CHURCH on the BLUFF

Ordinary people serving an extraordinary God

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FROM YOUR PASTOR'S HEART

I recently watched a video where a priest/preacher of a church claimed that Jesus is *not the only way.* She claimed that John 14:6 (Jesus answered, "I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.") was misquoted and misunderstood. She claimed that there are other ways to know God…be saved. Joel Osteen said that he believed in Christ as the way to salvation but he couldn't "judge" other people's religion by telling them that they had to believe the same way. Even the current Pope said that all religions lead to God. What is going on? Those folks are the false teachers Jesus warned us about. What they say is heresy, pure and simple.

Jesus *IS* the only way!

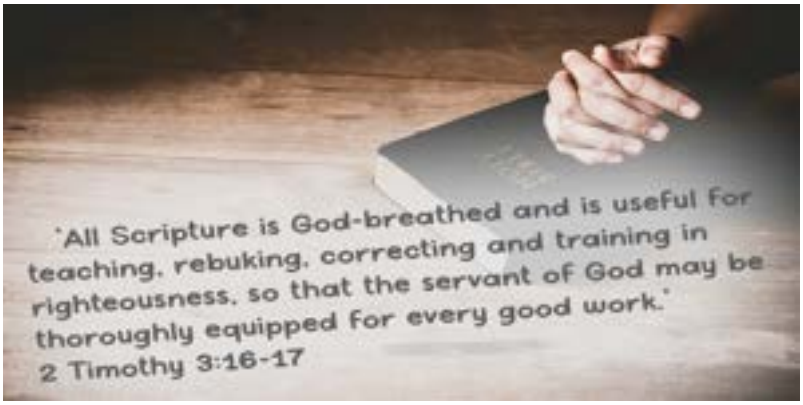
Think of it this way: If there are other ways to know God and be in heaven then Jesus was totally unnecessary. His virgin birth, terrible death on the cross and resurrection was a waste of time and effort. Listen to Jesus in His prayer in the graders of Gethsemane: "My Father, if it is possible, may this cup be taken from me. Yet not as I will, but as You will." Do you understand what He was asking? He knew what lay ahead. He knew of the people He loved rejecting Him. He knew of the torture and humiliation. He knew of the suffering He was about to experience. To paraphrase, He was saying that if…if…there was any other way for a person to have a relationship with God than what was about to happen, let's do it *that way.*

Wouldn't it be nice if we could pray a few times a day, or count some beads, or live a mostly good life, or wear sacred clothes, or observe special days, or eat certain foods and earn our way to Heaven? Mark those things on a checklist every day and all is good, right? But…how many ways are there to God besides accepting Christ as your Savior and letting His sacrificial blood cover your sin? None. Nada. Zilch. Zip. Zero.Not one.

And I'm glad about that because I wouldn't get in any other way. I'm not good enough.

Say good things about your Savior and His Church on the Bluff

Bro. Tony



Upcoming Events

September:

- 30th : Fellowship Dinner

October:

- 1st & 2nd: Grace on the Bluff Drop Off 4-8 PM
- 3rd : Grace on the Bluff
- 4th: Communion
- 6th: Card Making Ministry
- 11th: Bluff Perk & Church Council
- 27th: Coffee, Cake & Chat
- 30th : Fellowship Dinner

Weekly:

Sundays

Bible Study -	9:00 AM
Worship -	10:00 AM

Wednesdays

Bible Study & Prayer -	6:30 PM
Choir Practice -	7:15 PM

Office Hours

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM
Monday-Thursday

Prayer & Bible Study
Wednesdays

CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS
FOR CHILDREN AND TEENS

Mission Opportunities:

October: *Christmas Back Packs*

November: Christmas Child Shoeboxes

In ***October***, we will pack at least 10 backpacks to be sent to children in west Alabama. There are 5 age groups for boys and girls. Our intent is to do one backpack for one girl and one boy in each age group. At present, we have two empty backpacks. If you are interested in helping, contact Kaye Davis.

