

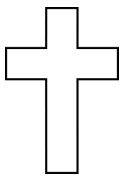
We all know what that word means. Have you ever wondered where it came from?

Somebody saw the necessity of coming up with a universally understood message to let somebody from anywhere know that you are in trouble and you need help. On the ocean a ship from Germany would understand that an Italian ocean liner is in trouble when they transmit “mayday.”

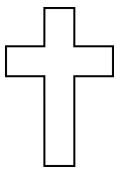
Sünde (German), peccato (Italian), pheaca (Irish), grzech (Polish), rpex (Russian), pecado (Spanish), and bűn (Hungarian). No matter what the language this word brings trouble for the whole world: “sin.” Yet there is only One way to be rescued from it’s danger and death: call out to **Jesus** for salvation.

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Assuredly call “911” when you have an emergency. Also, remember Jesus is standing by you when troubles come in this world.



## Memorial Day Crosses



We are so thankful for those who work hard to place Memorial Day crosses in the front lawn of Brundidge United Methodist Church. Each cross bears the name of a church member who served in the military and died. This is a powerful beautiful witness to our community.

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### **Hold On Until the Course of United Methodist Church is Defined**

The Commission On the Way Forward's report will be submitted to the Council of Bishops this month. The Commission On the Way Forward was composed of 32 clergy and laity from around the world to discuss ways of addressing the present impasse in the United Methodist Denomination. What is that impasse? A significant number of clergy and laity want to see homosexual marriage ceremonies in the church and practicing homosexuals ordained in the denomination, and a significant number do not. A special general session will be held in Saint Louis February 2019 to deal with this issue. The outcome of that special session will likely send a resolution to be ratified by all annual conferences before the 2020 general conference.

I am aware that across our country United Methodist Church members, clergy, and even congregations have already left the United Methodist Church over this important matter. However, all who leave no longer have any influence.

I have said this in many settings "The local church, Brundidge United Methodist Church, is more important than the district, the conference, and the denomination." Why? We are where the Gospel tread meets the road. We bring Jesus into our community. Brundidge UMC is a Godly, Christ-Centered, Bible-Believing Church.

Where do I stand? I stand on God's inerrant Word to be received in whole not in part. The Apostle Paul's words are Christ's words. Jesus said "If you love me, you will obey my commands." (John 14:15) Paul has identified specifically that the practice of homosexuality is displeasing to the Lord (Romans 1:26-27, 1 Corinthians 6:9-10, and 1 Timothy 1:9-10). I treat everyone with respect and never withhold the love of Christ. But, Holy Matrimony of homosexuals in the church is inappropriate and a person who confesses to being an active homosexual is disqualified from serving in any church leadership position. I am a sinner as well as everybody else. Yet, the standards of Heaven are not the standards of the world. Where the Holy Scripture gives us a clear directive on what is not acceptable we must follow. No one has tried to tell our church to do anything in conflict with our interpretation of God's Word and the standards we uphold. We are so joyfully busy serving our Jesus now that we don't have time to ponder over all the "what if's." There's only one "what if": If Jesus came today would He find us sharing the Gospel with others and living for Him? Hold on. Work on. Satan will not see us paralyzed with anxiety and anger over this issue.

**Rev Ed**

## What to do if we have an active shooter in the church?



**ACTIVE  
SHOOTER**

When you are aware of a person entering the sanctuary with a gun immediately lay flat under a pew. If you call 911 state “We have an active shooter at Brundidge United Methodist Church” then hang up. The 911 operator will probably tell you not to hang up because they are trained to keep in contact with the 911 caller. If you keep the line open the voice on the phone will direct the shooter’s attention in your direction. Do not stand up and run for an exit door. We have armed responders in the congregation. They need to have a clear shot

of the intruder and you do not want to get caught in the crossfire. I am praying that this is like the fire drill at school in that we practice, or know about it, but it doesn’t happen.

