

Brundidge United Methodist Church

June 2019 Newsletter

Some Phrases Still Mean Something

It used to be that “In Color” and “High Fidelity Stereo” really meant something very important. I was watching a rerun of “Hogan’s Heroes” and it took me back to my childhood with the excitement of seeing a television program “in color.” Some programs started off in black & white then transitioned into color like “The Beverly Hillbillies” and “The Man from U.N.C.L.E.”



I chuckle every time that I pass by the Scottish Inn on Highway 231 in Troy. It boast on its sign “**25” TV with Remote.**” I don’t think they even make a flat-screen 25 inch TV now. Well, times have changed and phrases that really meant something special no longer make sense in the present age. Tell your child that we are going to watch the new episode of “America’s Got Talent” tonight and say “And it is in color!” See what their response will be. They will probably give you a puzzled look. “So, everything is in color.” “When are we going to get a 4K TV, Pop?”

There are phrases that never lose their meaning like “born again” and “in Christ.” And when the relevance and value of those other phrases have faded away, “to live is Christ and die is gain” still stands as the latest and best phrase for anybody to use. What is the most repeated phrase in the whole Bible? “Fear not” or “Do not be afraid.” We often equate the word “future” with “fear.” Something major is going to change that requires us to learn something high tech and strange just to function in society. Praise the Lord that prayer and reading the Bible remain the essential valuable modes of strengthening our relationship with Christ for our future eternity.

John Wesley encouraged the Methodist Societies to gather once a week and ask one another “How is it with your soul?” I just want to make this point: “Don’t get so busy chasing after the latest technological advancements, or being paralyzed in dismal fear of the fast frenzy of the gadget world, to neglect making sure the ageless phrase “in Christ” is currently applicable to your life. There will be no WIFI in Heaven. But the password that you need in order to stay connected to Christ is “saved.” If you declare with your mouth, “Jesus is Lord,” and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved. (Romans 10:9) Same heart and same mouth. Same Savior waiting for you to call on Him.

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

Safe to Say “Going on Seventh Year at Brundidge!”

I know that other pastors have already announced they are returning to their church for another year. I usually wait until after annual conference when I know it is definitely safe to say it. Sharon, Amber, and I (Rev Ed) have been so blessed to serve this sweet strong congregation in Christ known as Brundidge United Methodist Church. We continue to receive affirmation and encouragement from many as we seek to serve Jesus. I know there are areas where I need to mature and grow. This is the best place to receive more blessings and draw closer to Our Savior. Thank you for allowing me to serve you.

Dress Casual on Sundays June, July, and August

Your pastor will not be wearing a coat and tie the next few months. Please feel free to dress cool and comfortable during these warm summer months.



Clay Hill Church Gets New Paint

The Clay Hill Church really looks nice with a good coat of paint to protect for the years to come. When you have an opportunity to drive out Pronto way stop and admire our this attractive historic church building. We might plan a fall old fashioned singing out there again.

Start Bringing Snack Donations for July First Responder Appreciation

It is our tradition now to supply a snack station at the Brundidge Police Station during the month of July. Chips, crackers, breakfast bars, cookies, and various snacks are needed. We will hosts the first responders and their families on the fourth Sunday in July for First Responder Appreciation Sunday, July 28th. Walter Wilson will give us a concert again.



The BUMC Missions Committee and our United Methodist Women send encouragement cards/notes to several missionaries. Below is an update from Rev. Pascua of Union Theological Seminary in Palapala, Dasmariñas, Cavite.

Dear Friends,

We have been caught up here in the Philippines by the madness of our electoral exercises characterized by one of the senatorial candidates as “dirty, violent, and malicious”. Tomorrow, I will do my duty to vote hoping that, at the polls, it will be safe, clean, and peaceful. The incumbent President is very highly rated and those whom he endorsed will probably win. In spite of the political conditions, however, there are always acts of kindness and understanding which makes one feel that the “good” that God put in the human heart remains.

It has been almost a month now since the Commencement Exercises of UTS. Before that were busy weeks – final exams, reading of final papers, submission of grades, thesis and dissertation defenses, evaluations, and many meetings. Even after that – supervising dissertation revisions specially those of foreign students, evaluation of the school year and planning for the next, curricular review and adjustments, summer continuing theological programs, etc. This is the cycle of my academic life.

