



What You Can't See Can Harm You!

Recently, I was overjoyed to find something in an antique mall that actually brought back fond memories...although it is practically outlawed today. What are you talking about Rev Ed? It was a small pump bug sprayer. How can such a thing bring happy thoughts to mind? When we would go camping in our 13 foot camping trailer Dad would do his nightly duty of protecting his family. "Cover your eyes," said Dad then the repetitive pumping noise began. It was his act of bravery to fend off mosquito attacks against his family. When I operate that old pump a smile forms on my face and I recall those great family moments of the past. Well the ingestion of those vapors was eventually deemed harmful and the bug pump was no longer sold.

The Apostle Paul stated "I have the right to do anything" you say— but not everything is beneficial. "I have the right to do anything"—but not everything is constructive. (1 Corinthians 10:13) The unsaved cannot see the Lord Jesus face-to-face. They don't see the eternal flames of hell. So, they dismiss such things as any threat to their lives. The saved compromise on God's Holy Scripture without a warning light suddenly flashing before their eyes, so they dismiss the authority of God's Word over their lives.

"Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him and are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy." (1 Peter 1:8). I have been persecuted and made fun of because I (Rev Ed) take every word of Scripture literally and I see every one of my actions ultimately brought to the judgement seat of Christ. (2 Corinthians 5:10)

Although the consequences of your acts of disobedience to God's Word may not have any detectable immediate adverse effect that doesn't mean you have the right to continue in that activity. Some are convinced that what they are doing is actually good and they are on a crusade with Christ's blessing because there is no major earthly obstruction in their path. "There is a way that appears to be right, but in the end it leads to death." (Proverbs 14:12) I say this with the present path of our denomination in mind and a reminder to all of us to never take lightly the required obedience to our Lord Jesus' commandments. "If you love me obey my commands" said Jesus. (John 14:15)

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

A Nice Donation in Memory of Lucy Campbell: A House



Some of our church members remember Lucy's beautiful voice that blessed our church from 1980 to 1989. Ginger Rodgers said "No one could sing 'Fill My Cup, Lord' as wonderfully as Lucy." Sara Bowden remarked "We were so privileged to have a member with such a beautiful voice." Mary Adams commented "Lucy was a beautiful woman inside and out! She had a beautiful voice that she shared with the choir and the Brundidge United Methodist Church.

We were blessed to have known her in our church." Nellie Sue Helms said "Lucy was special friend who always had a sweet smile and wonderful voice. We enjoyed her presence in the BUMC choir because she always added to the beauty of the song with her strong melody. I am thankful I am thankful for all my memories." Tammy Powell remembers, "Without a doubt, Lucy had one of the most melodic voices I've ever heard. She took a young, new choir member (me) and helped me feel comfortable with such a fine group of accomplished choir members! Even though Lucy had such tremendous vocal talent, she knew how to make others feel as though we sounded as wonderful as she did--even though we knew we didn't! Besides her vocal talent and her talent of welcoming others, Lucy also had a tremendous faith that was exhibited in all aspects of her life. Lucy is still missed by all who knew her!" We appreciate Don Campbell contacting us and presenting this donation to BUMC in honor of Lucy.



Come and join us explore the coolest book on the planet. This year's Vacation Bible School will be Sunday through Wednesday June 11th through the 14th from 6 p.m. until 8 p.m. The theme for this year's VBS is "Operation Arctic." All ages young and old are welcome. Everyone please attend the Wednesday 6 p.m. special presentation when the children will show us everything they learned. Please bring your favorite finger food to share after the closing program.

Look for the LifeSouth Blood Mobile on May 21st At BUMC

8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

We appreciate you responding to this need.

Please Register Now for Summer Camp at Blue Lake

Please go to www.bluelake.com to see the various offerings. There you will find a downloadable pdf file of the 2017 camp brochure. They even have father and son weekend camps as well as mother and daughter weekend camps. Phone 334-222-5407. Brundidge



United Methodist Church has scholarships available for our children interested in attending summer camp. A printed brochure is available at the church office to see the camp descriptions if you cannot access through a computer.

New Members Bring Encouragement to BUMC

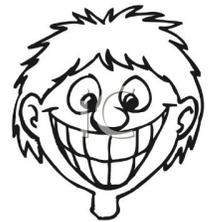
Recently Rev Ed completed five sessions of the confirmation class open to all ages and many of those individuals joined the church on Sunday April 23rd. More are expected to join soon. On April 23rd we added eight new members, Emily Bryan, Rylee Copeland, Morgan Jordan, Jayden Jordan, James Jordan, Hunter Keenan, Amanda Keenan, and Will Keenan.

