



Plan to Daily Deal with the Pandemic Pressure

Some have failed to recognize how this pandemic has applied pressure to their lives. Some have fallen. I watched a YouTube video of workplace mishaps. A tractor trailer rig was attempting to carry a heavy load across a narrow steel bridge. They were moving slowly and I watched the middle of the bridge to see if it would buckle from the weight. It never did bend. Then suddenly the bridge crashed into the gulley below.

You must acknowledge that you are feeling the pressure of this pandemic. If you do not handle it in a healthy way, you will collapse and crash. There are only two ways to respond to pressure: (1) keep it contained to increase the pressure or (2) Use a release valve to lessen the pressure.

Israel collapsed from the pressure of Babylonian captivity. They were depressed and disorganized. The Prophet Nehemiah brought an organized healing project to deal with their collapsed state: rebuild the walls of Jerusalem. What is great is the fact that Nehemiah involved nobles, high priests, artisans, and even entire families in the project. They rallied together for a purpose and no more time was spent sulking about the past. The walls were restored in 52 days!

Friends, in this down time confined to home find a project. Spiritually, participate in an online Bible study. (www.biblestudytools.com) Read the Sermon on the Mount and journal your response to God's Word. Teach your children or grandchildren how to bake brownies, make a bird house, or play an instrument. Create a photo album with a narrative to give to your children (www.shutterfly.com).

I have framed two picture montage projects. One of my Grandfather "Big Ed" Shirley that I never knew. He was an operator for the Montgomery Lightning Route Trolley Car system. It can now be passed on through the family.

Please understand that you must do a self-examination of your emotional state every day. Be determined to be productive in coping with the pressure (it is there) with a project to channel your talents, energy and consume any possible idle time. The Lowe's parking lot has always been full because people have added porches, painted homes, and planted flowers. Families have taken their children to the animal shelter to bring a new pet home. Parents are teaching them the responsibility of caring for that puppy or kitten. Please take care of yourself.

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

Charge Conference Paper Work Time!

The Nominating Committee and Committee Chairpersons are compiling a list of nominees for various positions in the church. I know the first response of many is "Oh no! Not me!" Please be receptive to serving. Now with the pandemic the time required is minimal with few meetings mostly conducted by email or phone calls. To be honest we need cooperation and a concerted effort to accomplish all required stipulations to continue in ministry for Christ in Brundidge United Methodist Church. Each one of you can help.

In-Person Nominating Committee Meeting Sunday, August 9th, 4 p.m.

Members are Max Bundy, Joey Strother, Mary Adams, Heather Minton, Joe Bradley, Barb Homann, Ginger Rodgers, Sara Bowden, Max Copeland, and Rev Ed.



Meet the Apostle Peter Dramatic Monologue

August 9th 8:30 a.m. & 11 a.m. at BUMC



Rev Ed has not presented a dramatic monologue in a long time. I have received a request to present Peter the Disciple of Jesus. He was basically the spokesperson for all twelve of the disciples. Jesus called Peter "Cephas" which is Aramaic for "Rock." The one upon which Christ would build his church suffered great persecution and gave us all Holy Spirit inspired words of how to continue in a living hope to overcome troubled times.

Spiritual Warfare Training Series August 16th and 23rd



Friends, these are the end times. The greatest downfall of today's Christian church is their lack of knowledge about spiritual warfare. The anti-Christ is here and even fully operating some of our churches. We must recognize Satan's immediate presence of temptation and attack to defend ourselves individually and as the church. This two-part presentation will be shared online and in our in-person worship services. Please read Ephesians 6:10-20 to prepare for a serious valuable necessary study to equip you with what we must wear every day now: the Armor of God. Carry the Sword of God's Word!

And they overcame him (Satan) by the blood of the Lamb (Jesus), and by the word of their (your) testimony; and they (you) loved not (your life) their lives unto the death. Revelation 12:11

Pray and Support Ministries Affected by Pandemic

There are so many ministries with a praiseworthy record of vital service for Jesus in the past. They remain in the present and struggling because of the shutdown created by the Corona Virus. Indeed, support Brundidge United Methodist Church. However, if you have resources to help other ministries during this crucial time when some can only try to survive please do so.

Blue Lake Camp is in serious immediate need of finances.

The AWF Conference no longer supports the camp. All of their summer camps were cancelled. No family reunions, church retreats, Emmaus Walks or other usual gatherings. In the past, Blue Lake was very solvent with registration fees and a busy schedule of events. The Corona Virus Pandemic has brought it all to a halt. Thus far a loss of around \$500,000 in revenue. You can help by sending a check through the church by writing it out to "BUMC" and designate for "Blue Lake." You can send a check directly to Blue Lake, 8500 Oakwood Lane, Andalusia, AL 36420. Their phone number is 334-222-5407.

Sav-A-Life Troy is experiencing a reduced flow of donations.

The needs of this Christian-based pregnancy testing and parenting education center have not diminished. Actually, the importance of their services is even more valuable during this Corona Virus Pandemic. You can send a check through the church by writing "BUMC" and designate for "Sav-A-Life" Troy. You can send a donation directly to Sav-A-Life Troy, P.O. Box 852, Troy, Alabama 36081.