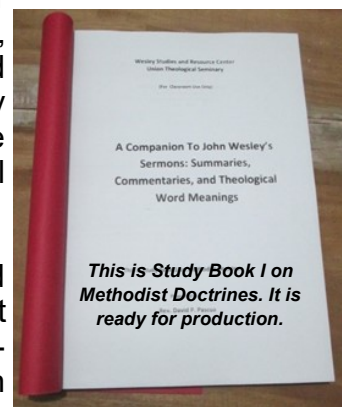
But most of all, I am happy about my new assignment as Professor and Convener of the Wesley Studies and Resource Center. This is a long-shot response to the need of our United Methodist Congregations in the Philippines. I aim to re-root our congregations in our Wesleyan heritage of mission and ministry. We have wandered for quite some time from this heritage to which I have been encouraging students to return to it. I will continue to teach two courses in Wesley Studies and two cognate courses – denominational theology and mission and evangelization. I will spend time in finishing my writing project to produce study materials in Wesley Studies. I already have finished Study 1 on Methodist Doctrines, I hope to finish the draft of Study 2 still on Methodist Doctrines by December, 2019, and the Study 3 on the Discipline of the People Called Methodist in 2020. It will probably take me a year to finish the Study 3 draft. This I will do until the 5 Study Materials are finished and are put to use at the local church level. I would love to teach this myself at the local church level. I may have to increase contact with local congregations in an increasing manner as the study materials are finished and ready for use. Study 1 on Doctrines is ready for production, and I have started on Study 2, still on doctrines. Study 1 contains 50 of Wesley’s Sermons in summary form, my commentaries, and theological word meanings. By the way, the title is: *A Companion To Wesley’s Sermons: Summaries, Commentaries, and Theological Word Meanings.* Study 2 will contain the next 50 of Wesley’s Sermons, the same in form and style as the first. I tell my students that these materials can be used for “Confirmation Classes”, “Membership Classes”, “Bible Studies”, a “Guide To Preaching”, provide a theological foundation for Sunday School Teachers, and also for “Spiritual Retreats”. It can be used in many ways.

I have sponsored the Wesley Studies Award of Union Theological Seminary which is given during commencement programs. This award went to Pastor Ernesto Aquino for this year. Shown in the picture is me and Pastor Aquino to whom I handed over four volumes of Wesley’s Sermons. This will keep him busy and most of all give a direction of his ministry and mission in the coming years, that is aside from the possibility of growing another Wesley dedicated theological student. Well, in four weeks time, the new school year will start (2019-2020), classes begin in June 6th. Tina, my wife, and my family are doing just fine. Our best regards to all of you, In Christ Jesus our Lord.

Rev. David P. Pascua, DMin, DTh
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Pastor Aquino won the Tina and David Award in Wesley Studies. Here he receives from me four volumes of Wesley's





Youth and Children Summer activities

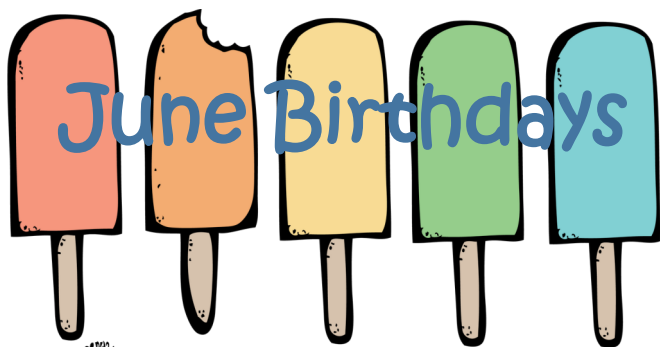
We will not be having VBS this summer, but stay tuned for special youth and children's events like these...

Tuesday, June 11th ~ Water World

Wednesday, June 26th ~ Movie Day at CC5

Please contact the church office if you would like to join in on the summer fun!!!

334-735-3180



Sammy Adams-1st, Melanie Adams-2nd, Adaline Ruth Adams-2nd, Margie Tatom-4th, Tinye Tatom-7th, Barb Homann-9th, Bill Park-10th, Kate Taylor-11th, Melodie Lauer-11th, Bill Hixon-12th, Don Dickert-20th, Genie Jones-21st, Michele Adams-21st, Liz Belcher-21st, Annsley Strother-23rd, Patsy Lee-24th, Helen Galloway-25th, Michael Lawler-26th, Mary Ramage-27th, June Aronson-29th

In Memory



In Memory of Bill Jackson, Jr.

Jimmy Hollis- Sav-a-Life Troy

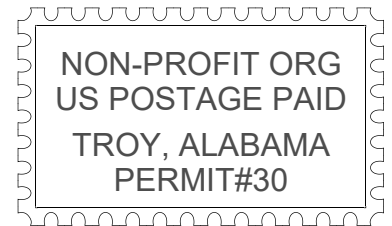
In Memory of Gail Copeland

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) Who are the hardest persons to convince that they are at retirement age?
- 2.) When was tennis mentioned in the Bible?
- 3.) When does $11 + 2 = 1$?
- 4.) How do you make notes of stone?
- 5.) Why do hummingbirds hum?



Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) Children at bed time. 2.) When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court. 3.) On a watch face. 4.) You rearrange the letters. 5.) Because they can't read music.