the Homeless is an event where our Student Ministry spends the night outside the church raising money, support, materials, and awareness for the Homeless in our area. This year we will

be collecting jackets and coats for BPUMC's Under the Bridge Ministry. You can drop off a coat or jacket that night from 6-9 on the fellowship side of the church. All new jackets are accepted but, we are especially asking for Men's jackets!

#### Family Smore's Night (November 16th)

Smore's Night is back! Come out to the parking lot of the church from 6-7 for a fun night around fire pits making smore's! We will provide the fire, but bring your own smore's supplies and hotdogs if you would like!

#### Fall Retreat (November 4th-6th)

Pray for our students to have an amazing weekend! We will be going to Camp Cosby for a great opportunity to meet new friends, reconnect with old ones, and get to know people better!



## ADULT MINISTRY

### November 9th, Wednesdays with Friends: Faith Focus



Join us in the Chapel at 10 AM on Wednesday, November 9th when Rev. Dr. Steve West, Senior Pastor Jacksonville First UMC will discuss his new book on Communion. The event will also be live-streamed. An optional Thanksgiving meal will be available in the Fellowship Hall immediately after the program for \$10. Please register to attend, indicating if you want a meal. [Lunch will

only be available for those who register and pay by Sunday, November 6th.] To register, go to the Events Tab on the BPUMC website or call the church office.

### November 23rd, Wednesdays with Friends – **CANCELLED**

Since it's Thanksgiving week, we will NOT meet on November 23rd. Enjoy your Thanksgiving, everyone!

### Thursday, December 1st, Dinner and Santa's Circus

All Adults! Join us on Thursday, December 1st for a 5:30 PM dinner at Dale's Restaurant and followed by Santa's Circus at the Hoover Library Theater at 7:30 PM. Each person pays for their own dinner. Tickets to the show are \$35 per person and will only be available for the first 15 people who register and pay. We will travel to both events on the church bus. Please be at the church by 5 PM.



## LOCAL, U.S. AND INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

### NOVEMBER MISSION FOCUS: HELPING OUR NEIGHBORS

#### The Festival of Three Kings – Christmas Gifts for Children

Help others experience the joy of Christmas by providing gifts to children who might not otherwise receive them. When you sponsor a child, you will receive a "wish list" to assist you in shopping. You may sponsor a child individually, as a Sunday School class, family, or other group. Each sponsor is asked to spend about \$100 per child. If you prefer, you can sponsor a child with a contribution by bringing a check marked "Festival of Three Kings" to the church office. We will do the shopping for you. Gifts are due back to Bluff Park UMC between Sunday, November 27th and Sunday, December 4th. For more information or to sponsor a child, contact Julie Adams at [juliead40@gmail.com](mailto:juliead40@gmail.com) or 205-936-8149.

#### Coat Drive for the Homeless

Twice a month, BPUMC's Under the Bridge ministry serves dinner to homeless men and women in the Birmingham area. In doing so, we have seen many who desperately need coats. Please consider donating NEW (mostly men's) coats to be passed out to the homeless. Coats can be left in Coat Drop boxes located in either narthex or just inside the portico entrance by the playground. You can also leave them in the church office, Monday through Friday from 8 AM to 4 PM.



#### First Light Shelter – Volunteers Needed to Provide Dinners

Members of BPUMC provide three dinner meals per month for the homeless women and children staying at the First Light Shelter. You can help! We need volunteers to coordinate a meal by recruiting your family, friends, and/or Sunday School class to plan, secure and serve the meal. Your group can decide whether to purchase prepared meals, purchase food and prepare it at home, or purchase food and prepare it in the First Light kitchen. If you can help, please contact Betsy Britain at [Brtnb6@gmail.com](mailto:Brtnb6@gmail.com) or (205) 837-8977.



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## Member Updates

### NEW MEMBERS

- Wes, Jenni and Clark Ezzell - 10/23/2022

### CONGRATULATIONS...

Congratulations to Mary Katherine and Steven Guy on the birth of a daughter, Virginia Leigh "Ginny" Guy on September 26th.

Congratulations to Warren and William White on the birth of a daughter, Collins Luanne White on October 5th.

### SYMPATHY OF THE CONGREGATION...

The sympathy of the congregation is extended to the family of Frances Bellows who passed away on October 15th. Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in their time of loss.

