

Brundidge United Methodist Church

April 2017 Newsletter



Be Ripe with Jesus

I was looking at the table of contents for the 1870 Book of Discipline for the “Methodist Episcopal Church, South.” The entry for section three reads “The Ministration of Baptism to such as are of **Riper** Years.” That terminology is just not used anymore.

We’ve heard the phrase “be right with Jesus.” We should use the phrase “be ripe with Jesus.” What do I mean? Don’t remain green by failing to mature to good useful fruit. And don’t become rotten by thinking your usefulness is long gone. Whatever your age you can “be ripe with Jesus.”

Many years ago when I was teenager, and that was many, many, many years ago, another teenage friend and I were cleaning off this land for a retired minister. We filled this 45 gallon can with trash. Now, we just needed to place it in the back of the truck and haul it off.

We struggled, grunted, and gasped for air after several attempts to lift the can up onto the tailgate of the truck. Finally we just sat on the tailgate on either side of that can, still on the ground. We were exhausted.

The 78 year old retired preacher walked up. He asked “What are you fellows doing?” We responded “Trying to get this heavy can in the back of the truck.” He reached with one hand to grab the lip of that can and threw it in the back of that truck like a throw pillow. Brother Lee didn’t have to preach “I can do all things through Christ who gives me strength.” (Philippians 4:13) He just did it to the amazement of all that witnessed it!

We are in the fourth month of a new year 2017, although its newness may have worn off, and many will fall away from their New Year’s resolutions. The vow to become “physically fit” is usually top on that list. Friends in Jesus, we must remain committed to be “spiritually fit.”

In a letter to his young assistant Timothy, the Apostle Paul wrote: “Exercise yourself toward godliness” (1 Timothy 4:7). The Apostle compared physical fitness with spiritual fitness. “Take time and trouble to keep yourself spiritually fit. Bodily fitness has a certain value, but spiritual fitness is essential, both for this present life and for the life to come” (1 Timothy 4:8).

Be Ripe with Jesus..... Rev Ed

MISSIONS APRIL DAY OF SERVICE PROJECT

APRIL SHOWERS OF SERVICE

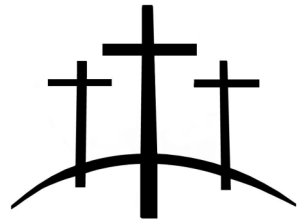


Our Missions Committee offers a challenge for all of us (not just the committee!) to find a way to serve someone in our church or in our community during the month of April. We can serve as an individual or a group so that we can help others, and that will bring glory to God! For example: clean up a yard for a shut-in, take a meal to someone who is homebound, take someone to the doctor or shopping, take someone for a drive one afternoon, do some repair job, or spend time visiting with someone. If you have other ideas, let our committee know, and we will share them. Let's find a way to bring smiles to lots of faces, including our own, as we reach out to serve others, and in doing that, we will honor God!

Palm Sunday April 9th

We all enjoy our young folks bringing in the palms at the 11 a.m. service. Our confirmation class graduates will be recognized that Sunday. Both adults and youth attended this year's five sessions.

Maundy Thursday Service April 13th 6 p.m. in the Brundidge United Methodist Church Sanctuary.



Good Friday at the Crosses

Rev Ed will have his guitar, extra chair, and songbook for anyone wanting to help sing songs at the crosses in the church lawn on April 14th, from 10:30 a.m. until 12:30 p.m. This is always a good witness opportunity for those who visit the post office and walk our town sidewalks.

Help the Pike County Chaplains Association Saturday April 29th



It will be called "Cajun Gospel Music Night" at 6 p.m. at Hephzibah Baptist Church on Henderson Highway outside Troy. Rev Ed is one of our volunteer chaplains to serve the Troy Regional Medical Center and the Pike County Sheriff's Department. Boudreaux the Cajun Comedian will be there with great special music. A love offering will be received to help fund PCCA with their ministry expenses.

Sunday Easter Services on April 16th

8:30 a.m. Early Service and 11 a.m. Worship Service



Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 15th

11:00 am

Bring 6 treat-filled eggs

Lunch will be served!



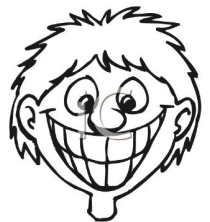
The Morning and Night Circles of the
United Methodist Women are collecting
Campbell's Soup Labels for Education.

If you have any Campbell's soup labels, please
bring them to the church office.

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara



- 1.) What kind of man was Boaz before he married Ruth?
- 2.) What do you call pastors in Germany?
- 3.) Who was the greatest comedian in the Bible?
- 4.) What excuse did Adam give his children as to why they no longer lived in Eden?

Answers: 1.) Ruthless 2.) German Shepard 3.) Samson. He brought down the house 4.) Your mother ate us out of house and home.

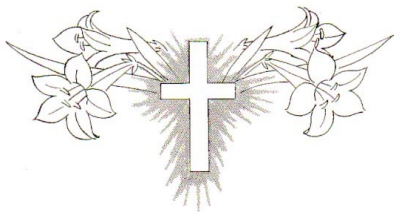


5th Sunday April 30th Singing Service and Covered Lunch

"Special Recognition of Brundidge Police Department"

We are inviting all of the employees of the Brundidge Police Department along with their families to attend this special service and be our guests for lunch. Each will receive a Law Enforcement Bible from our church. This is our way of letting them know that we appreciate their commitment to serve our community.

Also bring some snacks to place in a hospitality basket in the police department office such as crackers, candy bars, breakfast bars, and so forth. I will place flyers on the display for the employees to take home and remind them of this Law Enforcement Appreciation Day at Brundidge United Methodist Church, April 30th.



April Memorials

In Honor of the Don C. Dickert Family

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Blue Lake

In Memory of Jane Senn

Chip & Helen Wallace-Building Fund

In Memory of John Wilson Fryer & James E. Caldwell, Jr.

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund

In Honor of our Children & Grandchildren

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Clay Hill

In Memory of John Philip Johnston

Mary Nell & Jim Kerr

In Memory of Ann Tatom Powell

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund

In Memory of John Lude & Mae Wilson Fryer

Frank & Wynnette Fryer

April Birthdays

Heather Minton-3rd

Irene Carter- 4th

Joe Stinson-4th

Cot Wallace-4th

Ally-Anna Outlaw-5th

Apryl McCoy-9th

Betsy Bowden-10th

Gail Thompson-10th

Landon Thrash-11th

Hilton Carter-12th

Bill Laney-13th

Pat Warren-14th

Billy Jackson-16th

Jimmie Jackson-16th

Elaina Ann Strother-17th

Kim Hollis-20th

Laura Hollis-20th

Sarah Hayden Hollis-20th

Renee Senn-21st

Holman Outlaw-30th

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