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## I Appreciate Those Who Wait

Probably the greatest test of anyone's character is the ability to wait well. We certainly had to develop the skill of waiting. I have watched young siblings shout "Give it to me now!" Or the words "It's my turn now, give it back!" Of course no one is having fun in this frenzied state of wanting something right now.

However, we must learn not to just flea in frustration when we don't get what we want immediately. Sometimes the right thing to do is stay the course even though it involves discontent, suffering, loneliness, and uncertainty.

**I waited patiently for the Lord; he turned to me and heard my cry. He lifted me out of the slimy pit, out of the mud and mire; he set my feet on a rock and gave me a firm place to stand. He put a new song in my mouth, a hymn of praise to our God. Many will see and fear the Lord and put their trust in him. (Psalm 40:1-3)**

This psalm was written by David who was anointed to become King of Israel by the Prophet Samuel. Yet, David did not readily acquire the throne. He had to wait for that day often while running, starving, and hiding. Perhaps, David thought about leaving for a foreign country and simply giving up on the kingship, since waiting included so much hardship.

You who stay in the tough times receive my admiration and appreciation. Some will take off to what is perceived as greener pastures. Indeed, they may find them. Yet, some turned away to miss the big blessing that arrived according to the Lord's perfect timing right after they had just departed.

I found this great gold nugget many years ago that says "Bloom where you are planted." So, what does that mean? Instead of looking for the exit door, look around and decide "I'm going to make what is around me better."

I also found out from life experience that when I moved on expecting things to be better that didn't really help. Because I didn't change my attitude. I hauled the same attitude of impatience to the new location.

To be honest, everyone in our denomination is in a state of waiting right now. For some it is a source of worry and discontent. Remember Christ is still in control. The Lord can take what is left, and those who chose to remain, and transform it into a "new song." While we wait we will keep blooming where we are planted. We will encourage one another in the Lord's love. Where we see something lacking we will step forward and make it right.

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

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## Building Fund More Than Main Sanctuary Building Care

In ages past it seems every building on the church property had its own account. However, all you bookkeepers know that many financial ledger categories can become a nightmare.

All buildings and property concerns are addressed through the one “Building Fund” now. I say that so we don’t subconsciously associate the building fund just with more work on the main sanctuary building.

Actually it includes the Clay Hill Church also, which is in desperate need of new exterior paint at this time.

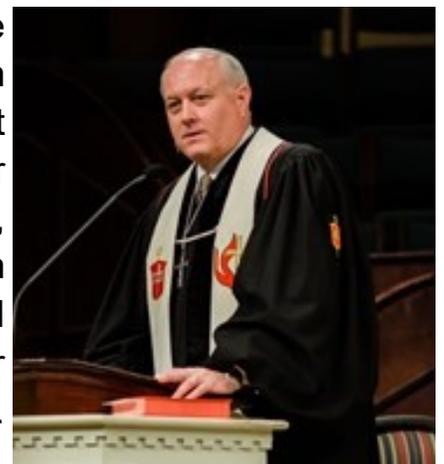
You are right in saying that the main sanctuary has received the greatest attention lately. Amen, that your generosity has brought us to a major point of achievement. We have new siding around the eaves, new canopies over the doors, new exterior paint on columns/doors, new roof on the dome and new siding around the dome. Doesn’t it look nice? We are well on the way to reaching a goal to have all major renovation work completed on the main sanctuary building by 2020. We are getting ready for a centennial celebration planned for the church building’s construction, circa 1920.

Remember, we still have obligations and projects before us. Please consider making a substantial regular donation to the building fund. You have proven to be faithful in supporting the building fund. And we are thankful. The congregation that meets here decades from now will not have to struggle in taking care of major structural issues.

