



## **Encouragement Empowers Everyone**

I am vowing to be a greater source of encouragement to others. We all will do better by having a cheering squad or a #1 fan at our side. “Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.” (1 Thessalonians 5:11) You will often hear me say “I think our main job on this side of Heaven is to encourage others until we all get there.”

We should stop and speak to others, even strangers, more often. Instead of solely wanting to talk about self, we should listen intently to their conversation to praise their skills in handling life in a positive way. I have been so blessed by encouragers lately that their positive light has shown how low my flame of praise has been burning.

There was a time when I had been cast aside by people that thought more highly of themselves than me. The people that I went to for help treated me like the plague and no consolation was found. Guess what happened? I spiraled into depression that paralyzed me.

When I think of extravagant kindness shown in the Bible, I recall what King David did for Mephibosheth. The king asked, “Is there no one still alive from the house of Saul to whom I can show God’s kindness?” Ziba answered the king, “There is still a son of Jonathan; he is lame in both feet.” (2 Samuel 9:3)

Saul mistreated David out of jealous anger. A new king traditionally killed off any of the previous ruler’s relatives to ensure none would rise up and threaten to take his throne. Out of David’s compassion and friendship with Saul’s son Jonathan, he would always make a place for Mephibosheth at his table.

Will you vow with me to be like King David in offering encouragement to others? Our young people need encouragement in today’s world. It is a challenge to establish a sure foothold in a career that offers security. Yet, the steps will be easier and the future brighter when surrounded by encouragement.

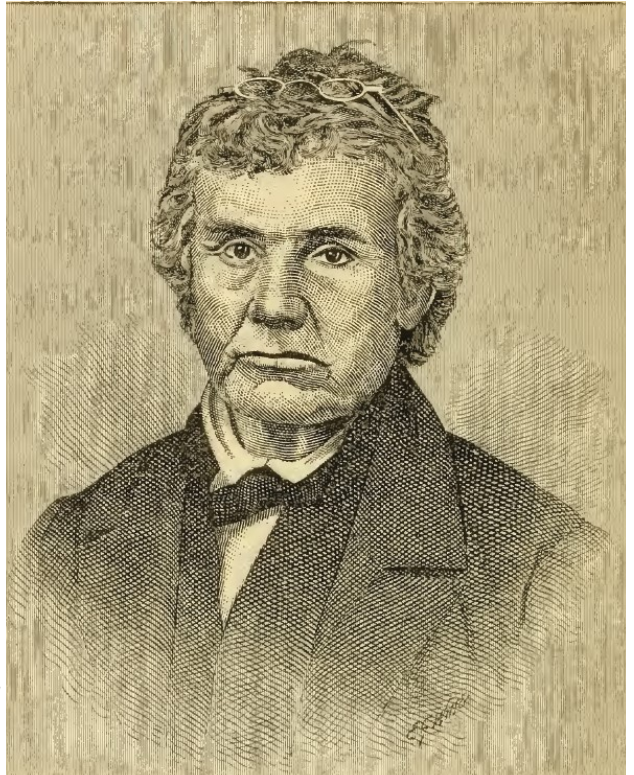
Let us send out words of encouragement all around us like a sprinkler distributes refreshing water to a parched lawn.

**Think Eternal and Tend to Your Soul.....Rev Ed**

## Peter Cartwright the Oldest Circuit Rider Born on September 1, 1785

No, he wasn't one of those Cartwrights on the "Bonanza" TV show. He surpassed Bishop Francis Asbury in age and years of service by an entire decade. America's Bishop Asbury died at age 71 (1745-1816) and Peter Cartwright died in the same month that he was born 87 years later on September 25th (1785-1872).

Cartwright was a rowdy youth, but his Methodist mother prayed for him. At age 16 while at a camp meeting Peter accepted Jesus as his Savior. A year later he had his own circuit. Historians described his appearance: "He was war-torn and weather beaten. His face wrinkled and tough. His eyes small and twinkling. And his hair looks as if he had poked it into a bag of Kilkenny cats and had not had time to comb it since."



In over 50 years of traveling circuits in Kentucky, Tennessee, Ohio, Indiana, and Illinois, Cartwright received 10,000 members into the Methodist Church, personally baptized 12,000, conducted over 500 funerals, and preached more than 15,000 sermons.