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## In May of Every Year We Celebrate Methodist Heritage Sunday

Usually all the focus is placed on John Wesley and his heart-warming experience at a Bible study meeting on Aldersgate Street, London, on May 24, 1738. The fact is often overlooked that his brother Charles had his heart-warming experience three days before on May 21, 1738. He was stricken physically ill and Charles Wesley was spiritually distraught. Charles wrote these words in his journal on that day:



**“At midnight I gave myself to Christ, assured that I was safe, whether sleeping or waking. I had the continual experience of His power to overcome all temptation, and I confessed with joy and surprise that He was able to do exceedingly abundantly for me above what I can ask or think.” -Charles Wesley**

And can it be that I should gain  
An int’reast in the Savior’s blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God, shouldst die for me?  
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A year after his heart-warming experience Charles Wesley composed this hymn “And Can It Be” to mark the anniversary of his conversion. He would write over 6500 hymns in his lifetime. (1707-1788) Yes, John Wesley was a great preacher and organizer. Yet, Charles brought an artistic energy to Methodism with his talents in poetry, preaching and hymn writing.

**Methodist Heritage Sunday May 20, 2018**

# Memorials and Honorariums

## In Memory of Gillis Hutchinson

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-BUMC

Kate Taylor- Youth Fund

Jimmy & Marian Renfroe-BUMC

## In Memory of Bob Aronson

June Aronson-Choir Fund

## In Memory of :

## Sargent First Class Clarence Anderson Gib-

son, Bessie Gibson Andrews,

William Claude & Nellie Jackson,

Dorothy Bratley Jackson,

Wilder Farnum & Sara Jackson

Billy & Judy Jackson- Prayer Cushion Fund

## In Memory of John & Eulahah Fryer

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Clay Hill Fund

## In Honor of Homer & Barb Homann

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Leisure Ministry

## In Memory of Annelle Dickert Shields

Kate Taylor- Mason McLendon Fund

June Aronson- BUMC

Dwayne & Anne Beason-BUMC



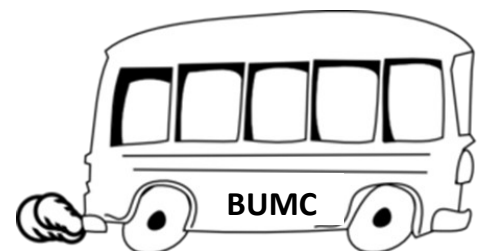
## May Birthdays



Hunter Hatfield-6th, Jimmy Ramage-8th, Margaret Ross-9th, Madelin Paez-11th, Amanda Keenan-14<sup>th</sup>, 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, Conners Minton-27th, Huck Treadwell-28th, Ty Tyson-28th, Cassidy Coppage-29th, Garrett Hatfield-31<sup>st</sup>

## Next Bus Trip Thursday May 17th

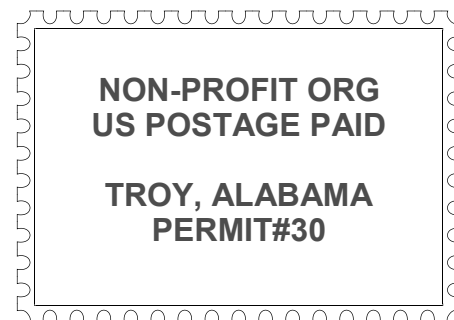
We leave the parking lot at 10 a.m. We will eat lunch at a restaurant then visit downtown shops and antique malls. Please let us know that you plan to go by Wednesday May 16th at noon. We have fun on the road!



Get on the Bus!

**Brundidge United Methodist Church  
140 North Main St.  
Brundidge, AL 36010**

**Address Service Requested**



## Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) When does a river flood?
- 2.) Why did the man buy a set of tools?
- 3.) Why did the new secretary ask for a round envelope?
- 4.) What seven letter name has only three letters?



**Genesis 21:6**

**Answers:** 1.) When it gets too big for its bridges. 2.) Everyone said he had a screw loose. 3.) Because she had to mail a circular. 4.) Barbara