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### Homecoming Next Month: October 21st, 11 a.m. Service with Bishop David Graves

Bishop David Graves arrived to take the duties of the Bishop of the Alabama-West Florida Conference on September 1, 2016. We are his first conference assignment after being elected bishop. He served as the senior pastor of Church Street United Methodist Church in Knoxville, Tennessee, before moving into the bishop’s residence in Montgomery, Alabama. His wife of 37 years is Nancy and they have two children. We are very excited to have our conference Bishop as our guest speaker on Homecoming. We will have a covered-dish lunch to follow the service.



**\*\*\*NO 3rd SUNDAY CHURCH-WIDE BREAKFAST IN OCTOBER.\*\*\***



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### Ties, Suits, Dresses, and Dressed Up in Season Again

Casual attire summer months have ended. However, you dress the way that you prefer. We will not chastise the dressed up or the dressed down. If they will let you into Wal-Mart with what you have on then we’ll let you in our church.

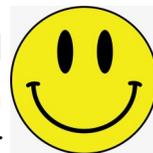
## Town Forum on Special Conference 2019 and the Commission on the Way Forward Report Sunday Oct. 21, 3 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC

In last month's newsletter, I attempted to briefly describe the plans presented by the Commission on the Way Forward for the special conference to be held in Saint Louis in February 2019. Bishop Graves will have an open forum to all interested in having their questions answered or receiving more information about the special session and the proposed plans. If you wish to carpool to the meeting, we will leave the church parking lot at 1:45 p.m. We will take the bus if there are enough. We will make sure the homecoming and lunch are concluded in time to allow Bishop Graves time to travel and prepare for the forum.

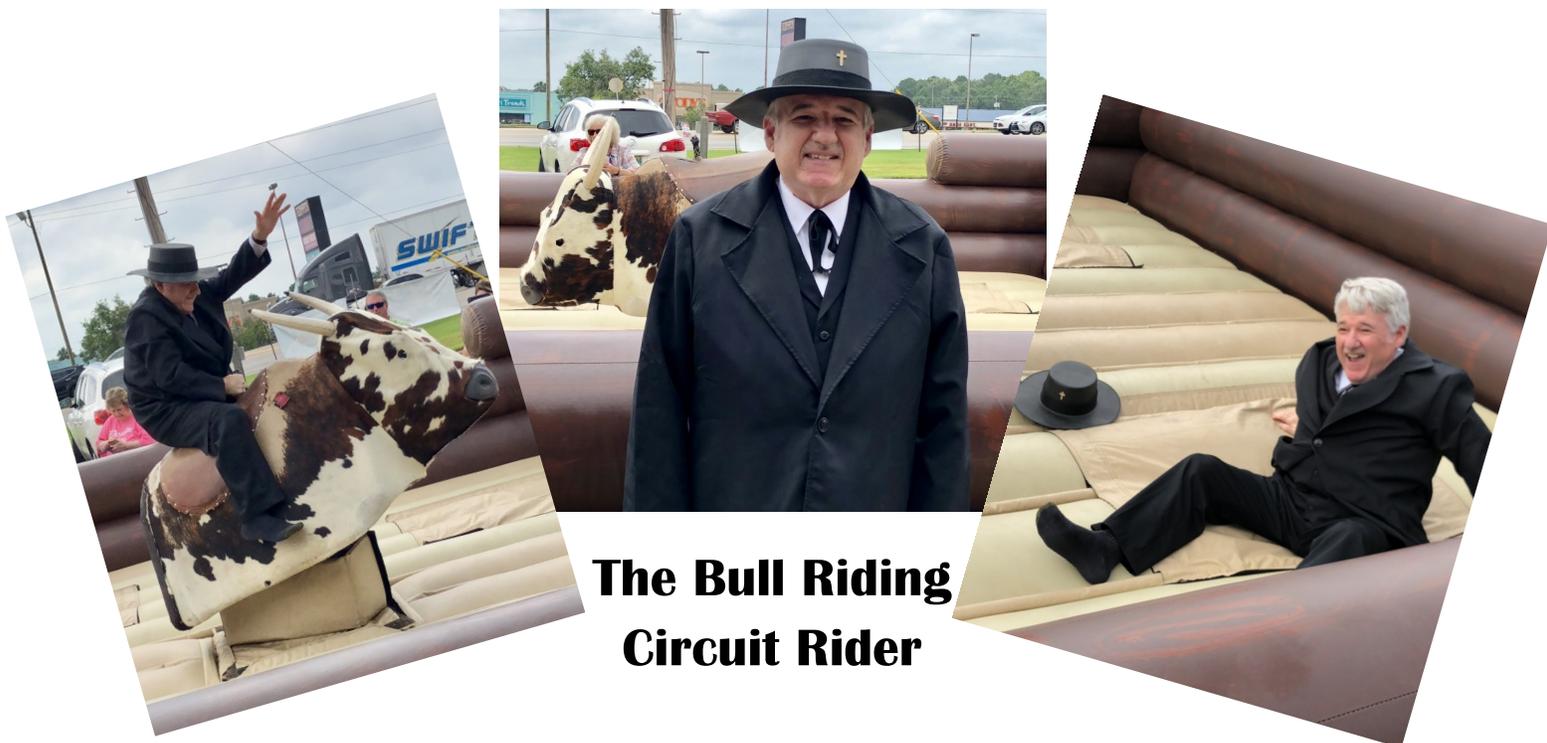
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### Volunteer to Greet Folks at the Fair and the Peanut Butter Festival

