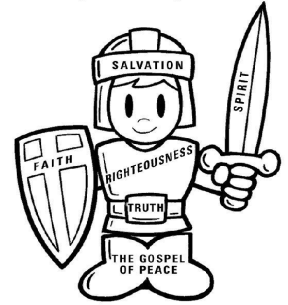


Brundidge United Methodist Church

June 2018 Newsletter

Armor of God



Ephesians 6:11-18

Temptations are Always in the Margins of Life

I have noticed that when I visit my Facebook page that items that I have been viewing on other websites appear in the margins. I was simply window shopping on Amazon.com, looking at guitars on the Musician's Friend website, or viewing video projectors on B&H Photo. The very item that I looked at is right there to remind me "You can purchase this Ed! Go ahead click and charge!"

As Christians we need to be conscious of the fact that temptations are right there on the margins of our lives luring us into sin. First Peter 5:8 says "Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour."

When I worked the graveyard shift at the county jail as a 911 operator, dispatcher and correctional officer, I had to make sure I got enough sleep during the daytime to function properly throughout the night. Folks would ask me to meet them during the day for this or that, and I often replied "I can only meet for a little while in the early morning or the early evening." My mind needed to be alert and I needed to be ready to respond to any possible situation at the jail. Sometimes I just had to say "I have to go home. I need a clear alert mind for the workplace tonight."

If we fail to replenish our spiritual lives, we are apt to fall into temptation. Praying and reading the Bible are ways to keep alert to readily identify Satan's schemes and respond well when temptation wants you to stray off the main path.

The Devil is waiting and watching for you to let down your guard, then he will attack. James 4:7 says "Submit yourselves therefore to God. Resist the devil, and he will flee from you."

Spiritual sleep is allowing your every waking hour to be filled with earthly matters concerning the welfare of the flesh. The soul needs nourishment and exercise for now and eternity. If we neglect care of our spiritual lives then we will certainly drift into the margins that will trip and trap our lives. "Put on the full armor of God, so that you can take your stand against the devil's schemes." (Ephesians 6:11)

Make sure your path in life does not trod too close to the margins. Sin snags those who carelessly stroll along in a spiritual stupor.

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



Casual Summer Months at Church

Your pastor will not be wearing a tie during June, July and August. So, please keep your hands off the tie rack. Everybody dress casual and try to keep cool.

Please Donate for the Snack Bin for the Brundidge Police Department

We are going to provide a snacking station for our local police department during the month of July. Then we will have a special “Honor First Responders 5th Sunday” July 29th 11 a.m. Service. Walter Wilson will give all of us another great Gospel music concert!

So the snack bin starts July 1st. Donate small chip bags, candy bars, breakfast bars, cracker packs, snack size cookie bags and so on. A large box will be placed in the sanctuary foyer.



Safe to Say “Glad to Stay at Brundidge UMC”

Rev Ed Shirley, Sharon, Amber (when home from Huntingdon College) and “Mercy” the house cat are remaining as we complete year five and go into year six! “Thank you for putting up with me.” Jesus is keeping us together to do His work! What a joy to see small children mature into teenagers with bright futures. To see us progress in renovating the main sanctuary building as we look to the centennial celebration of the building completion 1920-2020. I pray that through everything we can say “We are blessed and moving forward in faith.”

Thank You from Jensen Garrett

Dear Members of Brundidge United Methodist Church,

I am so honored to be a recipient of the Virginia Johnston Scholarship. With the generous support of the church, I am able to attend Troy University as a Studio Art major with a minor in Marketing.

With my dual enrollment credits, I will start as a second-semester freshman this fall. I will also continue working as a volunteer for our community with the annual book drive as well as working at the Johnson Center for the Arts as a social media manager and assistant to the exhibitions coordinators.

I look forward to college and participating in organizations on campus at Troy that will help me better myself and jumpstart a career that will enable me to help others.

My academic pursuits would never be possible without your financial support. Thank you so much for the support and love throughout the years! God bless you all.

