

HOMECOMING October 21st 11 a.m.

Brundidge United Methodist Church Newsletter October 2018

Homecoming is Always a Happy Reunion

I remember the testimony of a seminary student at New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary, he said "I was a true Rajun' Cajun. Every Friday I'd get my paycheck then head over to the tavern. I would drink in excess, cause a public disturbance, get into a fight and destroy property. They threw me in jail. When I sat up on the bench I looked around inside the cell. I shouted 'Hey Uncle Boudreaux!' 'What you doing Cousin Claude?' It was a family reunion every Friday night at the Jefferson Parrish jail for my folks."

Well, his story of the family reunion at the lock up always made me laugh. This month is our Homecoming at Brundidge United Methodist Church. The official service is 11 a.m. Sunday October 21st, but I encourage folks to arrive early and stay late. Yes, we will have a covered dish after the service. It will be a family of faith reunion. Remember our homecomings are annual now with the formula: the 3rd Sunday in October. So, go ahead and mark your calendar for future years to make homecoming.

Most of you know that I had to give up sweets since my diagnosis of being a border-line diabetic. However, I still violate the "no dessert rule" for banana pudding. When little Eddie Shirley was about six years old, he was shouting and stomping back and forth in front of the dessert table at Coosada Baptist Church Homecoming Day. Mom Shirley ran over to see why her young'un was causing a scene. I screamed "All these desserts and there ain't no nanner puddin'!" Mom made sure she brought banana pudding to every dinner on the grounds at church from that time on.

The Bible says that because of Christ's death for us, heaven will be filled with "a great multitude that no one could count, from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and in front of the Lamb (Christ)" (Revelation 7:9). Amen. Heaven will be the greatest Homecoming for eternity. Until then, let us meet with our family of faith to celebrate how Jesus touched our lives at this wonderful place of worship known as Brundidge United Methodist Church.

If there is 'nanner puddin'" on the dessert table I will behave. In fact if there isn't any I still better behave because our Bishop David Graves will be the guest speaker. We've got plenty of areas for visiting before and after the homecoming service. If you have some pictures to share or artifacts to show, bring them with you.

Homecoming seems to ignite a delight in your soul that fills you with anticipation of an uplifting joyful time to gather for a celebration.

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

Church Rallied Fast to Build a Ramp!



We received word that the doctor would not release Bettye Brooks from the hospital to return home unless she had a ramp at her residence. So, we sent out the word to our congregation for help to build the ramp and pay for it. Brundidge United Methodist came through on both challenges. Adults and youth arrived on the scene to construct the best wheelchair ramp in Pike County! Thanks to everyone.



Knowing that Bettye will need further financial assistance during this time after the surgery that removed a cancerous tumor from her brain and the treatments to follow, you can make contributions by writing a check out to "BUMC" and the memo: "Brooks." A little red donation box is located on the table in the church front foyer.

Church Officers and Committees in Place for New Year

Thank you for responding positively and realizing that key leadership positions are required by The Book of Discipline. I know that everybody doesn't have all the time in the world to spare, however our church can only be in effective ministry by our church members combining their talents and time to keep BUMC on course in service to Jesus and your community. Chairpersons can also consider holding meetings via e-mail conferencing or just making a phone call to receive an opinion/vote on an issue. Remember to go to **www.umc.org** then type in church position in the search window to receive a description of your duties.

Susan Helms & Joe Stinson

Sunday, October 14th

11 a.m. Service

Concert Featuring Our

Great Accompanists



No 3rd Sunday Church-Wide Breakfast this month. Homecoming on that Sunday.

Charge Conference November 4th, 5:30 p.m. at Troy FUMC

We are participating in a cluster conference with area churches at this location. Mark it on your calendar.

Brush Arbor Singing at the City Hall Pavilion Oct. 25th 6:30 p.m.

There will be a good ole fashion time of singing on that Thursday, so make plans to enjoy the fellowship and sing some foot stomping Hallelujah praise the Lord songs.



October 31st ~ Wednesday ~ 6 p.m.

**Ya'll Come and Park Your Decorated
Vehicles for Fun & Games**

Supper at 6 p.m. Youth Fund Raiser

Alabama-West Florida Conference

Bishop David Graves

Homecoming Guest

Bishop David Graves has been an ordained pastor in the United Methodist Church for over 27 years and previously served as Senior Pastor of Ooltewah United Methodist Church, a large-membership church in Chattanooga, Tennessee,



for 11 years. Bishop Graves is a native of Knoxville, Tennessee, and graduated from the University of Tennessee, Knoxville, with a Bachelor of Science in Business Administration and Candler School of Theology, Emory University, Atlanta, Georgia, with a Master of Divinity. He has shared 36 years of marriage with his wife, Nancy, and they have two children, Casey and Gregg. Casey is married to her husband Bryan, and they reside in Kingsport with their son Brooks and daughter Lucy. Bishop Graves' and Nancy's son, Gregg, lives and works in the Chattanooga area. Bishop David Graves has served the AWF Conference for two years.

Town Hall Meeting on the Commission on the Way Forward Report

Sunday October 21st, 3 p.m. until 5 p.m. at Aldersgate UMC

The purpose of the forum is to explain and receive questions about the three plans to be addressed at the Special General Conference in February 2019. I (Rev Ed) gave you a brief overview of these plans in a previous newsletter (The One Church Plan, The Connectional Conference Plan, and The Traditional Plan). The plans offer ways to move beyond the current impasse on whether the denomination should have homosexual marriages on church property and ordain practicing homosexuals as ministers. The bus leaves the BUMC parking lot at 1:45 p.m.

Thursday, October 11th

Ladies Bus Trip to Montgomery for
the Junior League's Holiday Market

Please contact Margaret Ross (334-268-0977)
to reserve your seat on the bus!



Graceson Adams-1st, Judy Bryan-2nd, Clint Wallace-4th, Russell Dunnum-4th, Connor Thrash-5th, Raif & Dax Robinson-6th, Joe Connell-7th, Tina Hix-7th, Marx Copeland-10th, Eric Minton-12th, Jimmie Spikes-14th, Tanner Tyson-14th, Rachel Hagan-14th, Annette Bryan-17th, Chad Copeland-17th, Carroll Connell-17th, Ginger Rodgers-18th, Vernon Jackson-22nd, Tyler Tyson-22nd, Sophia Hollis-24th, Taylor Adams Sanders-25th, John T. Hix-26th, Emily Bryan-26th, Kaylee Copeland-26th, Russell Baker-26th, Daniel Dorrill-28th, Sara Bowden-29th, Sherroll Tatom-30th



IN MEMORY

In Memory of Jimmy Caldwell

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Bus Fund

In Memory of Dick Barr

Jimmy & Johnny Ramage-Building Fund

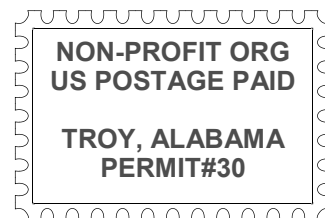
In Memory of Gyxelle Gibson

Mr. & Mrs. Tommy Gibson-Building Fund

In Honor of Riley, Mary, & Amy Ramage

Frank & Wynnette Fryer -Youth Fund

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) What kind of apple has a short temper?
- 2.) How do you fix a broken pizza?
- 3.) What is red and green and wears boxing gloves?
- 4.) What is the most musical part of a chicken?



Answers: 1.) A Crab Apple. 2.) With Tomato Paste. 3.) A Fruit Punch. 4.) A Drum Stick.

* These riddles were contributed by Barb Homann *