



**Men of Cornerstone Lead January 29th
5th Sunday Singing Service**

These musical Methodists are from Newnan, Georgia. They sing beautiful renditions of many hymns that are very meaningful along with Southern Gospel Quartet songs. I had the pleasure of leading a revival service at Auburn United Methodist Church with these men. We prayed together and asked the Lord to bless everyone at the meeting. I felt the Holy Spirit move among us as we allowed praises to our Risen Lord to overflow our hearts. This will be our 5th Sunday Singing Service with a covered dish lunch to follow the 11 a.m. worship service. There will be no early service that day. Please invite your neighbors and friends to this special service. We intend to advertise this concert through local media and on the Southern Gospel USA television show. We will ask all visitors to be our guests for lunch that day. A love offering will be received to help Men of Cornerstone with their travel and performance expenses at the close of the service.

I know that Christmas has been so busy for many of us that we have not even planned for the New Year 2017. I am excited about the possibilities for every single member of Brundidge United Methodist Church as we move forward in faith.

In all of your New Year’s resolutions please make “Growing in Christ in Brundidge United Methodist Church” a renewed commitment in your life. We have so many praises of thanksgiving to offer up to the Lord! We have children and youth maturing in their spiritual walk with the Lord in the church.

Every Sunday I am encouraged to see these future leaders of the church sharing their spiritual gifts with everyone. Our younger children have great examples to emulate in our youth. We have superb volunteer youth leaders and devoted parents supporting them.

So, keep two activities at your forefront in this New Year: share your ideas and support our ministries for Christ! “I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord.” (Psalm 122:1)

We need more people to attend our church council meetings where we talk about different ways we can strengthen our church’s ministry for Jesus, our congregation, and our community.

I want to thank all who made the Advent and Christmas season so enjoyable and meaningful. The decorations in the sanctuary were beautiful. I appreciate all our Sunday school classes leading us in the lighting of the Advent candles. All of you did a fantastic job.

Remember that the pledge cards are located in the church foyer. All of you have been so faithful to support the church budget. Thank you for making sure Brundidge United Methodist Church continues to have effective ministry programs with a church staff able to serve Christ and this blessed church.

In Christ’s love.....Rev Ed

Epiphany Service at Clay Hill Church

Friday January 6th, 6 p.m.

The Day of Epiphany is January 6th this New Year of 2017. Please make it your Friday night trip to the old country church in Pronto for old fashion singing in an unique rustic atmosphere. This special program recreates the journey of the Wise Men travelling to see the Christ child.



LifeSouth Bloodmobile at Brundidge UMC

Sunday January 15th

8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Give blood and save lives!

New Playground Equipment Showing Up One by One

You may have noticed a bench swing and a children's picnic table in the playground area. As David Holland finishes the equipment it will be put in its place. We hope to have a very nice playground ready for our youth very soon. If you like David's work, he is very reasonably priced and he does great work. Call Holland's Wood Art at 334-397-4464.



All New Church Officers and Committee Members Begin January 1st



All new members of committees as of January 1st you are now serving. Chairpersons please contact your committee members for these meetings personally in addition to church bulletin meeting announcements. If you want to learn more about your church leadership position find www.umc.org on the internet, click on the magnifying glass symbol for the search engine, and type in your church position to discover your duties and responsibilities (i.e.. "trustee"). If you need a printed copy let the church office know.

You are expected to serve through the year. I have already had some people approach me about stepping aside in their leadership position or wanting to change the configuration of their committee. Sorry, the time to make changes was during the nominating committee meetings. All positions were secured in place at the charge conference. Barring some very serious reason all leadership positions shall remain. I appreciate your commitment to serve Brundidge UMC. Copies of the 2017 Leadership List will be placed on the foyer in the main sanctuary building.

Perhaps the Most Memorable New Year's Sermon Ever!

A former slave ship captain now served a small village church in Olney, England. Reverend John Newton told his congregation on January 1, 1773, "We are spared thus far. But some I fear are strangers to the promises. You are entered upon a New Year. It may be your last. You are at present barren trees in the vineyard. O fear lest the sentence should go forth: Cut it down!"

Then Newton shared a hymn that he wrote entitled "Faith's Review and Expectation." Later when he published it in his 1779 "Olney Hymns" book, most folks would start calling this hymn by the first two words of the first verse "Amazing Grace."

