

We Need Bridge Builders Only

Methodist Minister Gaston Foote, once made a comparison of people placed in two camps. He said that we either are bridge builders or ditch diggers. Foote wasn't speaking occupationally but relationally. This comparison rings with truth in what is happening in the present United Methodist Church.



Bridge Builders

Bridge builders are peacemakers.
Bridge builders help connect people.
Bridge builders span chasms.
Bridge builders work on higher ground.
Bridge builders help others move to a desired destination.



Ditch Diggers

Ditch diggers are troublemakers.
Ditch diggers divide people.
Ditch diggers create chasms.
Ditch diggers work in lower places.
Ditch diggers hinder or make it difficult for people to reach their destination.

My prayer is that the "Ditch Diggers" will turn away from their ditch of disobedience to hold on to God's Holy Word and become Bridge Builders. If they insist on digging I pray that they would leave our property, the United Methodist Church, and dig somewhere else.

"Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters, since you know that you will receive an inheritance from the Lord as a reward. It is the Lord Christ you are serving. Anyone who does wrong will be repaid for their wrongs, and there is no favoritism." (Colossians 3:23-25)

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

Special Called Conference February 23rd Through 26th

In Saint Louis, 868 delegates will gather to decide (hopefully) the United Methodist Church's response to the movement within our denomination to have homosexual marriage ceremonies in our churches and practicing homosexuals serving as clergy (including bishops). The Southeastern Jurisdiction is composed of 188 delegates and the Alabama-West Florida Conference will have 28 in attendance.

It would be in our best interest to see a conclusive decision at the end of the session. The Bible and The Book of Discipline appear to be violated without any punitive results by many in the UMC. This has created a chasm over doctrinal differences and discredited the authority of The Book of Discipline.

John Wesley created the "trust clause" to discourage preachers who taught false doctrine from leading congregations away from the Methodist denomination, taking their assets. It would be good to see that a generous allowance for any congregation to leave the UMC with their physical and financial assets will come from the Special General Conference. This would discount that the "trust clause" is being used as a manipulative tool to keep congregations in the denomination solely for financial support of the institution.

We, the congregation of Brundidge United Methodist Church, will determine what response is necessary after the Special General Conference. Be in prayer. A post general conference meeting will be March 7th, 6 p.m., at First United Methodist Church of Montgomery. All are welcome. Let me know that you intend to go to this very important meeting. Rev Ed Shirley.



Fidget Blankets Needed at Local Senior Behavioral Clinic

You don't have to be extremely crafty. Just sew things on a blanket that would help occupy and stimulate an Alzheimer person's mind. The Troy Regional Medical Center is sending out the request. You can Google Search "fidget blanket images" on your computer to get ideas. Button flaps, zippers, shoe strings, pockets, and yarn sewn onto a blanket.

Confirmation Classes Begin Sunday March 3rd 10 a.m.

These five sessions will cover the definition and defense of the Christian faith, Methodist history, Methodist polity, and evangelism. It is open to age 12 & up. At the close of the class those who are not members of the church can officially join Brundidge United Methodist Church. Anyone can attend: non-church members and church members. **Call the church office at 735-3180 to register.**

We Support Recovery Efforts in Mexico Beach, Florida



The Wallace Family keeps us informed about the recovery efforts in this area devastated by Hurricane Michael. Brundidge United Methodist Church sent a check for \$5,520 for Mexico Beach UMC to use in any way they choose. The Wallace Pump & Supply Store has been a location of hope and help in Mexico Beach. A line formed at the old fashion hand pump that was their only source of fresh water for a period of time. Mister Wallace put that pump there many years ago just as a nostalgic yard ornament but it was a vital tool of survival after this storm.

Card Challenge for Congregation

We have a lot of folks who are basically unable to attend our worship services. They don't have emails or even cell phones. So, I am asking you to mail them cards. It can be a Valentine Card, Thinking of You, or any topic. Here are some addresses:

Gordon Bennet / New Horizon Community Living Center / 2400 Hospital Road / Tuskegee, AL 36083

Hilton Carter / P.O. Box 145 / Brundidge, AL / 36010

Sara Faye Fleshman / Troy Health and Rehab / 515 Elba Hwy / Troy, AL 36079

Donald Armstrong / Troy Health and Rehab / 515 Elba Hwy / Troy, AL 36079

Jean Barr / 8780 US Highway 29 / Banks, AL 36005

Bettye Brooks / 26 Brantley Mobile Home Park / Troy, AL 36081

Betty Coppage / 315 Bowden Street / Brundidge, AL 36010

Linda & Vernon Jackson / 238 Ramage Circle / Brundidge, AL 36010

Aletha & Bill Park / 422 Johnson Street / Brundidge, AL 36010

Vicki Dickert / 464 Dickert Circle / Brundidge, AL 36010



Be aware of any holiday that is approaching and have fun picking out a card to send to them. Jesus loves encouragers.



John Wesley's Comment on Love

I regard even faith itself not as an end but a means only. The end of the commandment is love, of every command, of the whole Christian dispensation. Let this love be attained by whatever means and I am content; I desire no more. All is well if we love the Lord our God with all our heart and our neighbors as ourselves.

“Watch over one another in Love”



Abigail Garrett will be collecting books from now until April 15th for the K4 and K5 classes at Banks Primary. She will also be collecting Bibles, Devotionals, Christian Books, and self help books for the House of Hope during this time. House of Hope will serve older teens and young adults. Donations may be dropped off at either Troy Piggly Wiggly location or you may call or text Abigail at 334-268-6469 for her to pick up any donations. Thank you for helping her encourage someone to enjoy reading and learning about the LOVE of Christ.

February Memorials

In Memory of Homer Homann

Debbie Howell-Building Fund
Jim & Linda Medley-Building Fund
Hank & Maria Strother- Building Fund
Brundidge Rotary Club- Building Fund

In Memory of Bill Jackson, Jr.

Nellie Sue Helms- Building Fund
Jimmy & Johnnie Ramage- Building Fund
Barb Homann- Building Fund
Bobby & Susan Chambers- Building Fund
Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund
Hank & Maria Strother- Building Fund
Lawrence & Sara Bowden- Building Fund
Vernon & Linda Jackson- Building Fund

In Memory of John L. & Mae W. Fryer

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Clay Hill

In Memory of James & Jeanette Fryer

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Building Fund

In Honor of Annsley Strother

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Youth Fund

* The LORD gives strength to his *
* people; the LORD blesses his *
* people with peace. *
* Psalm 20:11 *

February Birthdays

Caid Wallace- 3rd
Leslie Jackson-4th
Freida Spikes-5th
Tammy Powell-7th
Shea Treadwell-8th
Cole Coppage-11th
Aaron Milner-12th
John Lauer-13th
Dona Mencer-13th
Dan Fraley-14th
Dannah Dawson-14th
Dalton Jordan- 16th
David Thrash-20th
Eddie Powell-22nd
Macy Adams-22nd
Reynolds Wallace-22nd
Susan Renfroe-25th
Cody Hollis-26th
Steve Garrett- 27th

**Brundidge United Methodist Church
140 North Main St.
Brundidge, AL 36010**

Address Service Requested

**NON-PROFIT ORG
US POSTAGE PAID**

**TROY, ALABAMA
PERMIT#30**

Smiles From Mrs. Sara

- 1.) Why is a room full of married couples empty?
- 2.) How do you make notes from stone?
- 3.) What goes through a door but never goes in or out?
- 4.) How many feet are in a yard?



Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) Because there is not a single person in it. 2.) You rearrange the letters. 3.) A key hole
4.) It depends on how many people are standing in it.