

Brundidge United Methodist Church

January 2020 Newsletter



Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition!

We welcome the New Year! And we remember how important it is to continue wearing the Armor of God (Ephesians 6:10-20). You can certainly feel discouraged and it seems like we, Christians, have been forced to retreat from the frontlines by the forces of demonic decadence.

However, praise the Lord that I am in God's Army! As we enter a new decade let us muster into ranks and listen to Commander Christ. Jesus issued a New Commandment: "A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another." (John 13:34)

Loving others is not compromising on Scripture. We are not catapulting one sin over others sins, and certainly not above our sin. However, let us remember what behavior has been identified as displeasing to God. In a loving way perhaps we can all vow to take measures to see Christ's character more prominently present on all levels in our society in this new decade, let it begin with me.

The Apostle Paul gave us the identity of "Ambassadors for Christ" (2 Corinthians 5:20). The dictionary provides this definition of "ambassador": a diplomatic official of the highest rank, sent by one sovereign or state to another as its resident representative. We are citizens of the eternal Kingdom of God. This part of the world, the United States of America, is a foreign land to Jesus' disciples. Its morality is falling into more intensive conflict with God's Word.

"Praise the Lord and Pass the Ammunition" was a popular song recorded by Kay Kyser. It was composed by Frank Loesser after the surprise attack on Pearl Harbor by the Japanese December 7, 1941. "Praise the Lord and pass the ammunition and we'll all stay free." We have certainly had some surprise attacks against Christian morality in our nation lately. With the love of Jesus and our loyalty to the Lord's commands recorded in God's inerrant Holy Scripture we will stand our Gospel ground.

**God will only use the soldiers He can trust, To keep on the firing line;
If you'd wear a crown then bear a cross you must, And keep on the firing line;
Life is ours to labor for the Master here, Help to banish evil and to spread good cheer;
Great reward He gives you for the service here, So keep on the firing line.**

So, Ambassadors for Christ give your praise up to Jesus, armor up to defend the Gospel, and know the Cross comes before the Crown.

Tend to Your Soul and Think Eternal.....Rev Ed



On January 9, 1777, Bishop Francis Asbury wrote in his journal:
“My soul lives constantly as in the presence of God, and enjoys much of His divine favor. His love is better than life!”

**Epiphany Service Monday January 6th, 2020
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.



Church Council Meeting Sunday January 19th, 3 p.m.

All are invited to the church council meeting. I think there has been some confusion on who is on the church council. Any church member is welcome and encouraged to attend. Our attendance has been low at previous meetings. We discuss important issues related to the operation of our church and our ministry for Jesus. Every now and then I will hear “Who decided that we, the church, would do that?” The answer is “The Church Council.” So, we really want your input and we want everybody to stay informed. We are doing great things at Brundidge UMC! Amen! We discuss the great milestones we have reached and plan for the future at these church council meetings.

**District Conference and Training Event Sunday, January 26, 2020
3:00 p.m. at Saint James United Methodist Church in Montgomery.**

Thank You for a Glorious Great 2019 for Brundidge UMC

You faithfully tithed and gave generously. Your support of the building fund is drawing us closer to finishing repairs on the main sanctuary building as this Homecoming 2020, the 3rd Sunday in October (Oct. 18th), will be a centennial celebration of the structure’s completion. We appreciate your donations to the Prayer Cushion Fund as needlepoint kneelers are being made for the Communion altar. We met our budget in 2019 and we anticipate meeting our budget this year. This is your pastor’s seventh year at Brundidge UMC. Your record of keeping pastors for considerable lengths of time speaks very highly of you as a congregation. You are supportive, loving, forgiving and encouraging. Cot Wallace is your Staff Pastor Parish Relations Committee (SPPRC) chairperson as January 1st. We are also excited to have Max Copeland serve as our Lay Leader. Let us keep praying and serving together for Christ.



We are changing things up a bit for our 2020 Operation Christmas Child shoebox collection! In an effort to pack even more shoeboxes from BUMC next year, we plan to collect different items all year long. Keep a look out in the newsletters to see what we are collecting each month! In January we will begin collecting personal care items.

Examples of these items include:

Comb, Hairbrush, Toothbrush, Washcloth, Bar soap (packaged and/or in a container), Adhesive bandages (Colorful ones can help a child be more willing to wear a bandage. Do not include liquid antibiotic ointment.), Reusable plastic containers: cup, water bottle, plate, bowl, blunt-edged utensils (Consider filling an empty container with non-liquid items such as combs, markers, sunglasses, or washcloths to maximize the space.) Blankets.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Homer Homann