Peter Cartwright wrote of the circuit rider's life in his autobiography: "A Methodist preacher, when he felt that God had called him to preach, instead of hunting up a college or Biblical Institute, hunted up a hardy pony, and some traveling apparatus, and with his library always at hand, namely, a Bible, Hymn book, and (Methodist) Discipline, he started, and with a text that never wore out nor grew stale, he cried, "Behold, the Lamb of God, that taketh away the sin of the world." In this way he went through storms of wind, hail, snow, and rain; climbed hills and mountains, traversed valleys, plunged through swamps, swollen streams, lay out all night, wet, weary, and hungry, held his horse by the bridle all night, or tied him to a limb, slept with his saddle blanket for a bed, his saddle-bags for a pillow. Often he slept in dirty cabins, ate roasting ears for bread, drank butter-milk for coffee; took deer or bear meat, or wild turkey, for breakfast, dinner, and supper. This was old-fashioned Methodist preacher fare and fortune."

He was a towering figure of frontier Methodism and one of the most colorful and energetic preachers the church has produced. He called himself "God's Plowman."

## Harlan Burton in Concert Sunday Sept. 18th, 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.



Harlan is a very talented musician and vocalist. He has performed in Branson and he sang on "Southern Gospel USA," a show I co-produce with Thomas Roughton. Harlan and I have worked together in ministry before. By the time Harlan was twelve, he was singing and playing guitar on the "Rebe Gosdin Show" once or twice a week on WSFA TV in Montgomery, Alabama. Harlan's professional music career began in 1967 when he joined The Tellers Quartet out of Dadeville, Alabama. He sang with The Tellers Quartet for eight years before embarking on a solo ministry. This a great opportunity to invite someone to Brundidge United Methodist Church to hear this musically gifted servant of Christ.

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**Every 3rd Sunday is "Church-wide Breakfast" 7:30 a.m.**

**This Sunday September 18, 2019, Rise, Shine, Eat!**

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### Dates to Keep and Go To Are:



**October 1-5, 2019, 5 p.m. to 9 p.m. Pike County Fair**  
volunteers needed at church booth

**October 20, 2019, 11 a.m. Church Homecoming**

Dr. George Mathison, bring covered dish for lunch after service



**October 26, 2019, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Brundidge Peanut Butter Festival**

volunteers needed to work table for church outreach

**November 3, 2019, 6:30 p.m. Charge Conference FUMC Troy location**

We would appreciate everyone of all ages being there to represent Brundidge UMC

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### **First Nominations Committee Meeting Sunday, Sept. 8th, 4 p.m.**

Please be receptive to accepting various church leadership positions as we prepare for charge conference. We are one in the Spirit of God. If you cannot continue in the position you are presently serving contact the church office by September 19th, 334-735-3180. We will put a proposed list of "Church Officers and Committee Members" on the church foyer table Sunday October 6th. If you need to make a change on that list be sure to get it to your pastor or church office October 21st. Our Church Secretary Melanie Adams will be contacting those who need to complete charge conference forms. Please have those forms by October 21st. May we all be alive, active and available to serve Christ as we approach another year of ministry in Brundidge United Methodist Church.

## Just Because

By: Barb Homann

Did you ever do something-

Just Because

Hold the door for someone who has their hands full-

Just Because

Help a Lady with her coat who lives alone-

Just Because

Bend down and talk with a small child-

Just Because

How about a greeting to someone you don't even know-

Just Because

A gift to a person for no reason at all-

Just Because

Gives you a feeling that warms you from head to toe-

Try it, you'll see, I know-

Just Because



Susie Hastey-2nd, Kyle McDowell-3rd

Brian Thompson-5th, Kay Sanders-6th

Allen Rodgers-10th, Jim Outlaw-15th

Martha Price-16th, Joey Connell-18th

Trevor Bryan-19th, Amber Paez-20th

Jean Bar-20th, Jake Rodgers-21st

Jayden Jordan-22nd, Cindy Mitchell-22nd

Amber Shirley-23rd, Elva Strother-26th

Alan Harrison-27th, Joe Bradley-28th

Randall Thompson-29th, Savannah Hollis-30th

## *Memorials and Honorariums*

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### In Memory of Billy Helms

Sally Helms

### In Memory of Johnnie Drinkard

Mr. & Mrs. Bob Thrash- Prayer Cushions

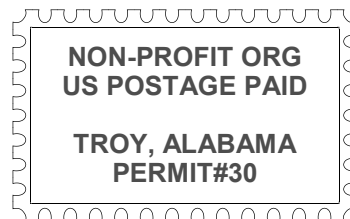
### In Memory of Grady & Maggie Caldwell

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund

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## Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) What is it from which you can take away the whole and still have some left?
- 2.) Which is correct: 'The yolk of an egg is white' or 'The yolk of eggs is white'?
- 3.) Why is the letter "K" like flour?
- 4.) What has a face and hands but no mouth?



**Answers:** 1.) The word "wholesome" 2.) Neither. The yolk of an egg is yellow. 3.) You can't make cake without it. 4.) A clock.