



The Woodstock of Worship in 1801

It was August 15, 1969, that folks gathered on a patch of farmland in Bethel, New York. It was billed as “An Aquarian Explosion: 3 Days of Peace and Music.” A total of 400,000 people showed up for a groovy energizing concert including 32 acts. None of the event planners anticipated such a huge turnout and they gave up on selling tickets. They cut gaps in the fencing and shouted “Come on in! There is no charge!”

Before Woodstock, an event with a similar unanticipated explosion took place in Cane Ridge, Kentucky, August 6, 1801. A Presbyterian minister, Barton W. Stone, thought it would be a good idea to organize a “camp meeting.” He spread the word about this time of singing and preaching.

Over the next seven days about 40,000 folks assembled to hear good Gospel singing and bold sermons from preachers of various denominations. It was supposed to be just a community Holy Communion service with only around 200 expected at the most. Well, soon the meeting ignited into a revival. So many folks started showing up that they had to build outdoor platforms in different locations to have several venues conducting camp meeting revival services at the same time. Shouts of joy, groaning, dancing, crying, and amen to conversions to Christ became common occurrences.

Soon, the circuit riders and pastors of established churches across the country started planning camp meetings. Many of the prominent preachers in history found Jesus at a camp meeting. “Camp Meetings” were credited with sending spiritual renewal through America in what was called “The Second Great Awakening.” (1790-1840).

The key factor in both the Woodstock rock music concert and Camp Meetings was that a substantial part of the population was committed to go and gather. Their local routine in life would be set aside to ride to somewhere different in order to experience something new with a spirit of adventure or excitement.

At Cane Ridge Revival the 40,000 was 10% of Kentucky’s total population at that time. What if 10% of Alabama’s population assembled for a big worship service for Jesus today? That would be 480,000 people saying “I am dropping my daily priorities and preferences to go and praise Jesus with others at this event. Let’s go!”

I am just praying that everyone is willing to “let go” of daily things in order to go have a meaningful meeting with Jesus. This August do something different that brings you closer to Christ.

In Christ’s love.....Think eternal and tend to your soul..... Rev Ed



Stop the Bleed Training Day Valuable and Enjoyable

Twenty of our church members attended this informative and sometimes intense program to teach us how to administer help, that certainly will save lives, until the professional medical responders arrive. Did you know that a person could bleed out and die

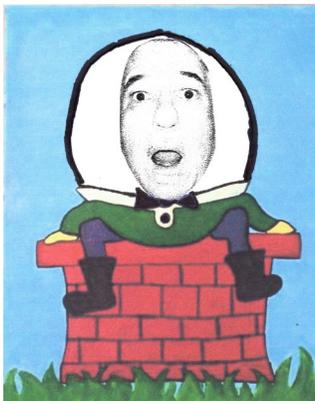
in just 3 minutes? However, if a tourniquet is properly placed on that bleeding person their life will be saved! Now, we will be purchasing medical emergency response materials to be placed our church buildings. In today's society churches need to be ready to react to an active shooter or serious disaster of any kind. Thank you church folks for showing up. Trainer Jacob Fannin said "Your church members were a great class and learned quickly."

If you want to purchase emergency equipment for your home, workplace or keep a kit in your car, then go to this website www.drummemergencysolutions.com and enter this code to receive a discount: *shadytac18*

Sunday, August 12th, 11 a.m. Service

Blessing of Backpacks

Prayer for Teachers / Promotion Sunday



The Gospel According to Humpty Dumpty

Sunday August 12th 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m.

Presented by Pastor Rev Ed Shirley

Children and adults will enjoy this very unusual version of the famous Mother Goose rhyme. Scramble to the sanctuary to learn about the more eggcellent way to make you sunny side up! Amen, Jesus will keep you out of the frying pan.

Homecoming is Approaching-Sunday, October 21st, 11 a.m.

We look forward to Bishop David Graves of our Alabama-West Florida Conference being our speaker on that special occasion. Help us spread the word with those that have ties to Brundidge United Methodist Church. Let the office know of anyone who might want to receive this newsletter. Call Melanie at (334) 735-3180

Commission on the Way Forward Report Completed

Of course my advice is still the same “Hold on, work on, worship on and witness on.” The local church is more important than the district, conference and our denomination. We are where the Gospel tread meets the road.

Let me say that all three plans offer a better course of direction than our present state in the United Methodist Church. The 32-member Commission listened attentively to the concerns of our bishops, clergy and laity. They did excellent work.

If you are just tuning in, this is in reference to whether practicing homosexuals can serve as ordained ministers in our denomination and if UM ministers can preside over homosexual weddings on or off church property.

The General Conference will meet in Saint Louis February 2019 to decide what plan shall be implemented to address this issue. I pray that all will wait in prayer. When a plan is adopted then we will respond accordingly.

The report can be viewed online at various locations. I suggest that you type “UM Commission on the Way Forward Report” in your computer’s search engine. It is around 300 pages.

I will attempt to briefly describe all three plans. The **One Church Plan** would remove the current language in The Book Discipline that states homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching and that practicing homosexuals cannot be ordained. This matter will be addressed by the annual conferences’ pastors, local congregations and boards of ordained ministry. Congregations will vote on whether they are open to receive or not receive homosexual ministers.

The **Connectional Church Plan** also would remove the language from The Book of Discipline. Annual Conferences would no longer be geographically based but configured on the basis of whether they support homosexual ministers. More logistics would be required for this plan above all three with five constitutional amendments required.

The **Traditional Plan** retains the language prohibiting the ordination of homosexual ministers and officiating homosexual weddings in The Book of Discipline. The decision to violate this stipulation would result in a minimum of one year suspension for first offense and permanent termination for a second. Only this plan allows for a gracious exit for any congregation from the denomination that allows them to keep their property.

Please don’t rely on my brief synopsis of each plan as your only information. Please locate a thorough report. Bishop David Graves will conduct a Town Hall Meeting Sunday October 21st, 3 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC. Anyone in our church is welcome to attend. You can have your questions answered and gain more insight.

Thank you for your loyal commitment to Brundidge United Methodist Church—Rev Ed

HAPPY
BIRTHDAY



- Cathy Connell-1st
- Luke Barron-3rd
- Alissa Barron-3rd
- 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

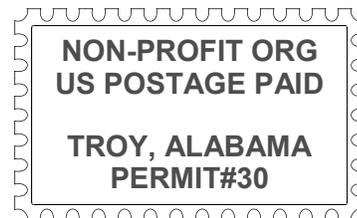
In Memory
of Ann Smart

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-BUMC



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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) What did Delaware?
- 2.) What did Tennessee?
- 3.) What state is round at both ends and hi in the middle?



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Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) A New Jersey. 2.) What Arkansas 3.) Ohio :)