

**Brundidge United Methodist Church
May 2016 Newsletter**



Check Before Sending It Out... If You Send It Out

Recently my worst culprit in sabotaging everything has been “me.” Someone said “I have had more trouble with myself than anybody else I know in this world.”

I completed last month’s newsletter on schedule. I was surprised when Sidney, our secretary, asked “Do you have the newsletter ready?” My answer “I sent it to you last week.” I checked my sent mail in my e-mail address account to discover I never sent her the newsletter. A whole week passed without a newsletter to distribute because I thought I did but I didn’t.

Then I led the music, presented two programs, and terrorized conference retreat patrons in the cafeteria with my realistic looking remote control snake at the Blue Lake Camp the other week. I handed out papers alerting everyone to the existence of the Alabama-West Florida Conference Historical Society Website: www.awfhistory.org. Guess what? It is www.awfhistory.com not www.awfhistory.org. Then I lost my cable to connect my computer to the video projector at the retreat.

What will my next great goof be? Walking across a gorge assuming there is a bridge under me but there isn’t? Like Wiley Coyote you will see a puff of smoke far below as Rev Ed hits the bottom.

You know what the problem truly must be? I forgot to let the Lord Jesus take the lead in all endeavors. “And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.” (Colossians 3:17) We get busy doing things in the name of the Lord, but forget to seek His approval and apply His power to accomplish the task.

Perhaps it is time to slow down and seek the Lord first in all things great and small. When I stop leaning on the Lord, I start to stumble with duplicates of my mistakes sent out all over the place.

In Christ’s love.....Rev Ed

Coming Soon to the BUMC Theater!

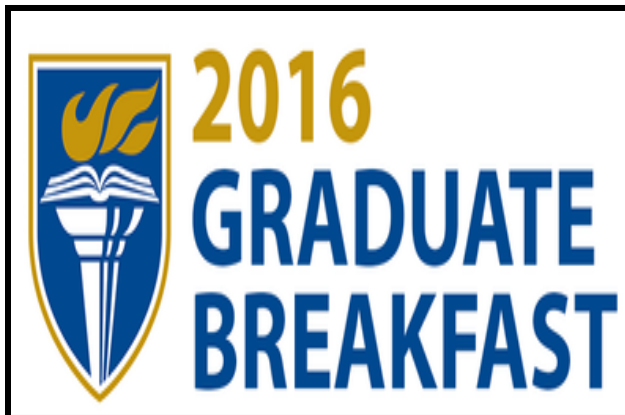
Woodlawn...A gifted high school football player must learn to embrace his talent and his faith as he battles tensions on and off the field. Cast includes Sean Astin, Nic Bishop, Caleb Castille, Sherri Shepherd, Jon Voight (as Bear Bryant), and too many others to list! Still playing in Select theaters...and now BUMC!



What could be more perfect than coming together to watch a film based on an inspiring real-life Alabama story about harmony...and FOOTBALL! In 1973, a spiritual awakening captured the heart of nearly every player of the Woodlawn High School football team, including its coach Tandy Gerelds. Their dedication to love and unity in a school filled with hate leads to the largest high school football game ever played in Birmingham, Alabama.

Supervision for children and snacks, will be provided by the Evangelism Committee, so the adults may enjoy a "free night out".

Please plan to join us May 15th at 6 PM in the Fellowship Hall.



Our May 15 church-wide breakfast program will honor our three BUMC high school graduating seniors: Amber Shirley, Elaina Strother, and Holman Outlaw. The graduates and their families will be our guests. Come enjoy a great breakfast May 15th at 7:30 a.m. in the church fellowship hall and help honor our graduates.

New Siding Work Starts 3rd Week in May

Marty Robbins Roofing will replace the siding around the eaves of the main church building. The cost is just under \$50,000. This is a marvelous step for Brundidge United Methodist Church. Your faithful stewardship has rapidly pushed forward plans to get our historic beautiful building looking good for the approaching centennial celebration in the year 2019. Although we understand the structure was completed in 1920, the cornerstone was set the previous year. Remember there is more to do.