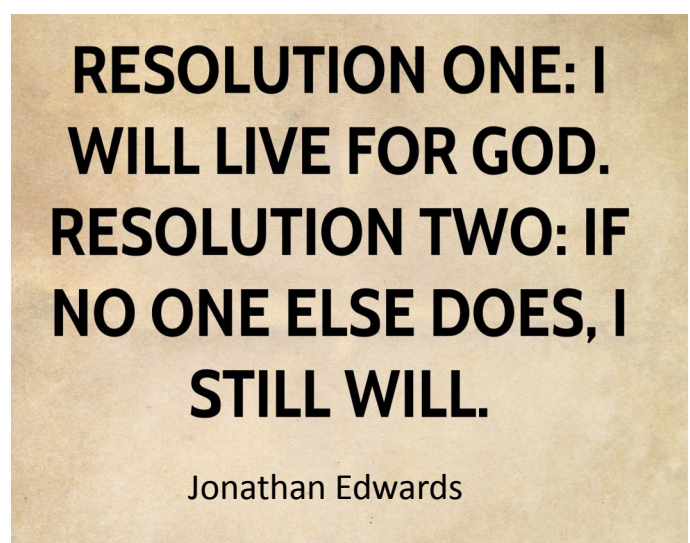
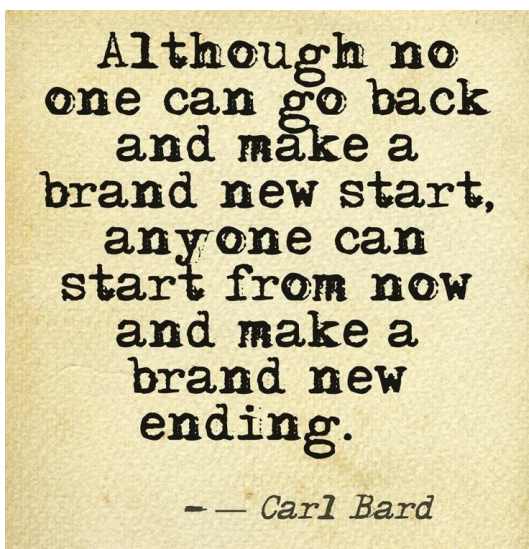


New Year's Resolutions Need Savior's Staying Power

The word is that about 80 percent of those who make New Year's resolutions have lost that New Year's resolution loving feeling by Valentine's Day. The question to ask is "Why am I making this resolution?" Is this for me or just another awkward adjustment to meet somebody else's expectations? I think the question to ask is "How does this resolution fit into God's plan for my life?"

An appropriate prayer from The Book of Common Prayer is:

Almighty God, You alone can bring into order the unruly wills and affections of sinners: Grant your people grace to love what you command and desire what You promise; that, among the swift and varied changes of the world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.



Annual Consultations with Pastors and their District Superintendents

Former New York Mayor Ed Koch used to always ask "How I'm doing?" In January and February pastors and congregations are asked the same thing. So, if you want to relay comments of any type to the Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee about your pastor please communicate with your SPPRC chairperson Billy Hixon. I often say "I'm happy to hang my clergy robe at Brundidge UMC. Sharon, Amber, and I are very pleased to serve this fine congregation."

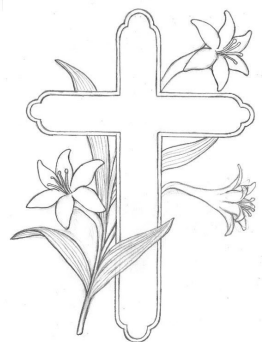


BUMC is Sponsoring a Mental Health First Aider Class With the assistance of Troy's East Central Mental Health Center, the Brundidge United Methodist Church (BUMC) is offering an adult Mental Health First Aide Certification class on Saturday, January 21, 2017 from 8:00 A.M. to 4:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall. We still need volunteers to make up the needed 15-participants to engage an instructor...So please call the BUMC office today! Whether you are a teacher, a parent, a business leader, a student needing to update your curriculum vitae or someone who wants to help make mental health first aid as common as CPR, please plan to join us!

The Mental Health First Aid course teaches how to help a person considering suicide and/or experiencing a mental health crisis. Participants will learn risk factors/ warning signs of mental health and addiction, as well as

strategies to help in both crisis and non-crisis situations. We can all be more aware and more informed. Certification will require an 8-hour attendance.

If interested, please sign-up by calling the BUMC Office at (334) 735-3180. Cost to you will be \$10 each to cover the cost of books (collected at the door). Upon completion, you will receive a certificate recognized by the state of Alabama. The BUMC Evangelism Committee will be providing lunch, so please do not miss this opportunity to make a difference!



In Honor of:

Conners Minton

Given by: Eddie & Tammy Powell

Our Children & Grandchildren

Given by: Charles & Mary Adams

In Memory of:

Raif & Grace Wilson

Harold & Rachel Rodgers

Given by: Allen & Ginger Rodgers

Ray Helms

And Other family members who are with
the Lord

Given by: Nellie Sue Helms

Emma Nell Maloy

Given by: Betty Hixon

Red & Scooter Conners

Fred & Sara Powell

Given by: Eddie & Tammy Powell

In Memory of:

Reynolds & Shirley Wallace

Given by: Chip & Helen Wallace, Cot &
Jean Wallace

Robert (Bob) Aronson

Given by: June Aronson

Louie & Connie Pearl Helms

Earl, Ray, Billy, & Tommy Helms

Sam & Ruth Adams

Given by: Charles and Mary Adams

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