

It's Not Coming It's Here!

Do you feel like you were watching the Sci Fi Channel with a movie about a virus spreading terror through a society then you were suddenly pulled right into it? Don't you wish you could change the channel to a more pleasant program?

Our world as we know it has changed with the advent of the Corona Virus. In crises I have always said, "You see the true character of those around you in a crisis." We, as the Christian community, are called to display true faith in Christ. Take the necessary precautions but realize that the state of the physical body is never more important than the state of the spiritual body.

Luke 12:23 says, "For life is more than food, and the body more than clothes." The life and body continue for eternity in a resurrected state. Clothes and food adorn and sustain the flesh in the world. The Monk with Spunk, Martin Luther, wrote in his hymn "A Mighty Fortress is Our God": "The body they may kill: God's truth abideth still, His Kingdom is forever." Luther also said, "I have held many things in my hands and I have lost them all. But whatever I have placed in God's hands, that I still possess."

I am very mindful of the fact that great milestones in people's lives have been altered. Seniors in high school and college will not tread the path of tradition to claim their very important prize. This does not diminish the importance of what you have accomplished. With Christ you shall go beyond this to reach even higher points of achievement.

Jesus said, "I have told you these things, so that in me you may have peace. In this world you will have trouble. But take heart! I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) The Overcomer is with you, Jesus will guide you and provide for you in this season of unrest.

I have already encountered situations of tension and fear. People were frantically darting back and forth when a person coughed in their presence. I stood in amazement to see the fear-driven mayhem. If I thought life was only what I had in the body I guess I would be exceedingly nervous also.

I remember Mother Teresa running to those who were coughing and struggling to offer Christ's love through her comforting hands. Let us practice precaution but feed on faith and not on fear. Yes it's here. But Christ is here. Therefore I have no fear.

Stay Tuned to Find Out When We Meet Again

Our initial instruction was not to meet through March 31st. The State recommended no meetings through April 5th. So, we will get the word out about resuming worship services when we get the “all-clear.”

Meantime what shall a church member do? Of course there is social media where we can visit without the danger of encountering any germs. Visit the Brundidge United Methodist Church website regularly at www.brundidgeumc.org to check for announcements. Click on the image of the church to visit our Facebook for videos and posts.

Like me you may not be an avid reader of books, but there are other resources. You can visit our denomination’s website to view videos and read articles www.umc.org You will find a wealth of recorded sermons on a website www.sermonaudio.com You can also go to YouTube to find sermons and Christian music videos. I have my channel on YouTube **DuhRevEd** where I have a whopping “FIVE” subscribers! On DuhRevEd you will find all kinds of stuff such as brief devotionals, music videos, and church histories. Visit our Alabama-West Florida Conference Historical Society’s website at www.awfhistory.com where you will also find brief historical video profiles of our churches and newsletters to read. You can visit our conference’s website at www.awfumc.org and our conference archives center’s website at www.methodistarchives.com where you can sift through some annual conference journals of the past.

Church Office Open During this Time

Although we are not gathering for regular worship services our church office will be open. I, Rev Ed, will be there most days. Please remember to be faithful with your tithes during this time. You can drop them by the office, the slot in the outside door to the education building, or send them via mail to Brundidge UMC, 140 N. Main St., Brundidge, Alabama 36010. Because of the your faithfulness to support the church we are not in a dire financial state.



If Anyone Needs an Errand Run Please Call the Church

If you are vulnerable at this time and do not need to be exposed to any germs, please let us go to the grocery store or take care of that matter for you. Call the church office at 735-3180. Several church members have said, “I am ready to help folks during this time.” If you are willing and available to run these errands call to add your name to the list. This is a time to put our faith in action and minister to others’ needs.

Tentatively Meeting Easter April 12th Sunday

Let me emphasize the word “tentatively” meaning we must respond accordingly to the status of the Corona Virus Pandemic. Prayerfully, this situation will have basically ended by that time. We must follow the instructions of our government and conference leaders concerning congregational meetings.

The Community Sunrise Service is “tentatively” scheduled for 6:30 a.m. at the Pike County High School Stadium.



Services and Devotionals Posted on Facebook

Computer users please go to www.brundidgeumc.org visit our church Facebook page and my personal Facebook page “Edward Davis Shirley” for short devotionals and our Sunday worship services to be viewed at your convenience.

United Methodist General Conference in May Postponed

Around 880 delegates worldwide were to assemble in Minneapolis, however restricted travel would prohibit some from attending. This indeed would be a major historic conference meeting with the possibility of a “parting of ways to create another Methodist denomination,” and it would not be fair to address this matter without the input of all delegates. We will find out when it will be scheduled.

