

# Brundidge United Methodist Church

## October 2019 Newsletter

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### **HOMECOMING OCTOBER 20TH, 11 A.M.**

#### **DR. GEORGE MATHISON SPEAKER**

As a Huntingdon College student in the 1960's, George served two churches in our area: Pleasant Hill Methodist Church and Perote Methodist Church. Former BUMC pastor and present church member, Rev. Jimmie Spikes was George's college roommate. We are looking forward to a great homecoming with a covered dish lunch after the service. Please bring plenty to share with hopefully many guests and former church members returning for a visit.



George Mathison served as senior minister of Auburn United Methodist Church for 26 years. A native of Opelika, Alabama, Dr. Mathison did his undergraduate work at Young Harris Junior College, received his bachelor's degree from Huntingdon College and his master of divinity from Emory University. His doctorate was received through the Sewanee-Vanderbilt Joint Doctor of Ministry Coalition.

George is a member of the National Historical Society and enjoys American history. He has won United States Tennis Association Hard Court Championships and State Clay Court Championships. He was ranked by the Alabama Tennis Association as the number one player in his age division among amateurs and professionals. The Alabama Tennis Association also named him their Sportsman of the Year. He is the author of eight books.

Dr. Mathison and his wife Montaigne, a retired art teacher, have been married since 1970. They have one daughter, Mallory, who lives in Atlanta, Georgia, with her husband, Rob Glenn. Mallory and Rob have two twin boys named Robert Brandsford Glenn and George Mathison Glenn, who were born in January of 2014.

Dr. Mathison served as team chaplain for the Auburn University football team and has been closely involved with the basketball team. He also served as chaplain to the Auburn Public Safety Department.



**Remember: No Church-Wide Breakfast or Early Service  
on Sunday Oct. 20th**



## **Pike County Fair Oct. 1st through 5th**

Our church always has a display booth and we need your help. You can get in free by saying, "I am here to work the Brundidge United Methodist Church table." Wear a VBS shirt or a BUMC T-Shirt if you have one. Walk around the runway then smile and greet folks at our booth for a spell. Anytime between 5:30 p.m. until 8 p.m.

## **Peanut Butter Festival ,Oct. 26th**

**8:30 a.m. until 4 p.m.**

Another opportunity to let all know that Brundidge UMC is alive in their community. Please show up and stay at the table for a bit. Like the fair we will give out bracelets and Bibles.



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## **Church Council Meeting Sunday, October 27th, 3 p.m.**

This is taking it right down to the wire for the Charge Conference on November 3rd, 6 p.m. at Troy First United Methodist Church. All forms need to be completed and ready at this meeting. We will approve the church leadership and committee list for 2020. I want to thank those who stepped forward to accept and serve BUMC. It is vital that we continue to have a wealth of church members willing to especially fill those required positions in the church.

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## **"Sinners in the Hands of an Angry God" On Sunday October 27th**

This is labelled the scariest sermon of the First Awakening in America. Jonathan Edwards preached it on July 8, 1741, in Enfield, Connecticut. He was so effective in the imagery of Hell that many interrupted him crying, "What must I do to be saved?" Rev Ed will present an abridged version of this classic sermon in character at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services. Be there if you dare!



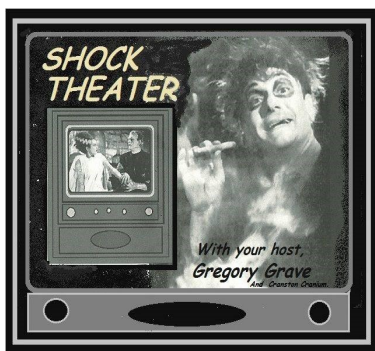
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## **Trunk or Treat Wednesday, October 30th, 6 p.m.**

This is one of those annual events that we just love! Young folks show up in costume! Adults show us how you can creatively decorate your vehicles and of course have some candy in the trunk! If you have some outdoor games bring them.

