

Brundidge United Methodist Church

March Newsletter 2019

Local Church Still Primary Beacon of Light

Let me apologize that I momentarily had an unhealthy shifting of focus toward denominational activity in Saint Louis. In the aftermath I realize that we, Brundidge United Methodist Church, are in ministry for Brundidge and Pike County. Special General Conference revealed that our denomination is divided, people are emotionally charged over the homosexuality issue, and everyone is hurting (both sides).

I saw the Traditional Plan as the only suitable option. The practice of homosexuality is incompatible with Christian teaching. Homosexuals should not be wedded in our United Methodist churches nor serve as clergy. If you can or cannot tolerate a pastor of that doctrinal stance, please still continue to be a part of the church. God's love welcomes everybody.

Special General Conference 2019 approved the Traditional Plan and an exit plan for local congregations. They may or may not go into effect until January 1, 2020. They have to be certified as constitutional which seems iffy? What was accomplished? We know a majority of United Methodists worldwide are not in favor of having homosexual weddings and clergy in their denomination.

I still want us to meet Sunday afternoon March 10th, at 3 p.m. for all interested church members to discuss our response to Special General Conference 2019.

Please make every effort to attend the March 7th, 6 p.m. meeting with Bishop David Graves at First United Methodist Church Montgomery.

Another Meeting is Saturday March 9th, 10 a.m. at Covenant UMC in Dothan if you cannot make the Montgomery meeting.

Let me simply say that we must live in submission to the authority of Christ, and we need to live in compliance with the standards established by God's inerrant eternal Scripture. As we discern the difference between right and wrong, we should hate the sin but not the sinner; probably because we are sinners too.

"Then we will no longer be infants, tossed about by the waves and carried around by every wind of teaching and by the clever cunning of men in their deceitful scheming. Instead, speaking the truth in love, we will in all things grow up into Christ Himself, who is the head." (Ephesians 4:14-15)

Let us first be in Christ as we are an active vital part of the local church. We have more than enough work to be done for the Gospel right around us.

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



Clay Hill Church Getting New Paint

Those in attendance at the Epiphany Service noticed the rough appearance of the historic building (circa 1878). The workers are waiting for a stretch of dry weather. The primer is oil based and it must have time to dry before the actual paint. The Clay Hill Church belongs to Brundidge United Methodist Church and we are responsible for its maintenance.

Easter Cantata Sunday March 31st, 11 a.m.

"Hallelujah! What a Savior!"

The Brundidge United Methodist Church Chancel Choir will help us celebrate our Risen Christ. This musical presentation is based on the beautiful hymn composed by Philip P. Bliss.



John Wesley said

"In all cases the church is to be judged by Scripture, not the Scripture by the church."



Easter is the Most Important Day on the Calendar

The day on the Christian calendar that celebrates the resurrection of Jesus Christ. It is celebrated on the first Sunday after the full moon on or after March 21st; therefore the date varies from March 22nd to April 25th. **This Easter April 21, 2019.**

Ash Wednesday Service Follows Wednesday Night Supper March 6th

Call church office to register for supper 735-3180 by noon Tuesday

Lent is the 40 day period in the Church calendar that begins on Ash Wednesday and finishes on Maundy Thursday. Because Easter is a movable feast, the dates vary from year to year.



Lent is really about denying yourself of something that you enjoy in order to be reminded that it's God that you depend on in life, that it's your heavenly Father that you most need in life - not facebook or a favorite food. This is the real meaning of Lent. In this way Lent mirrors the 40 days Jesus spent fasting in the wilderness. He voluntarily removed himself from the pleasures of life and company of people so that he could draw close to God, hear from Him, and prepare Himself for what was to come: an intense period of public ministry culminating in a gruesome death and extraordinary resurrection.

Prayer for Lent

Almighty God, whose blessed Son was led by the Spirit to be tempted by Satan: Come quickly to help us who are assaulted by many temptations; and, as you know the weaknesses of each of us, let each one find you mighty to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

Easter Sunday at Brundidge United Methodist Church in the year 1967!