Sincerely.....Jensen Garrett

First Aid Response Training Sunday July 22nd, 3 p.m.

This is a great opportunity to learn how to stabilize an injured person the best way possible until an emergency medical team arrives. You can use these acquired skills at school, in the workplace, and at church. We need at least ten people to attend and the cost is \$25 per person. The instructor is Jacob Fannin of "Stop the Bleed." You will receive training material and a light supper will follow. Call the church office at 735-3180 to register. This is for church members and anyone in the community. Make your checks payable to "Jacob Fannin."



Congratulations to the Patriots Boys Baseball Team for Winning the Alabama Independent School Association (AISA) State Championship and the Girl Patriots Softball Team for placing 3rd in the State.



A lot of folks associated with Brundidge United Methodist Church were on the Boys Team including Clay Barron, Trevor Barron, Max Copeland, Cody Hollis, Hunter Keenan, and Assistant Coach Ross Hixon. On the Girl's Softball Team we had Morgan Bundy and Dannah Dawson. We are proud of you!

Monthly Scheduled Bus Trips Suspended Until September

Vacation Bible School June 10-13, 6-8 pm

Come enjoy Vacation Bible School with us. This year we will be Shipwrecked and Rescued by Jesus. Everyone is welcome to come. We will start VBS on Sunday June 10 and end on Wednesday June 13 with a VBS party. After the kids sing and receive their certificate, everyone is welcome to stay and enjoy snacks. We hope to see you there.



John Wesley Said Concerning Protecting Sound Doctrine

"I am not afraid that the people called Methodists should ever cease to exist in Europe or America. But I am afraid, lest they should only exist as a dead sect, having the form of religion without the power. And this undoubtedly will be the case unless they hold fast to the **doctrine**, spirit and discipline with which they first set out." And the Apostle Paul said "Hold to the standard of **sound teaching** that you have heard from me in the faith and love that are in Christ Jesus. Guard the good treasure entrusted to you, with the help of the Holy Spirit living in us." (2 Timothy 1:13-14) We hold fast to these words at Brundidge United Methodist Church.

Memorials and Honorariums

In Memory of Annelle Dickert Shields

Jimmy & Johnnie Ramage-BUMC

Richard & Shirley Chapman-Evangelism Fund

Jim & Laura Carpenter- We Care

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Hortense Horn

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Liz Belcher

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Pearlie Mae Flowers

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Bud Ross

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Bert Dubose

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Betty Hixon

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Sandra Shehane

Don Dickert-BUMC

In Memory of Dolly Ross

Vernon & Linda Jackson-Clay Hill Fund

In Memory of Jeff Harbuck

Eddie & Tammy Powell-Choir/Organ Fund

In Honor of Conners Minton

Eddie & Tammy Powell-Choir/Organ Fund



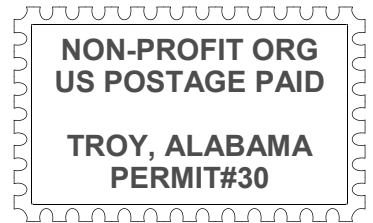
June Birthdays



Sammy Adams-1st, Melanie Adams-2nd, Adaline Ruth Adams-2nd, Margie Tatom-4th, Tinye Tatom-7th, Barb Homann-9th, Bill Park-10th, Kate Taylor-11th, Melodie Lauer-11th, Bill Hixon-12th, Don Dickert-20th, Genie Jones-21st, Michele Adams-21st, Liz Belcher-21st, Annsley Strother-23rd, Bill Jackson, Jr.-24th, Patsy Lee-24th, Connie Tatom-24th, Helen Galloway-25th, Michael Lawler-26th, Mary Ramage-27th, June Aronson-29th

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) What is a "T"?
- 2.) What time of day can you spell the same backward and forward?
- 3.) Why are there no psychiatrists for dogs?
- 4.) How can you make varnish disappear?



Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) The difference between 'here' and 'there' 2.) Noon 3.) Because everyone knows that dogs aren't allowed on couches. 4.) Take out the 'r' :)