I pray that we will continue to be patient and serve Jesus. No one has forced us to do anything contrary to our interpretation of sound doctrine from the Bible. I believe in the sanctity of marriage that it should only be between a man and a woman. I do not believe homosexuals qualify to be ordained clergy. I am just following God’s Holy Word and encouraging everybody to seek God’s approval and live a righteous life for Heaven. It is not my intent to hurt anyone, but I must abide by the Lord’s commandments and live according to the standards of God’s Kingdom opposed to what the world’s society considers acceptable.

- In the Christ’s love, Rev Ed.

Do Not Fear, Live Secure with the Savior

I know that it is easy to feel uneasy at this time. Please concentrate on what you have to count as a blessing, and not get nervous about what you may have to do without. Many of us are spending more time with our family, our pets are getting extra loving, and it is great to hear little voices say, “What do you want to do next?” Some of us have to recall and play those games from our childhood to occupy our time. I spy something “green.” Rock, paper, scissors. I am playing the guitar more.

Second Timothy 1:7 “God did not give us a spirit that makes us afraid. He gave us a spirit of power and love and self-control. (International Children’s Bible)



Memorials & Honorariums



In Memory of Betsy Bowden

Lois Dykes– BUMC

Judy Mobley-Mason McLendon Fund

Les & Jimmie Jackson-Mason McLendon Fund

Annette Bryan– We Care Fund

Donna Hogan– Prayer Cushion Fund

John & Faye Vick- Mason McLendon Fund

Lin & Judy Jones- Mason McLendon Fund

Randolph & Louise Johnston- Mason
McLendon Fund

Sarah Faye Fleshman– Building Fund

Nellie Sue Helms– Building Fund

In Memory of Betsy Bowden

Michael & Sue Hall- Mason McLendon Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Hudley– BUMC

Cot & Jean Wallace– BUMC

Barb Homann– Youth Fund

David & Carol Wesson- Mason McLendon Fund

Vernon & Linda Jackson– We Care Fund

Searchers Sunday School Class, Andalusia, AL-
Mason McLendon Fund

Mary Adams– We Care

Frank & Wynnette Fryer– Building Fund

Matthew & Laurie Whitnack-Mason McLendon Fund

Perhaps you came by the day of the accident, or sent a card, or made a phone call, and maybe you came for a visit and brought a delicious dish, or sent a beautiful flower arrangement, or best of all you prayed for our sweet Betsy, or perhaps you came to say good-bye...whatever you did to think of our family, we are lifted up and encouraged and very fortunate for your thoughtfulness and love.

May God bless you!

In Christian Love,

The Family of Betsy Bowden



Easter Story

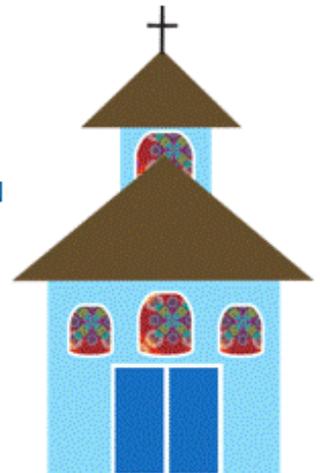
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Here are some fun scavenger hunts you can do while you're social distancing! :)

BIBLE SCAVENGER HUNT

Use your Bible to fill in all of these blanks.

OUTDOOR ADVENTURE HUNT

- The last book of the Bible _____
- The book after Daniel _____
- The first book of the New Testament _____
- The first word in the Bible _____
- The last word in the Bible _____
- The first book named for a woman _____
- The 20th book of the Bible _____
- The 2nd book named for a woman _____
- The book before Jonah _____
- The last book of the Old Testament _____
- The book of the Bible with the shortest title _____
- The 2nd book of the Old Testament _____

- { } Something colorful.
- { } A pinecone.
- { } An acorn.
- { } Something smooth.
- { } Something rough.
- { } Two kinds of leaves.
- { } Two kinds of sticks.
- { } Something bumpy.
- { } A flat rock.
- { } Something fuzzy.
- { } Something pretty.
- { } A chewed leaf.
- { } A flower or petal.
- { } A piece of litter.
- { } Something you think is a treasure.



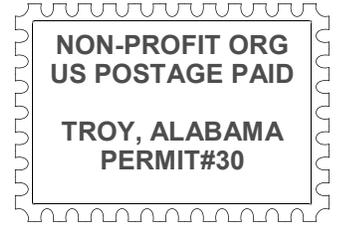
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 Hilton Carter-12th
 Bill Laney-13th
 Pat Warren-14th

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

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Address Service Requested

Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) What sick bird could be unlawful?
- 2.) What is green and can jump a mile?
- 3.) What does a lamppost become when the lamp is removed?
- 4.) If you cross an owl and a goat what do you have?
- 5.) If you cross an ax and a stick what would you get?



Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) Ill-eagle 2.) a grasshopper with hiccups 3.) a lamp lighter 4.) a hoot-nanny 5.) a chopstick