We will have booths at both events. The Pike County Fair is October 2nd through the 6th, gates open at 6 p.m. The Peanut Butter Festival in Brundidge will be Saturday October 27th, starts 9 a.m. We need your smiling faces in these places.



Johnny Garrett and Mike Richards challenged Rev Ed to ride the mechanical bull at the Sante Fe Cattle Company Restaurant. Each said "I'll give you \$100 per second." Rev Ed barely hung on for five seconds. Thanks Johnny and Mike for the \$1,000.00 donation to the Building Fund.



**The Bull Riding  
Circuit Rider**



## Children's Sabbath and Church Picnic

When: Sunday, September 30, 2018

11:00 Service and Picnic After

Where: BUMC

Come join us for the 2018 Children's Sabbath and Church Picnic.  
The church will provide the meat for the picnic, but we need church members to bring sides, drinks and desserts.

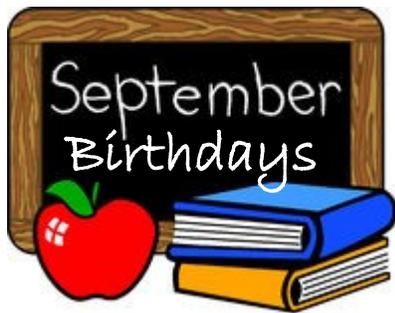
Children - Drinks

Youth - condiments, lettuce, tomato, onions, etc.

Cornerstone - Chips and Dip

Challenge Class - Sides (Baked Beans, Coleslaw, Potato Salad, etc.)

Agape Class - Desserts



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 Bar-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 Hollis-30th



IN MEMORY

### In Memory of Pete Lott

Jimmy & Johnnie Ramage-Clay Hill Fund

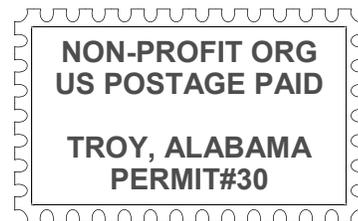
Don & Susan Renfro- Clay Hill Fund

### In Memory of Dot Laney

Jim & Laura Carpenter-Homecoming Fund

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## Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) When is a door not a door?
- 2.) When is a green book not a green book?
- 3.) What kind of stories do bald headed men like?
- 4.) What to baby apes sleep in?
- 5.) I'm an odd number. If you take away one of the letters in my name I become even. What



Genesis 21:6

**Answers:** 1.) When it is ajar. 2.) When it is read. 3.) Hair raising stories. 4.) Apricots 5.) Seven — this riddle was contributed to Mrs. Sara by Riley Ramage.