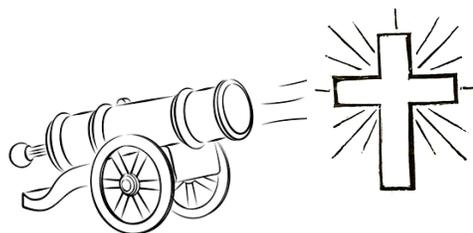


Brundidge United Methodist Church

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Canon Factory for a Church

Methodists should be familiar with the names John Wesley and Charles Wesley. They were the brothers from 18th Century England credited with starting the Methodist Movement. Both had heart-warming experiences in 1738. They wanted to stir up a revival in the Church of England. As in many cases, the established traditional church frowned upon any evangelistic fervor that might “change” anything. So, they banned the Wesley brothers from the Church of England’s pulpits. The religious institution was too comfortable and complacent to deal with clergy ready to win souls for Christ.

I find it ironic that John Wesley purchased an old canon factory outside of London to build a chapel. Methodism “boomed” after that! To mark the very first service in the newly built chapel on Easter Sunday in April 1739, Charles Wesley composed a hymn:

***Christ the Lord is risen today, sons of men and angels say.
Raise your joys and triumphs high, sing ye heavens and earth reply.
Love’s redeeming work is done, fought the fight the battle won;
Lo the Sun’s eclipse is o’er; Lo! He sets in blood no more!***

You’ve probably noticed that some changes have occurred since Charles Wesley’s original presentation of this Easter hymn. The last two phrases of the second verse above were changed to “Death in vain forbids Him rise, Christ has opened paradise.”

Originally it was sung to a rather slow Handel tune. Yet, there needed to be a way to capture the jubilant joy of the fact Jesus arose from the grave on Easter. So, the hymn was wed with another tune called “Lyra Davidica” (composed in 1708).

Still, Wesley’s words just didn’t fit the tune. So a creative editor decided to add the word “Alleluia” at the end of every phrase. Now, the Christian church would have an excellent Easter hymn to sing in celebration of Jesus’ resurrection!

I pray your hearts will be filled with Easter joy! A college history professor used to speak of historic events with such enthusiasm that you would think that it just happened. Christians perhaps need to display the same measure of elation that Christ is risen! Yes, Jesus has risen indeed!

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

The Last Supper Brought to Life was a Blessing

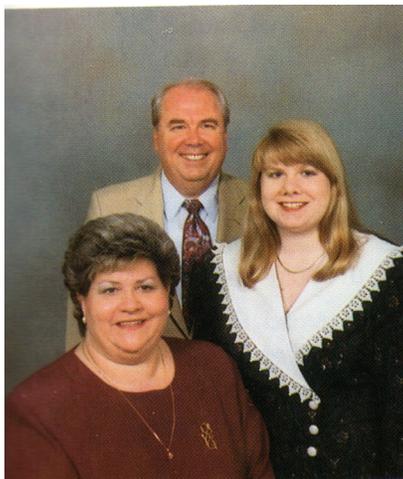
When people talk about their most inspirational powerful memories of Brundidge United Methodist Church “The Last Supper” drama presentation is frequently mentioned. The original mural by Leonardi da Vinci dates to 1495. It is located on a wall in the Convent of Santa Maria delle Grazie in Milan, Italy. I, Rev Ed, had the pleasure of participating in one production since serving as your pastor (2014). Guess what part they assigned to me? Judas Iscariot. Somebody had to be Judas.



Former Pastor Jimmie Spikes (serving 1994-2001) did a fabulous work in directing the drama and building the sets. Jimmie and Freida are active members of our church. They were named “Man and Woman of the Year 1999.” In that letter of declaration it was stated:

“Jimmie and Freida Spikes, in appreciation for the many kind acts of service to this church and its membership, you have been chosen as recipients of the man and the woman of the year award for 1999. Your abundant expressions of Christian love and concern for this congregation and this community have been an inspiration to all who have been privileged to have the opportunity to know you. Jimmie, you have been an example to all of us as our minister and as our friend. Freida, you have shown us spiritual love in action as well as family and marriage values.”

Here is their picture from the 1995 Brundidge UMC Photo Directory. Dinah Kelsey was the secretary. Lizanne Harbuck was the organist.