## LIFETRACK

### November 1

Luke 6:37-38 | Psalm 37

### November 2

Malachi 3:10 | Psalm 37

### November 3

Matthew 6:19-21 | Psalm 37

### November 4

Matthew 25:14-30 | Psalm 37

### November 5

Luke 21:1-4 | Psalm 37

### November 6

Acts 2:43-47 | Psalm 118

### November 7

Matthew 18:1-5 | Psalm 118

### November 8

Matthew 18:15-20 | Psalm 118

### November 9

Matthew 18:21-35 | Psalm 118

### November 10

Colossians 3:5-11 | Psalm 118

### November 11

Romans 12:1-8 | Psalm 118

### November 12

Romans 12:9-21 | Psalm 118

### November 13

Ruth 1, 4 | Psalm 25

### November 14

Proverbs 3:5-6 | Psalm 25

### November 15

Matthew 6:25-33 | Psalm 25

### November 16

2 Timothy 4:6-8 | Psalm 25

### November 17

Matthew 5:38-42 | Psalm 25

### November 18

Matthew 5:43-48 | Psalm 25

### November 19

2 Corinthians 5:16-21 | Psalm 25

### November 20

Luke 23:26-38 | Psalm 47

### November 21

Hebrews 1:1-14 | Psalm 47

### November 22

Revelation 1:4-8 | Psalm 47

### November 23

John 12:12-15 | Psalm 47

### November 24

John 13:12-20 | Psalm 47

### November 25

1 Timothy 6:12-16 | Psalm 47

### November 26

John 19:16-22 | Psalm 47

### November 27

Advent Liturgy | Isaiah 60:2-3

### November 28

Jeremiah 23:5-6 | Isaiah 60:2-3

### November 29

Isaiah 53:1-6 | Isaiah 60:2-3

### November 30

Titus 3:4-7 | Isaiah 60:2-3

# Monthly Calendar for November 2022

<b>Tuesday, November 1</b> 9:30 am Becky Walker Bible Study	6:00 pm Men's Chorus 6:30 pm Choir	10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park 2:30 pm Charge Conference
<b>Wednesday, November 2</b> 7:00 am Food Pantry 5:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 pm Elementary Midweek 5:30 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Youth Holy Ground 6:00 pm Men's Chorus 6:30 pm Choir	<b>Thursday, November 10</b> 9:30 am Quilting Group 6:00 pm One Night for the Homeless	4:30 pm Student Ministry Open Gym 6:00 pm Student Ministry
<b>Thursday, November 3</b> 9:30 am Quilting Group	<b>Friday, November 11—Veteran's Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b> 7:30 am Children's Mission Trip	<b>Monday, November 21</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry
<b>Friday, November 4</b> Student Fall Retreat	<b>Sunday, November 13</b> 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service 10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park 11:15 am Veteran's Day Celebration 4:30 pm Student Ministry Open Gym 6:00 pm Student Ministry	<b>Wednesday, November 23</b> 5:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Men's Chorus 6:30 pm Choir
<b>Saturday, November 5</b> Student Fall Retreat 8:00 am Serve Day	<b>Monday, November 14</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 6:00 pm Mission Committee	<b>Thursday, November 24—Thanksgiving Day</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Sunday, November 6—Daylight Saving Time</b> 8:45 am Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service 10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park	<b>Tuesday, November 15</b> 9:30 am Becky Walker Bible Study 6:00 pm Under the Bridge	<b>Friday, November 25</b> <b>Office Closed</b>
<b>Monday, November 7</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry	<b>Wednesday, November 16</b> 5:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Family Smores Night 6:00 pm Men's Chorus 6:30 pm Choir	<b>Sunday, November 27</b> 8:45 am Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service 10:00 am The Gathering at Bluff Park 4:30 pm Student Ministry Open Gym 5:00 pm Advent Wreath Workshop 6:00 pm Student Ministry
<b>Tuesday, November 8—Election Day</b> 9:30 am Becky Walker Bible Study 6:00 pm Under the Bridge	<b>Thursday, November 17</b> 9:30 am Quilting Group 7:00 pm Book Club	<b>Monday, November 28</b> 10:00 am Prayer Shawl Ministry 10:00 am UWIF Joy Circle
<b>Wednesday, November 9</b> 10:00 am Wednesday with Friends: Faith Focus 5:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 pm Elementary Midweek 5:30 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Youth Holy Ground	<b>Sunday, November 20</b> 8:45 am Women's Bible Study 9:00 am Sunday School 10:00 am Traditional Worship Service	<b>Tuesday, November 29</b> 9:30 am Becky Walker Bible Study
		<b>Wednesday, November 30</b> 5:00 pm Pastor's Bible Study 5:30 pm Christmas Pageant Rehearsal 5:30 pm Adult Handbells 6:00 pm Men's Chorus 6:30 pm Choir

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