The Keenan's address is 105 Indian Creek Trail, Troy, Alabama 36079

The Jordan's address is 570 County Road 6647, Banks, Alabama 36005



Smiles From Mrs. Sara



- 1.) Why is it confusing when a dog growls and wags his tail at the same time?
- 2.) Why did the lettuce win the race?
- 3.) Why did the actor fall through the floor?
- 4.) What kind of lights did Noah use on the ark?

Answers: 1.) It is hard to know which end to believe. 2.) He was a head. 3.) It was just a stage he was going through. 4.) Flood lights



Relay for Life is coming soon!

"Rockin' and Relayin'" is the theme for this year's Relay. The Committee wants your help, input, donations, and even more--your participation! Here is what is planned and where you can jump in to participate:

April 29th— Road Block--20 volunteers needed! 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. 4 volunteers per hour! Please contact Annette Bryan or Jaine Treadwell! This is a great way to volunteer and participate with our church in Relay for Life!

Monday, May 1st--Survivors Dinner at 6:00 p.m. at Park Memorial UMC.

Call 268-3258 to RSVP.

Friday, May 5th--Relay for Life! At the Troy Recreation soccer field at the ball field area. We want to have a really good turn-out for this event! We will have a tent and will have hotdogs and hamburgers grilled and ready to enjoy. Bring something to eat to share and go along with the dogs and burgers, as well as a chair, and walk with us as a team! This year there will be a real "tailgate" atmosphere. AND there will be three stages set up with a real variety of music from Johnny Barron and the Waterfall Band to Lenny Trawick as well as other bands. And if you are in the mood to dance to some of the great music, there will be plenty of places for dancing! Please bring chairs or blankets and join us for this very special Relay for Life Event!

You may also purchase luminaries to honor or memorialize people who have had cancer. Luminary forms can be found in the Troy Messenger and there will be some at church on Sunday, April 30.

You may donate to the Relay for Life by sending your donation to the church office, giving to the Road Block, and of course by participating in the Relay for Life on May 5th!

We look forward to you Rockin'and Relayin' at the Relay for Life with the BUMC group on May 5th! Hope to see you there! If you have any questions, please call Tammy Powell at 735-2115.

Pre-K News...

The month of April brought us new stories and a new Bible verse: Hosanna in the highest! Matthew 21:9. This Bible story is about a time when Peter told some people that Jesus was not his friend. How would we feel if someone said to us, "You're not my friend"? Would we feel sad? Did Peter feel sorry for saying Jesus was not his friend? We know that Jesus is always our friend.

Another story is about the time Jesus came into the city. He rode on a donkey and people put palm branches and robes on the road for the donkey to walk on. The people were excited to see Jesus. This day is Palm Sunday, a special day to celebrate Jesus.

The month of May will bring us stories of Peter and John, Peter and Tabitha, Peter and Cornelius, and Peter in prison. Our Bible verse is: I tell you that you are Peter and I'll build my church on this rock. Matthew 16:18

For an extra activity, the children painted at the easel. They painted large Easter eggs for the bulletin board in the room. Come check out our bulletin board. The caption reads, 'Jesus made us EGGstra Special!' The children also made Easter cards. The greeting inside reads "Jesus is Alive! Happy Easter!"

It is so rewarding for me to spend the time with these children on Sunday mornings. They are so eager to learn. I am very Blessed and they are very special.

Ode to Preschoolers

Come little children and you shall hear,
The reason I love to have you here.
Some 20 years plus I've had you around,
And during that time I have found...
You are bright, alert, and willing to learn,
When someone is sad you have great concern.
I know you have heard, "Good listener" and "self-control"
It's only because I want you to grow...
To be the biggest and best that you can be,
You'll always have confidence and love from me.
Wherever you are
Whatever you do
Remember there is only one special you,
This from the teacher you had in Pre-School.

-Barb Homann

Breakfast May 21st to Honor High School Graduate 2017

Savannah Hollis is our high school graduate this year. Please remember to get up early on the 3rd Sunday for the 7:30 a.m. breakfast.

Memorials

In Memory of Virginia Johnston

Ginny Stanley, Donald Johnston, Johnnie Johnston
-Virginia Johnston Scholarship Fund

In Memory of Jane Senn

Shirley Chapman- BUMC

In Memory of Ann Tatom

Kate Taylor-BUMC



MAY BIRTHDAYS

Hunter Hatfield-6th
Jimmy Ramage-8th
Margaret Ross-9th
Madelin Paez-11th
Stacey Hollis-14th
Robert Hudley-15th
Amy Ramage-16th
Riley Ramage-17th
Ann Webb-18th
Bettye Brooks-18th



Charles Adams-19th
Missy Strother-22nd
Linda Jackson-23rd
Erika Strother Moncrief-23rd
Judy Jackson-27th
Connors Minton-27th
Huck Treadwell-28th
Ty Tyson-28th
Cassidy Coppage-29th
Garrett Hatfield-31st

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