Barb Homann— Prayer Cushions

In Memory of Mr. & Mrs. Adrian C Talbot,

Mr. & Mrs. Virgil B. Huff, and Mr. & Mrs. Sgt. First

Class Charles A. & Doris Richards

Mike & Sue Richards— Building Fund

In Honor of Susan Helms

Mike & Sue Richards— Building Fund

In Honor of Jimmie & Freida Spikes

Mike & Sue Richards— Building Fund

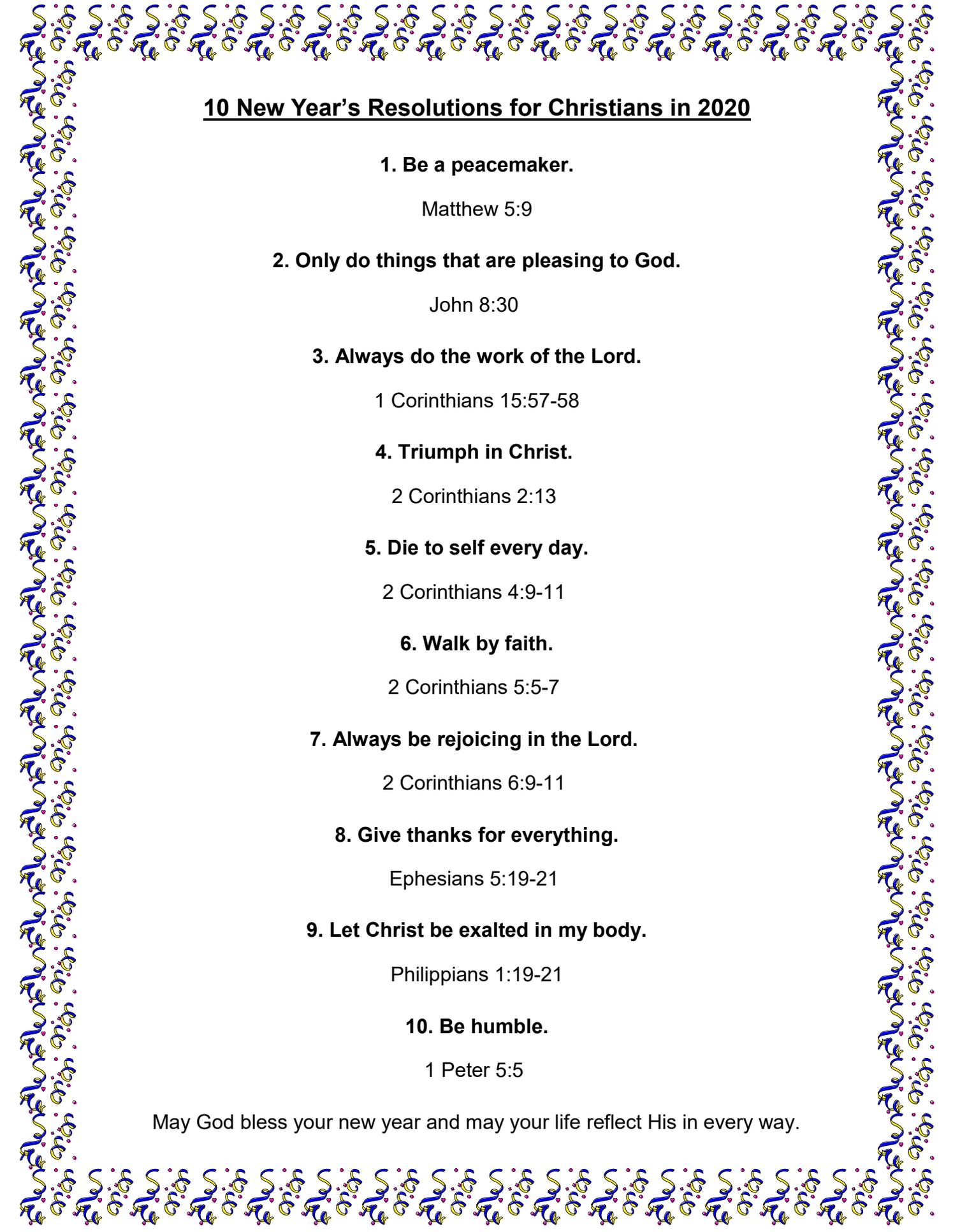
In Honor of Edna Dorrill

Nellie Sue Helms— Prayer Cushions



January Birthdays

Daisy Hollis-1st
 Wynnette Fryer-2nd
 Jaine Treadwell- 3rd
 Evan Strother-7th
 Georgia Galloway- 9th
 Cindy Johnson- 9th
 Jimmy Hollis-10th
 Donna Hogan-11th
 Mike Robinson-11th
 Penny Dickert-15th
 Adam Sanders-22nd
 Helen Wallace-27th
 Lauri Dorrill-31st



10 New Year's Resolutions for Christians in 2020

1. Be a peacemaker.

Matthew 5:9

2. Only do things that are pleasing to God.

John 8:30

3. Always do the work of the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:57-58

4. Triumph in Christ.

2 Corinthians 2:13

5. Die to self every day.

2 Corinthians 4:9-11

6. Walk by faith.

2 Corinthians 5:5-7

7. Always be rejoicing in the Lord.

2 Corinthians 6:9-11

8. Give thanks for everything.

Ephesians 5:19-21

9. Let Christ be exalted in my body.

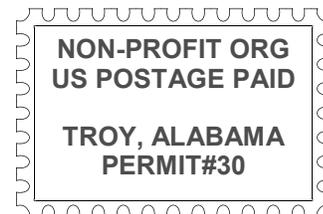
Philippians 1:19-21

10. Be humble.

1 Peter 5:5

May God bless your new year and may your life reflect His in every way.

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) I'm always on the dinner table, but you don't get to eat me. What am I?
- 2.) What's bright orange with green on top and sounds like a parrot?
- 3.) I am often following you and copying your every move. Yet you can never touch me or catch me. What am I?
- 4.) What begins with *T* ends with *T* and has *T* in it?
- 5.) What kind of tree can you carry in your hand?



Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) the dinner plates. 2.) a carrot 3.) a shadow 4.) a teapot 5.) a palm