

Brundidge United Methodist Church

September 2017 Newsletter



Hang Out With the One that Improves You

In elementary school and junior high school I wasn't a very good student. I brought home C's and D's. Yes, I even got a few "F's." Of course Momma scolded me about my poor grades. At the close of my 9th grade year I actually made a "B" on my final English test! The teacher sent Mom a note saying "Eddie could have done a lot better this year if he just tried."

Momma got on to me for making bad grades and now she got on to me not only for what I did but for what I didn't do. She sure was creative in finding things to get on to me about. A matter a fact she excelled in that every day!

In my 10th grade year this new boy moved to Millbrook by the name of Robert Robertson. Our classroom seating was arranged in alphabetical order. So, Rob's last name started with "R" and my last name with "S." We sat next to each other; sharing a table seated side-by-side.

I started bringing home report cards with "A's" and "B's." Momma was in a state of shock! "What has happened to you son? Why are you making good grades now?" Mom asked in bewilderment. I answered "Well, this fellow is sitting next to me in class now and he makes good grades. I guess I just try to keep up with him." Momma said "Son, keep sitting next to that boy!"

If you are feeling down and out in life, become aware of where you have been hanging out. It could be a combination of many things like what you watch on the television, the people you socialize with, or the habits you have developed in your routine of life. You might want to change your environment: where you hang out.

May I suggest someone that would be good for you to hang out with? Jesus. You can sit next to him by praying and reading the Bible. If you want to keep up with somebody I would say Jesus would be the one.

At the end of the day you will always bring home a good grade when you've spent time with your friend Jesus. "Whoever says Christ abides in him ought to walk in the same way he walked." (1 John 2:6) Jesus always tried to fill his day with those things that pleased his Heavenly Father. We ought to keep up with Jesus in trying to do that too.

John the Baptist got it right when he said this about Jesus: "He must increase, but I must decrease." (John 3:30). Score higher by putting more of Christ in your life! Hang out with Jesus!

A+men in Christ's love..... Rev Ed

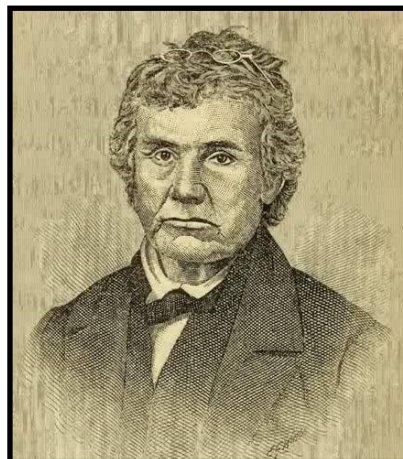
Do you remember? Do you recognize these people?



This is the Fitzgerald Family on the steps of Brundidge United Methodist Church. It was during Reverend Bruce Fitzgerald's pastorate between the years of 1981 to 1985. Reverend Fitzgerald will be our speaker at the October 15, 2017, Homecoming Service. The Sunday service will be at 11 a.m. followed by a covered dish lunch. Remember the set formula for annual homecoming at Brundidge UMC? The 3rd Sunday in October.

Pioneer Circuit Rider Peter Cartwright was born on September 1, 1785

In an age when the horseback riding Methodist preachers typically lived to around age 35, Cartwright was the oldest circuit rider to die at the age of 87 on September 25, 1872. He accepted Jesus as his Savior at age fifteen at a camp meeting. Cartwright became a preacher in 1802. Illinois was his home but he faithfully rode for Christ through Kentucky, Tennessee, and Ohio. He had a colorful appearance with his hair turning every which way but loose and a very direct manner. Cartwright even told the future U.S. president General Andrew Jackson that he would be damned to hell if he did not repent. After about 50 years of ministry he was credited with 8,000 baptisms and 10,000 new church members. He was a preacher and a politician. Cartwright beat Abraham Lincoln for a seat in the Illinois legislature but lost to Lincoln in a bid for Congress in 1846. Maybe he would have won if he combed his hair.



Do you have a CDL or are willing to take the test to become certified?

We need certified drivers for the Church Bus. Please contact the church office if you are able to help serve the church in this area.

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Memorials



In Memory of Betty Hixon

Lee Byran- BUMC

Wendell & Donna Stephens-BUMC

Scott & Lynn Gilreath-BUMC

Rachel Rodgers UMW Morning Circle-We Care

In Memory of Hortense Horn

Jane Shelley-Building Fund

Charles & Neda Horn-Building Fund

Witherington Insurance Group-Building Fund

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Building Fund

Fred Feinberg -Building Fund



Children's Sabbath/Church Picnic [September 10th](#)

The children will conduct the 11:00 am Worship Service. Following the service we will meet on the church grounds for our annual church picnic! Hotdogs, burgers, and buns will be provided. Please bring drinks, sides, and desserts!

