



Freedom Still Needs Fences

“Badges! We don’t need no stinkin’ badges!” From what classic movie does that quote come from? When humanity solely relies on self for setting the perimeters for acceptable behavior, immorality and degradation flourish. That is why when God delivered Israel from Egyptian bondage to set His people aside to live according to His expectations of righteous behavior, He gave them the Ten Commandments. (Exodus 20:1-17)

“In those days Israel had no king; everyone did as they saw fit.” (Judges 21:25) Freedom without fences results in lawlessness. I am so thankful for those who guard the fences in our society today. Our law enforcement officers are out there placing their lives in serious danger to remind our society there are boundaries that should not be crossed for the welfare and respect of others.

Well, did you guess the name of the movie where the “we don’t need no stinkin’ badges” quote is from? The 1948 film “The Treasure of Sierra Madre” starring Humphry Bogart. Friends, we do need badges and we are thankful for those who wear those badges.

As Christians we are familiar with Jesus’ words “But I tell you, do not resist an evil person. If anyone slaps you on the right cheek, turn to them the other cheek also.” (Matthew 5:39) If we just turn the other cheek to the wicked we’ll have two red cheeks and nothing left in this world. I worked in the jail. I dealt with some of these people: they’re outside the jail too. I have met a few in the pews. The wicked do not respect others. They will cross any boundary to rob, steal, and kill. (John 10:10)

“The wicked plots against the just, and gnashes at him with his teeth. The Lord laughs at him, For He sees that his day is coming. The wicked have drawn the sword and have bent their bow, to cast down the poor and needy, to slay those who are of upright conduct. Their sword shall enter their own heart, and their bows shall be broken.” (Psalm 37:12-15)

The good news is that the faithful who enjoy freedom while still maintaining the fences will prevail. We wear the badge of God’s Inerrant True Word. All must stand and defend the Lord’s righteousness. The wicked will not enter the gate. They will try to crawl over the fences. (John 10:1) Praise the Lord for the gatekeepers and fence watchers. Friends, never tire of doing good for that will bring your greatest reward in Heaven. (Galatians 6:9-10) We do need to be enforcers of the Lord’s Righteousness in the world and hold the wicked accountable for their unacceptable behavior.

Brundidge UMC Honors First Responders in July

Every church member please pray this prayer:



Dear Lord, we are so blessed to have men and women who work diligently for our safety and well-being, even when their jobs are difficult and often thankless. Help us remember to thank You for their sacrifices and service to our community. May we touch heaven with prayers of gratitude whenever we see or personally encounter first responders. Give them the strength that You provide so that as they serve, You will be honored. In Jesus' name. Amen.

Galatians 6:9-10: "Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, especially to those who belong to the family of believers."

Snack Bin of Appreciation at Brundidge Police Department

Please remember to bring snacks to the church to restock the snack bin over at the police station. Snack size chips, breakfast bars, candy bars, smaller peanut packets, and so forth.

Sunday July 29th 11 a.m. First Responder Appreciation Sunday

We are inviting all first responders who serve Brundidge to attend with their families. Walter Wilson will give us an inspirational concert. Bring covered dishes for a lunch to follow the service (a little extra than usual for feeding the first responders and their families).

Be a Part of Making BUMC a First Aid Ready Church!

Sunday Afternoon, July 22nd, 3 p.m.

We need at least ten church members to meet the minimum attendance requirement for the **"Stop the Bleed"** Training program that Sunday afternoon. Please call the church office at 735-3180 to register. The cost is \$25 per a person payable at the seminar. Write checks to the trainer "Jacob Fannin." A light supper will follow the program.



After this training program, First Aid stations will be located on the church property with essential valuable supplies available for minor injuries or immediate response to trauma.

Work on Dome Done and Looks Great!



Now the siding matches the eaves! It cost \$22K to complete, and we thank you for giving to the Building Fund. We are ahead of schedule to get the main sanctuary building ready for the 2020 centennial celebration. Two other projects are: exterior paint and repair of front steps. The Clay Hill Church needs exterior paint also. We need you to remember to donate to the building fund when you can.

You've probably heard that the sell of our property near the former bank building did not come to fruition. That would have been \$50K if the deal worked out.

Next Bus Trip is the Conference Historical Society Meeting, September 20th

Brochures are in the church foyer and downloadable online at www.awfhistory.com. You must register by September 5th. This is a one day event at Camden, Alabama. Rev Ed Shirley will present the Ebenezer Hearn dialogue, we'll tour historical sites, and dine in Hearn's home.



What's the status on the prayer cushions? We're so glad you asked. It is a work in progress! Our altar is a one of a kind, non-symmetrical, custom size. This means it is taking a bit longer than we expected to have every inch measured, re-measured, and measured again to have the cushions fit for our church. We hope to have this project completed by Christmas. Thank you for your generous donations!

We appreciate everyone who worked to make our Vacation Bible School a success. Everyone had a great time learning that even when we are lonely, worried, struggling, powerless, or when we do wrong...

Jesus rescues!!!!



Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of John Clark Gamble

Billy & Judy Jackson- Prayer Cushion Fund

In Memory of Tom Smart

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Mason McLendon Fund

In Memory of Jeff Harbuck

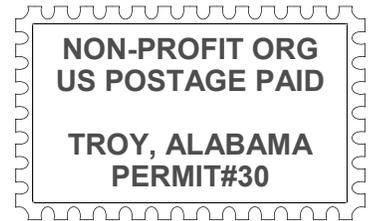
Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Mason McLendon Fund



Lucas Fraley-1st, Rebecca Hagan-1st, Homer Homann-2nd, Rylee Copeland-3rd,
Jason Dorrill-7th, Abigail Garrett- 9th, Shannon Robinson-10th, Hollis Treadwell-11th,
Frank Fryer-11th, Henry Howard, Jr.-15th, Johnnie Ramage-15th,
Chase Foster-16th, Lawrence Bowden-16th, Morgan Bundy-18th,
Sue Richards-19th, Nellie Sue Helms-20th, Shelby Strother-26th, Marie Thompson
-26th, Sheila Johnston-26th, Melanie Baker-28th, Chip Wallace-29th,
Melissa S. Mockros-30th, Lynn Bundy-31st

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) Why did the baker quit his job?
- 2.) What happens to a postman when he gets old?
- 3.) Why did the cross-eyed teacher lose his job?
- 4.) If you were surrounded by 10 lions, 4 tigers, 3 grizzly bears, and 4 leopards, how could you escape?



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Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) Because he wasn't making enough dough. 2.) He loses his "zip" 3.) Because he couldn't control his pupils 4.) Wait until the merry-go-round stops, and get off :)

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4 	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15 Church-wide breakfast and  Blood Drive	16	17	18	19	20	21
22 Stop the Bleed Training, 3pm 	23	24	25	26	27	28
29 Recognition Sunday   	30	31	1 <i>hello august</i>	2	3	4