

Brundidge United Methodist Church

August 2017 Newsletter



What Takes Your Time Makes Your Treasure

Many years ago I served a church in a very rural community. About the only thing other than church gatherings that happened in this area was an auction. Folks gathered in a metal building without air conditioning to sit on hard metal chairs and bid for items paraded across the stage for several hours. I always got out bid, but it was something to do on Saturday night in the country.

As time passed on, my joy for the auction diminished. I met many people who said they were members of the church but I never saw them at a service. They sat sweating, smiling, and spending money on junk. They even screamed when they won the bid. One guy said “I’ve been looking for one of these for years and now I found it.” He found it but he never found the door of the church.

I kept watching these folks, with their names on the roll but their bodies never in the pews, so overjoyed and pleased with buying stuff. Eventually, I just couldn’t go there anymore. “For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.” (Matthew 6:21) Now going to auctions isn’t sinning. Hobbies and pleasures truly help us cope with life. However, participation in activities that strengthen your spiritual life are of great, if not greater, value.

“And let us consider how we may spur one another on toward love and good deeds, not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another and all the more as you see the Day approaching.” (Hebrews 10:24-25) Whether two or three or five thousand assemble, we are instructed to gather as believers to share our gifts and encourage one another. Now more than ever I believe “the Day approaching” is near. Christ will return to claim his bride; the church. So the church must be present and ready when the Groom arrives. We need to live as though we may hear the wedding march being played at any moment while we anticipate walking down the aisle to meet Jesus.

Satan’s strategy has not been to take people out of the church, but to get worldly things without spiritual value to occupy their lives to the point of them never getting around to church. I guess you could call it “getting the church out of the people.”

So, do the things that are pleasurable but make sure the greatest pleasure is your treasure of celebrating Christ in worship with other believers, reading the Bible, and spending time in prayer. Remember that saying? “Heaven, don’t miss it for the world.”

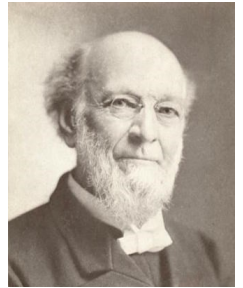
In Christ’s love.....Rev Ed

Alabama Methodist Minister Established Chautauqua

What is Chautauqua? Who is Bishop John Vincent? I didn't know about Chautauqua until recently myself. Chautauqua was an adult education movement in the United States, highly popular in the late 19th and early 20th centuries. Chautauqua assemblies expanded and spread throughout rural America until the mid-1920s. The Chautauqua brought entertainment and culture for the whole community, with speakers, teachers, musicians, entertainers, preachers and specialists of the day. It was a marriage of cultural arts and the Christian faith. Many of our churches and communities within the boundaries of the Alabama-West Florida Conference hosted Chautauqua events.

It was August of 1874 that Methodist minister John Vincent partnered with manufacturer Lewis Miller to establish the Chautauqua Organization. Initially it started as a two week summer training retreat for Sunday school teachers.

John Heyl Vincent was born February 23, 1832, in Tuscaloosa, Alabama. He graduated from the Wesley Institute in Newark, New Jersey. Pastor Vincent served churches in Chicago. He was elected bishop in 1888. He was the resident bishop of Europe based in Zurich, Switzerland. He died May 9, 1920, at age 88. "His was a very remarkable voice, characteristic without being peculiar, flexible, sympathetic, penetrating, and always under perfect control." (Methodist Review, year 1920)



By the way it was called "Chautauqua" because it originated in the place called Chautauqua, New York. It is an Iroquois Indian name meaning "bag tied in the middle or two moccasins tied together." So it was named simply after the place where it was organized and the name is no elaboration on the concept or purpose of the ministry. The Chautauqua Organization still exist today.

New District Superintendent Jeff Wilson



We welcome our new District Superintendent of the Montgomery/Opelika District Jeff Wilson. Sharon, Amber and I have known Jeff and his wife Robin for many years. Certainly, we are blessed to have an experienced pastor with praiseworthy leadership skills to assist Brundidge UMC's ministry for Christ. We have enjoyed the encouraging guidance received through four years of Dr. Robbins Sims' service.

Music Ministry Needs Your Support and Participation

We are still looking for a pianist to play hymns for the 11 a.m. Sunday services. Please help us find prospects. And we need more choir members. Please consider becoming a part of the chancel choir. No auditions. Take a seat with a smile.

Charge Conference Around the Corner

I will learn the specific date at a preachers' meeting on August 8th. Meantime if you desire to give up a position in the church let Rev Ed know. The nominating committee will be meeting soon. Also, prayerfully be receptive to serving on a committee or church position when asked in the near future.

One Day!

An annual ministry event for adults 50 plus.

2017 Theme: "The Best is Yet to Come"

Keynote Speaker:
Bishop David Graves
AWF UMC

Saturday
September 16, 2017
10:00 am - 2:30 pm

An offering will be accepted for Communities of Transformations Ministry within the AWF UMC.

Registration deadline:
Tuesday, September 5
\$20

Lunch provided by the Youth Ministries of Ozark UMC as a fund raiser for their events and ministries.

Menu: pork tenderloin, green beans, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls, dessert

Late registrations will be accepted but will not include lunch. Please bring a sack lunch with you.
Cost: 6

Check-in begins at 9:30 am
First United Methodist Church Ozark
167 E Broad St
Ozark, AL

Sponsored by the
Older Adult Task Force,
Alabama West Florida Conference
of the United Methodist Church

One Day

2017 Theme: "The Best is Yet to Be"
9:30 am - Check-in - Ozark UMC,
Day will include music, lunch, speaker Bishop David Graves and more!
2:30 - Dismissed with thanksgiving

Cost: \$20 (includes lunch)

Deadline to register with payment: Close of business day, Tuesday, September 5
Please plan ahead. We regret that we cannot offer refunds after the deadline date.

