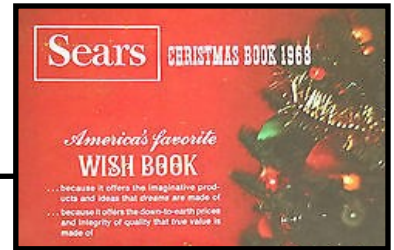


December 2017 Newsletter

Brundidge United Methodist Church



Dreaming About What You Will Get

When I was growing up we received the Sears Wish Book in October. I was the youngest of four children so I had to scramble and seize every opportunity available to get my anxious hands and excited eyes on that magnificent color printed guide to all the neatest gifts for the approaching Christmas.

Soon the pages' edges would have spots where the ink colors were worn away by probing fingers and everybody bent down the page corner marking what they wanted for Christmas. Of course all of us had to let Mom and Dad know what we wanted for Christmas because they had an inside connection with Santa Claus.

Just a little bit of nostalgia, the Sears Wish Book made its debut in 1933 and its last publication was in 2011. Indeed our family's trips from Millbrook to Montgomery included a stop at the Sears store just off South Court Street near Fairview Avenue. Eddie always had to sit on Santa's knee at the Normandale Shopping Center.

If only all Christians would capture the same sense of jubilant anticipation in searching through the Bible, what a powerful church we would have today. The Spirit and the bride say, "Come " And let the one who hears say, "Come " And let the one who is thirsty come; let the one who wishes take the water of life without cost. (Revelation 22:17)

In the old days, you had to shop early because you had to fill out the order form usually in the center of the catalog, add the total cost of the items, look and locate on a chart your shipping cost. Send the order with a check in the mail and wait for six to eight weeks for delivery. Remember those days? I hope it gets here in time!

Praise the Lord who has always been in the instant delivery business. "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord shall be saved." (Romans 10:13) Today's biggest problem is all the speedy stuff that can never satisfy occupies our lives to crowd out the everlasting joy offered by Jesus. Get free Salvation now from Jesus!

Before you click "add to the cart" make sure Jesus is "added in your heart." Christ will return, we shall be like him in a glorified body, where there is no sadness, and we can spend many fun faith filled hours identifying those wondrous promises in God's Holy Word. Let your Bible pages be worn through eager searching and mark your favorite verses in anticipation of that Joyful Day when Christ returns.

In Christ's love..... Rev Ed

Thanks for Helping to Identify Photographs



This is one of my favorites. It is Easter 1967. You identified Mary Patterson as the lady in the forefront left, the gentleman behind her is Max Blackmon, and the pastor to the far right is Reverend Leo Brannon. We will keep a pile of photos in the fellowship hall. With your help we will figure out when, who and where. Than we will eventually place them in photo albums. This is a valuable undertaking to properly keep historic records for future generations in Brundidge United Methodist Church. And isn't it fun to reminisce as you sift through the stack of photographs? It is better than keeping them unidentified stored away in a closet.

Our Devotional Book for Lent from Brundidge UMC Members

We are receiving some contributions from our church members for our church's Lenten Devotional book. Thank you for responding. Please keep them coming in for this special project that features our congregation's inspirational messages to prepare us for the celebration of Easter. We will compile a book, print it and distribute it at the beginning of Lent 2018. Please get your devotional to the church office by January 17th.

Christmas Programs to Mark on Your Calendar



December 10th Sunday 6 p.m. "Christmas A to Z"

by our Youth and Children

White Christmas Offering for Children's Home

December 17th 7:30 a.m. Church-Wide Breakfast

December 17th 8:30 a.m. Christmas Song Service

Early Service Band and Guests

December 17th Sunday 11 a.m. "Repeat the Sounding Joy"

by Our Chancel Choir

December 24th Sunday 5 p.m. until 6 p.m.

"Christmas Eve Communion"



Epiphany Service Saturday January 6, 2018

6:00 p.m. Clay Hill Church

Come enjoy a rustic old country church celebration of that wondrous worship of the Christ Child by the wise men. The candlelight and the old wood frame church create a marvelous meaningful setting to offer praise to the King of kings.

BUMC Sold the Lot Next to the Former Bank Building

We did not advertise that our 2 acre lot was for sale. Your pastor received a call one day from Patsy Gibson, the owner of Crowe's Chicken in Brundidge. She asked if we would consider selling the lot to her. After some discussion, her offer of \$50,000 plus closing costs was accepted at a called charge conference by the church. Time has passed and circumstances changed since the initial purchase of that land. Your church leaders thought that it was best to sell with such a generous offer. Hey, the chicken will be just across the road for our future dinners on the church ground! Amen.

Dome Work Next on Main Sanctuary Building

We have the funds to proceed with replacing the siding around the dome, installing a door on the backside for easier roof access, and some repairs to the roof. Thank you for continuing to donate to the building fund. What next? Repair of front steps and new exterior paint.



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CHRISTMAS OPEN HOUSE

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 14TH

6PM-8PM

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

Genesis 21:6

- 1.) What starts with an "E: but has a single letter in it?
- 2.) What tastes better than it smells?
- 3.) What can be measured but has no length, width, or thickness?
- 4.) Who takes longer to get ready for a trip– an elephant or a rooster?
- 5.) Why are we sure that Indians were the first people in North America?



Answers: 1.) An envelope 2.) The Tongue 3.) The Temperature 4.) The elephant has to pack his trunk while the rooster only takes his comb. 5.) Because they had reservations! :