The Troy Wesley Foundation is busy ministering to students in Troy.

The Wesley Foundations no longer receives support through the AWF Conference. Bibles studies and meals are continuing now during this time of pandemic. You can give by writing a check to "BUMC" and designate for "TU Wesley Foundation." You can send a check directly to Wesley Foundation, 203 East St, Troy, AL 36081.

The United Methodist Children's Home is presently doing well.

Most of their finances from churches arrive with the White Christmas Offering Campaign in December. The UMCH also has a substantial number of private donors. So, we will pray that our church will be prepared in December 2020 to collect our usual generous White Christmas Offering. And we are praying our pandemic will almost be a topic of the past in conversation.

Thank you that we, Brundidge United Methodist Church, are doing well.

You have mailed in your tithe checks, dropped them by the office, and given generously upon the restart of in-person worship services.

In Honor of Lawrence Bowden

Laura Carpenter- BUMC

In Memory of LW Fryer Family

Frank & Wynnette Fryer- Building Fund

In Memory of Bill Hixon

Margaret Ross- Building Fund

Nellie Sue Helms-Building Fund

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Mason McLendon fund

Leigh & Mitch Moore- BUMC

Charles & Mary Adams- We Care

Don Dickert- BUMC

Randall & Gail Thompson- We Care

Annette Bryan- Building Fund

In Memory of Bill & Betty Hixon

Chip & Helen Wallace- Building Fund

In Memory of Hilton Carter

Building Fund-Nellie Sue Helms

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Mason McLendon fund

Don Dickert- BUMC

Charles & Mary Adams- We Care

Randall & Gail Thompson- We Care

Barb Homann-BUMC

In Memory of Jean Barr

Sarah Hixon- UMW

Don Dickert- BUMC

In Memory of Don Johnston, Jr.

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Prayer Cushions

Don Dickert- BUMC

Jimmy & Johnnie Ramage- Virginia Johnston Scholarship

Randall & Gail Thompson-- Virginia Johnston Scholarship

In Memory of Betsy Bowden

Don Dickert- BUMC

Randall & Gail Thompson- Mason McLendon Fund

In Memory of Nellyene Weston, Britt Thomas, & LizAnn Harbuck

Don Dickert- BUMC

In Memory of Gyzelle Gibson

Tommy & Linda Gibson- Building Fund

In Memory of Robert & Alice Hudley

Nellie Sue Helms-Building Fund

Lisa Cobb- BUMC

Bill & Aletha Park- BUMC

Don & Susan Renfroe- BUMC

Wayne & Cindy Mitchell- BUMC

PCHS Class of 1957- Building Fund

Don Dickert- BUMC

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Mason McLendon fund

Jim & Linda Medley- BUMC

Becky Meredith-BUMC

Maxine Dubose-BUMC

Lurd Waldrop- BUMC

Margaret & Michael Riddle- BUMC

Charles & Mary Adams- We Care

Sam & Michelle Adams-BUMC

Chip & Helen Wallace- Building Fund

Randall & Gail Thompson- We Care

Bernard & Linda Sullivan- BUMC

Barb Homann-BUMC

In Memory of Tammy Powell

Don Dickert- BUMC

Jimmy & Johnnie Ramage- Choir Fund

Sam & Michelle Adams-Choir Fund

Nellie Sue Helms- Building fund

Chip & Helen Wallace- Building Fund

Randall & Gail Thompson- We Care

John & Melodie Lauer- Choir Fund

Maxine Dubose- Choir Fund

Wayne & Cindy Mitchell, Nathan & Blakeley Ellis, &

Britton & Amanda Mitchell-Choir Fund

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-Mason McLendon fund

Jackson Thornton-Building Fund

Valerie Conner-Choir Fund

Barb Homann-BUMC

Kim Wise-Choir Fund

In Memory of Karen Robinson

Mike Robinson- Karen Robinson Scholarship



Cathy Connell-1st , Luke Barron-3rd, Alissa Barron-3rd , Barbara Dunn-4th
Clem Rodgers-5th , Rush Hixon-6th , Dale Harden-7th , Ross Hixon-9th ,
Michelle McDowell Waren-10th, Johnny Garrett-11th , Kimberly Howard Culver-12th ,
Mark Galloway-14th, Morgan Jordan-14th, Stark Laney-15th
Katie Sanders Thomas-15th , Henry Howard, Sr.-16th , Chuck Dickert-19th ,
Henry Dawson Culver-19th , Kendra Harden-21st , Susan Ginn-21st
Laura B. Carpenter-25th , Jeff Hollis-26th , Aletha Park-27th , Emily Whitlock-28th

Smiles From Mrs. Sara

1. What happens when you throw a green rock in the Red Sea?
2. What does an envelope say when you lick it?
- 3.) What time is the same spelled backwards or forwards?
- 4.) What 10 letter word starts with g-a-s?
- 5.) What has four legs and a back but no body?



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Genesis 21:6

Answers: 1.) It gets wet. 2.) Nothing, it just shuts up. 3.) Noon 4.) Automobile. 5.) A chair.