Meet Bishop Francis Asbury [September 17th](#)

Rev Ed will portray Methodist Bishop Francis Asbury at the 8:30 a.m. service. This is a repeat performance, but some of you may have missed the first one or you may desire to see it again. I will present Bishop Asbury later that day at Hills Chapel UMC's 11 a.m. homecoming service.

United Methodist Women [September 17th 11 a.m. Service](#)

Our church has two wonderful UMW circles. This will be a special service to highlight the history, mission work, and leadership skills of our UMW members. We are looking forward to this service.

Church Council Meeting [September 17th 3:30 p.m.](#)

This the final day for all paper work and charge conference work to be completed. We must send all forms to the district office the next day. Our charge conference is [October 1st](#) 6:30 p.m. in the Brundidge United Methodist Church sanctuary.



Susie Hastey-2nd, Kyle McDowell-3rd, Brian Thompson-5th, Kay Sanders-6th, Allen Rodgers-10th, Jim Outlaw-15th, Martha Price-16th, Joey Connell-18th, Trevor Bryan-19th, Amber Paez-20th, Jean Barr-20th, Jake Rodgers-21st, Jayden Jordan-22nd, Cindy Mitchell-22nd, Amber Shirley-23rd, Elva Strother-26th, Alan Harrison-27th, Joe Bradley-28th, Randall Thompson-29th, Savannah Peyton Hollis-30th

The BUMC Evangelism Committee is on the Move

The BUMC Evangelism Committee has been busy this past year, starting with the creation of a BUMC Grief Support Group. The Group met first to discuss suicide awareness in late October followed by a State sponsored Mental Health First Aid training class in January where 14-individuals received an Alabama certification in how to recognize and deter symptoms of mental illness or those experiencing a mental health crisis. The Group also participated in last year's Walk-to-Fight-Suicide, and will have a team for this year's walk on November 5th. You can join our team or make a donation at <https://afsp.donordrive.com/participant/brundidge>



An Interactive Prayer Station, facilitated by the BUMC Evangelism Committee in March's communion services, focused on the "Forgive us our sins..." portion of the Lord's prayer. Remembering sins we carry around (those things that disconnect us from the source of God's word), worshipers picked up a small stone provided by ushers. They carried the stone to a table provided in the sanctuary symbolizing asking God to help them carry the burden... and then dropped it in a bowl of water, thus washing away of their burdens.

We have held several movie nights this year in the Fellowship Hall and we're excited to host a few more before the end of the year!

The BUMC Pie Ministry, an effort to welcome new families into the neighborhood has resulted in several family Sunday visits, while the BUMC Cookie Ministry continues to check in with some of our church family that have missed a few Sundays to ensure all is well. Remembrance cards continue to go to our church family that have lost a loved one.

Up-Coming activities include the Committee's outreach booths at the Peanut Butter Festival and Pike County Fair!

Alzheimer/Dementia Awareness



We are all forgetful at times, regardless of our age and mental health. Did you know that our risk of dementia increases as we age, and almost 35% of us will most likely be afflicted by this degenerative disorder by the time we are 85 years old? A Rutgers University study estimates that more than half of all dementia cases are misdiagnosed and actually Alzheimer's Disease.

A BUMC forum to help provide an understanding the difference between Alzheimer's and Dementia is being created. Focus will be to raise awareness about early-stage issues and learn how to stop dementia! To kick-off this forum a guest speaker is being invited for the **September 27th Wednesday Night Supper**. Come learn what early detection, treatment, and care giver opportunities are available in the area.

In case you are curious about the symbol, it is the brand of the Alzheimer's Association. It is meant as a visual symbol of the dual mission of people and science and a commitment that guides their research, advocacy, education and support.

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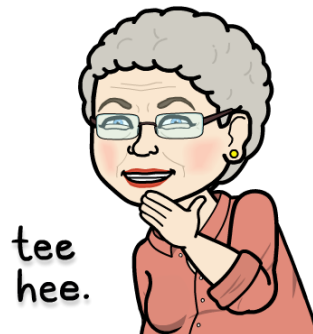
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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

Genesis 21:6

- 1.) Why did Susan's coffee taste like mud?
- 2.) How does the barber cut the moon's hair?
- 3.) How do you make a Venetian blind?
- 4.) Where does the sea go when its sea sick?
- 5.) Why did Paul Revere have a handkerchief?



Answers: 1.) It was fresh ground. (Submitted by Sue Fraley from a popsicle stick.) 2.) E-clips it. 3.) Stick a finger in his eye.
4.) To the Dock. 5.) Because he was the town crier.