SPIKES, Jimmie & Freida
Allison

A framed picture of “The Last Supper” from one of the drama presentations is located in the fellowship hall. You will have to help us decide the year of the photo of The Last Supper drama above right. A post it on the back says the 6th person from the right is Joe Strother and the 8th person is Lawrence Bowden.

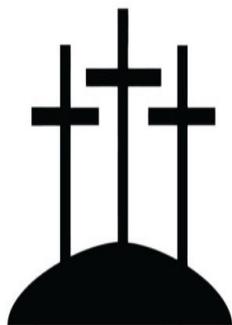
Please take the time to view the pictures of past pastors displayed in the education building hallway. A list of pastors is also displayed that names them all the way back to 1861 and their times served in the pastorate.

Maundy Thursday Service April 18th, 6 p.m.

This is a special Holy Communion Service during Holy Week. The word "Maundy" is derived from the Latin word "mandatum" which means "mandate." It emphasizes Jesus' command to His disciples to love one another (John 13:34).

Good Friday at the Crosses

April 19th 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.



Rev Ed traditionally sits at the Crosses with a guitar to sing hymns and Gospel songs. Others are welcome to visit, sing, and play an instrument. This is an opportunity to witness to those going to the post office and walking along the sidewalks. The sanctuary will be open during that time.



Breakfast to Honor our High School Seniors April 14th 7:30 a.m.



Instead of the traditional 3rd Sunday church-wide breakfast this month it will be on the 2nd Sunday, Palm Sunday. This is the largest class of seniors that we have seen in some time: seven. Clay Barron, Trevor Barron, Catherine Bowden, Max Copeland, Cole Coppage, Cody Hollis, and Madalyn Paez. Our Sunday School classes present them with Bibles and Brundidge UMC gives them scholarships. We are greatly blessed with many youth mature in their Christian faith and moving into a bright future.



BUMC Easter Egg Hunt

Saturday, April 20th

9am-11am

Lunch and dessert in the

BUMC Fellowship hall

Everyone please bring 6 treat filled eggs!



APRIL Birthdays

Heather Minton-3rd
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
Layton Jordan-16th
Elaina Ann Strother-17th
Kim Hollis-20th
Laura Hollis-20th
Sarah Hayden Hollis-20th
Renee Senn-21st
Patricia Garrett-28th
Holman Outlaw-30th



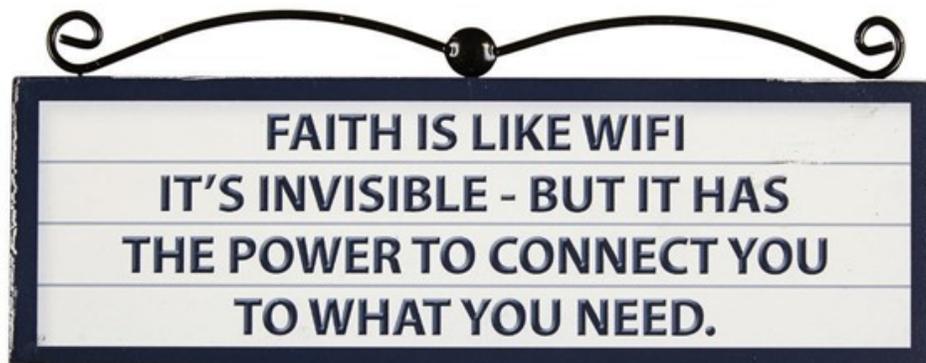
Memorials & Honorariums

In Memory of Elva Strother

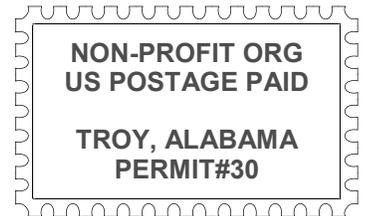
Linda & Sandy Hammer- We Care

In Honor of our Children &
Grandchildren

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund



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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) What is better, an old ten dollar bill or a new one?
- 2.) What increases its value by being turned upside down?
- 3.) Why are comedians like doctors?
- 4.) Why are pianos so noble?
- 5.) Who wrote "Oh, Say Can You See?"?



Answers: 1.) An old \$10 bill is better than a new One! 2.) The number "6" 3.) Because they keep people in stitches. 4.) Many are upright and the rest are Grand. 5.) An eye doctor! :