Relay for Life Gets Hallelujah Help from BUMC!

As always the folks at Brundidge UMC have stepped up with praiseworthy support to fight cancer and donate substantial funds to find a cure. With the camp stew sale and Saturday downtown Brundidge road block we raised \$4000! Amen. So, let us continue to show our support by being present at the Relay for Life Rally at the Troy Sportsplex Friday May 6th at 5 p.m. We will have hotdogs and hamburgers at the BUMC tent. Please bring chips, dip, drinks, and other fixings. Be sure to bring your folding chair. The program begins officially at 6 p.m. and ends at 9 p.m.



The theme encourages us to wear purple. The Sunday before, May 1st, dress in purple for church. If you have something purple to wear.

Church Heritage Sunday May 22nd Clay Hill Church at Noon

**After a brief 11 a.m. service at
Brundidge United Methodist Church**

Dress in your old Sunday go to meetin' clothes, take a covered dish, and get ready to sing the roof off the old church building with The Henderson's from Banks providing the music. Yes, we will have a portable relief facility located on the grounds. So thar be no excuse for not hitchin' up the mule and haulin' your wagon full of folks out yonder for a good ole fashion church meeting' time.



May 29th Special Memorial Day Service and Display of Crosses

Several church members have worked hard to make wooden crosses and paint wooden crosses that will bear the names of our church members who served in the military and died. They will be displayed on the church lawn to honor them. Our choir will prepare special music for the occasion. We look forward to a special Sunday.

Get Ready for Vacation Bible School June 5th – 8th

Order VBS T-Shirts Before May 14th

If you want a VSB T-Shirt

Call Dylan and order by May 14th

Give \$10 to Dylan to Secure Order

Contact: Dylan Hollis call/text at

(334)268-3870 or message me on Facebook

*Please make checks out to “Dylan Hollis”

Please leave a message if I do not answer



These are supplies needed for VBS crafts.

4 packs of heavy duty paper plates

2 packs of construction paper

6-8 packs of primary color markers

Toilet or Paper Towel rolls

Black buttons

2 packs of cotton

25 sheets of green foam sheets or felt sheets

1 pack of cardstock

2 large bags of dry beans

2 large packs of googly eyes

Lots of Bottle tops

Cheap paintbrushes

Please make a trip to the store and purchase some these items. Be sure to save your empty toilet paper or paper towel rolls. Keep the caps off any of the bottled drinks use. Thanks.



Vacation Bible School June 5th - 8th Starts Sunday 6 p.m.

Please mark the VBS date on your calendar. Bring your children, your grandchildren, great grandchildren, nephews, nieces, and invite children in your neighborhood to be at VBS. Volunteers are welcome. Call VBS Director Dylan Hollis and find out how you can help (334) 268-3870

Help Us Get Into the Swing of Things This Summer!

The BUMC Youth will hosts the last two Wednesday night suppers: May 18th and May 25th. Just like the other suppers call in to make your reservations \$7 adult and \$5 per child.

The plans are to repair the existing swing set, replace the swing seats, purchase another swing set similar to the one pictured, buy a new picnic table, and get an adult bench swing. Summer is here and we want the children and their parents to have a nice area for recreation. Your support of this project will bring fun, laughter, and happiness to our BUMC church playground.



Blue Lake Summer Camps www.bluelakecamp.com 334-222-5407



Please go ahead and register before all the vacancies are filled. BUMC has scholarships available through the Mason McLendon Blue Lake Scholarship Fund. The only reason anybody did not go is that nobody just got around to registering for camp. So.....

Again thanks for reading the Brundidge United Methodist Church Newsletter.

Please remember this is a source of communication you can use! Anything you want to share whether a Sunday school class event, mission project, or a favorite story please get it to the church office by the 23rd of the month.

Pastor "Rev Ed" Shirley

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