In ***November***, whoever is interested will pack as many shoeboxes as they wish. The shoeboxes are distributed internationally by Samaritan's Purse. Shoeboxes are furnished. If you are interested in participating in Christmas Shoeboxes, let Hart Felder know.

Information on what goes into each will be forthcoming. Just let us know that you want to participate.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CHRISTMAS BACKPACKS:

Christmas Backpacks are **not** school supply backpacks. These are packed with gifts for the child. Ages served are 2-3 yrs, 4-7 yrs, 8-10 yrs, 11-14 yrs, and 15-17 yrs. All gifts and backpacks are to be **brand new**, not used!

Suggestions:
Toys-small cars, balls, dolls, stuffed animals, small musical instruments, yo-yos, jump ropes, sidewalk chalk, toys that light up or make noise (include extra batteries), Slinky, frisbee, card games such as Old Maid, Go Fish, etc.

Art supplies-crayons, colored pencils, markers, stamps and ink pads, craft paper, construction paper, coloring and picture books, stickers, etc.

Hygiene items-toothbrush, toothpaste, boxed bar soap (in a plastic bag), hairbrush, comb, wash cloth, ponytail holders, hair clips, etc.
Other: hard candy, (**no chocolate**; double bag all candy), mints, age-appropriate Christian books, pop-top cans of food, t-shirt, socks, gloves, hat, etc.

Ideas for older children: lip gloss, costume jewelry, scarves, friendship bracelets, craft kits, journals, fun socks and slippers, doodle books, etc; LEGOS, ard games , hand-held electronic games, basketball, soccer ball, NERF football

The church will purchase appropriate age Bibles for each backpack.

You may choose to just buy items or fill an individual backpack. Packing backpacks will be completed by Sunday, October 25. *Just let Kaye Davis know your plans.*

Thanks!

Fellowship Dinner
September 30th
6:00 PM

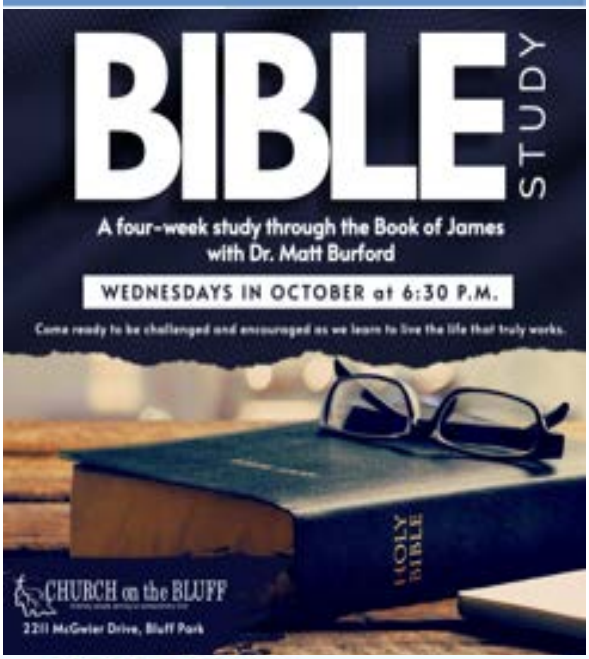
Happy Birthday!

OCTOBER

2 Judy Conley
2 Becca Hall
3 Kathy Ulmer
6 Alex Lee
8 Tillie Powers
13 Charlie Chancellor
20 Vickie Brymer
20 Miguel Colin
23 Emily Burford
27 Matthew Burford

Upcoming Meetings

Deacon's Meeting
October 4, 2026 * 8:30AM
Business Meeting
October 14, 2026 * 6:30 PM
Church Council
October 18, 2026 * *After Worship*



Donation Drop Off Times

Thursday, October 1, 2026
4 PM - 8 PM
Friday, October 2, 2026
4 PM - 8 PM