Hotdogs and hamburgers at 6 p.m. then it is

**Trunk or Treat!**



## Shock Theater Stay Awake Challenge

Eddie Shirley got so excited when “Shock Theater” came on WCOV-TV. The Friday night before Halloween, or any Friday the 13th, horror movies were broadcast all night until morning.

“Frankenstein Meets Wolfman,” “The **13** Ghosts,” “Count Dracula,” and the parade of scary films continued. I tried my best to make it until daybreak, but I guess the wolfman’s howl

just put me to sleep or maybe it was Dracula’s hypnotic eyes? It was a challenge for this little boy to stay awake.

I always wondered how the Mummy limped slowly along dragging that bum leg but stayed right on the heels of the person he was chasing?



Well, we are challenged to stay spiritually awake for Christ’s Second Coming! “Therefore, stay awake, for you do not know on what day your Lord is coming.” (Matthew 24:42) On more than one occasion I agreed to meet with somebody at my office, but I failed to write it on my calendar. As I started out the door to go somewhere they showed up. Oops! Have you ever done that?

When Jesus returns I hope it will not be an “oops” moment for me. We can let the activities of the world lull us into this spiritual sleep. Our souls slumber while we just let the world lead us from one feature to the next. We can become so taken with the present world and all that it promises, we forget about our eternity in Heaven to come. We can easily live without any regard for Christ’s return. So Paul calls us to wide-awake lives: “So then let us not sleep, as others do, but let us keep awake and be sober. (1 Thessalonians 5:6–7).”

My parents woke me up as I lay on the couch on Saturday morning. When I realized that I fell asleep during the Creature Feature Marathon I was so upset! “What happened to the Wolfman?” I asked. “We don’t know we were asleep like you.”

Old Satan is defeated! He is just dragging along until he is cast into his final death in the eternal lake of fire. But, that Dragon can certainly gain ground to be right on top of our heels if we just drift off into a spiritual sleep.

Stay awake! I would suggest that at every toothbrushing you make it a daily time of spiritual examination. Put the Colgate on the bristles then make sure you are brushed up spiritually: “What do I have today that I need to thank Jesus for?” “Have I walked in faith to draw closer to Jesus today?” “Did I truly show Christ to others today?” “Have I sought forgiveness for my sin?” “What did I fail to do that the Lord expected me to do today?” “How can I spiritually wake up and do better?”

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



# OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Graceson Adams-1st

Judy Bryan-2nd

Clint Wallace-4th

Russell Dunnum-4th

Connor Thrash-5th

Raif Daniel-6th

Dax Robinson-6th

Joe Connell-7th

Tina Hix-7th

Marx Copeland-10th

Eric Minton-12th

Jimmie Spikes-14th

Tanner Tyson-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

Peggy Lawler-25th

John T. Hix-26th

Emily Bryan-26th

Kaylee Copeland-26th

Russell Baker-26th

Daniel Dorrell-28th

Sara Bowden-29th

Sherroll Tatom-30th

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## *In Loving Memory*

### **In Memory of Dot Laney**

Laura Carpenter- Prayer Cushions

### **In Memory of Mark Butler**

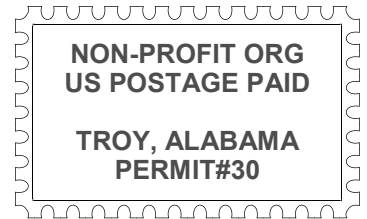
Lawrence & Sara Bowden- Prayer Cushions

### **In Memory of Liz Ann Harbuck**

Lawrence & Sara Bowden- Prayer Cushions

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## Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) What is a bulldozer?
- 2.) What kind of fish do pelicans eat?
- 3.) What is the best way to get rid of flies?
- 4.) Why is the letter "B" hot?



**Answers:** 1.) Someone who sleeps while a politician is making a speech. 2.) Anything that fits the bill.  
3.) Sign up some good outfielders. 4.) Because it makes "oil" "boil"