Recognize anybody in this picture? Remember when young and old really dressed up for Easter Sunday? My Mom, Mildred Shirley, actually made our fancy outfits for Easter! She would look at the page in the Sears Catalogue, cut her own pattern, cut the material, and sew it all together. We were proud of what Momma and Singer did to get us spruced up for Easter. Amen.

Brundidge Teen Challenger “House of Hope” Banquet March 29th Friday 6:30 p.m. at J. Michelle’s on Highway 231

Brundidge United Methodist Church has a table reserved for eight. Your meal is paid for so come ready to make a donation. Please call the church and reserve your seat while they are available. Call 735-3180. An open house for the House of Hope will be earlier that Friday, March 29th, from 3 p.m. until 5 p.m.



Sav-A-Life Troy invites you to the annual dinner and auction on Friday, March 22nd, at 5:30pm at Park Memorial UMC. This is the biggest fundraiser of the year, and support raised is vital to the continuation of the ministry of Sav-A-Life. The guest speaker is Elaine Brown, associate pastor at Park Memorial and minister at the Troy Wesley Foundation.

Ticket price is \$25 per person and \$40 per couple. Please see Sharon Shirley for tickets.



Memorials



In Memory of Bill Jackson, Jr.

Randolph & Louise Johnston- Building Fund

Randall & Gail Thompson- We Care

Scott & Lynn Gilreath- Building Fund

Don Dickert- Building Fund

Sherroll & Tinye Tatom- Building Fund

In Memory of John W. Fryer & Jimmy Caldwell

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Building Fund

In Memory of Homer Homann

Don Dickert- Building Fund

Woodling Chiropractic-Building Fund

In Memory of Mr.& Mrs. TL Helms &

Sons Ray, Earl, Billy, & Tommy

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Building Fund

In Memory of James E. Caldwell

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund

In Memory of Elva Strother

Don Dickert- Building Fund

In Memory of Geraldine Prestwood

Don Dickert- Building Fund

In Memory of Noah Gene Black

Don Dickert- Building Fund

In Memory of Robert Newman

Don Dickert- Building Fund

In Memory of Jeff Harbuck

Don Dickert- Building Fund

In Memory of Pete Lott

Don Dickert- Building Fund

In Memory of Dick Barr

Don Dickert- Building Fund

In Memory of Gail Copeland

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Clay Hill

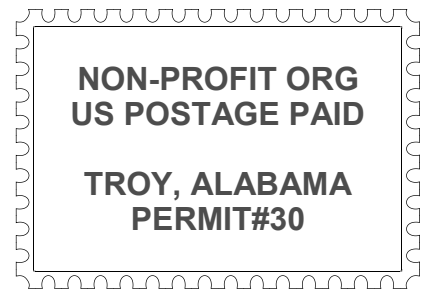
Don Dickert- Building Fund



Dana Thrash-2nd, Ken Dickert-2nd, Dylan Hollis-2nd,
Wes Bundy-4th, Rev. Ed Shirley-5th, Bo Coppage-5th,
Andre Paez-9th, Sharon Shirley-10th, Cady Rose
Bowden-12th, David Hollis-16th, Cleone Rogers-16th,
Mike Warren-16th, Gibson Baker-16th, Donna
Copeland-17th, Mary Catherine Hix-21st, Elsie Clare
Coppage-22nd, Katie Wallace-23rd, Mike Jones-24th,
Ken Price-25th, Daphne Coppage-25th, Don Renfro-
26th, Mary Ann Flowers-27th, Jennifer Garrett- 31st

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) What are the 6 main seasons?
- 2.) What kind of bed is a 3 Season Bed?
- 3.) What kind of General has a shocking personality?
- 4.) What kind of boats do vampires take when they travel?



Answers: 1.) Summer, Fall, Winter, Spring, Salt, & Pepper 2.) One without a spring. 3.) General Electric
4.) Blood Vessels :)