Send your registration and payment to:

Crosspoint
214 Partin Dr S
Niceville FL 32578
ATTN: Barbara Wilder

MAKE CHECKS
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For additional information, contact:
Barbara Wilder (850) 678-4411 x 123
bwilder@yourcrosspoint.org

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If there are enough people from Brundidge UMC interested in going we can take the church bus or carpool. Sharon and Rev Ed are leading the music for this event. You will have an opportunity to meet with our new Bishop David Graves. He is scheduled for Homecoming 2018 at Brundidge UMC.



Back to School Bash Weekend: Friday August 11th- Meet at BUMC, 6:30pm, for supper and games; we will have activities through the evening, including a lock-in. Bring sleeping bags and pillows! Saturday morning, we will go out to the Renfroe's for breakfast. From 10am-2pm, there will be pool and water activities. If you can, or are willing to, help with transportation and food on Friday and Saturday, please contact Donna.

There will be a Blessing of the Backpacks/Bags on Sunday, August 13th, at the 11am worship service. Students and teachers, please bring your backpack/bags to church and place on the altar as we pray for a safe and wonderful new school year.

Homecoming Sunday October 15th 11 a.m.

Brundidge United Methodist Church will be celebrating our Homecoming on Sunday, October 15, 2017. The Reverend Bruce Fitzgerald will be our guest preacher. Reverend Fitzgerald served BUMC from 1981-1985. We are looking forward to welcoming Bruce and his family--as well as you and your family--for this special Homecoming experience!

Our Homecoming Committee has voted to make the third Sunday in October as our permanent Homecoming Sunday. Please put this on your calendar for every year--the 3rd Sunday in October BUMC Homecoming!

If you have family that we need to contact, please get the addresses and send to the church office NO LATER than August 21. Letters will be sent out that week to make sure that our former members know about BUMC Homecoming!

There will be other information shared nearer to Homecoming about how you can help with this special day.

Check It Out!!

Our Mission Board World Map shines from the wall in the Education Building. Each month a different missionary and his/her mission country is pinned with yarn stretched to Alabama so that we can learn more about our world and our missionaries. Do you know which country was pinned for July?



In Memory

In Honor of Margaret Ross

Kate Taylor-WNS fund

In Honor of Sherroll Tatom

Kate Taylor-BUMC

In Honor of Lawrence Bowden

Jim & Laura Carpenter-Mason McLendon Fund

In Memory of Martha Ramage

Lou & Anita Silvestri-Building Fund

Eddie & Tammy Powell-Choir Fund

Vernon & Linda Jackson-Building Fund

Don Dickert- BUMC

Larry & Helen Johnston-BUMC

In Memory of Jane Senn

Lou & Anita Silvestri-Building Fund

In Memory of Betty Hixon

Lou & Anita Silvestri-Choir Fund

Sherroll & Tiney Tatom-BUMC

Annette Johnston Mitchell-Building Fund

Randall & Gail Thompson-We Care

Jessie & Edna Dorrill- We Care

Employees of Sun South, LLC- BUMC

Eddie & Tammy Powell-Choir Fund

Tom & Anne Huff-BUMC

Joan Johnston Diversi & Family-Choir Fund

Larry & Helen Johnston-BUMC

Don Dickert-BUMC

Heritage Ridge HOA-BUMC

In Memory of Inez Thompson

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Mason McLendon Fund

Eddie & Tammy Powell-Choir Fund

Vernon & Linda Jackson- Building Fund

Kate Taylor-Agape Sunday School Class

In Memory of Martha Ibys Gallo

Eddie & Tammy Powell-Choir Fund

In Memory of Guy Sawyer

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Homer Anderson

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of John Philip Johnston

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Irene Carter

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-BUMC

Kate Taylor-We Care

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Building Fund

Eddie & Tammy Powell-Choir Fund

Don Dickert-BUMC

*When my heart is
overwhelmed
lead me to the
ROCK
that is higher than I.
Psalm 61:2*





Cathy Connell-1st
Barbara Dunn-4th
Clem Rodgers-5th
Rush Hixon-6th
Dale Harden-7th
Ross Hixon-9th
Michelle McDowell Waren-10th
Johnny Garrett-11th
Kimberly Howard Culver-12th
Mark Galloway-14th
Morgan Jordan-14th
Stark Laney-15th
Katie Sanders Thomas-15th
Henry Howard, Sr.-16th
Chuck Dickert-19th
Henry Dawson Culver-19th
Kendra Harden-21st
Susan Ginn-21st
Laura B. Carpenter-25th
Jeff Hollis-26th
Aletha Park-27th
Emily Whitlock-28th



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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

Genesis 21:6

- 1.) What is the difference between an elephant and a flea?
- 2.) Why did they throw the elephants out of the swimming pool?
- 3.) Why was Adam know to be a good runner?
- 4.) Why are birds poor?
- 5.) Why do ducks look so sad?



Answers: 1.) An elephant can have fleas, but fleas can't have elephants. (Contributed by Jaine Treadwell from the late John Sherwood.)
2.) Because they couldn't keep their trunks up. 3.) He was the first in the human race. 4.) Because money doesn't grow on trees.
5.) Because they get down in their mouth!