

# Brundidge United Methodist Church

## July 2017 Newsletter

### Silence is Golden

One of my all-time favorite songs is “Silence is Golden.” It was recorded by the English Band “The Tremeloes” in the year 1967. I was surprised to find out that one of The Four Seasons actually wrote it, Bob Gaudio. The Four Seasons also recorded this song. It has great harmony and it is just a beautiful song. If you haven’t heard it lately then call it up on YouTube.

I have been practicing just being silent. The psalmist said “Be still and know that I am God.” (Psalm 46:10) Benjamin Franklin said “Remember not only to say the right thing in the right place, but far more difficult still, to leave unsaid the wrong thing at the tempting moment.” Oh that is hard to do especially when you can throw in a good solid “I told you so!”

Ecclesiastes 3:7 says that there is a time to “keep silence and a time to speak.” All I can do is pray that the Holy Spirit will let me know when to do what. I think we obliterate the “Silence is Golden” rule when we start thinking more about self than letting the Savior be revealed in our words and actions in life.

Before we vibrate the vocal chords and discharge some audible wave sounds from the mouth we need to ask “Are these words really necessary?” To speak at this time may not be of value. I like what one person said: “Never argue with a fool because somebody watching may not be able to tell the difference.”

I remember the Bugs Bunny cartoon when Yosemite Sam was closely monitored by Bugs to record any angry disparaging words. Every time Sam blew up he lost a part of his fortune. Of course you remember he lost it all. “Rick ‘em rack ‘em!”

Also a tendency to just keep talking might lead you into Gossip Gulley. I remember what one lady said “I better stop talking because I’ve already told you more than I know.” I know that when I retell a story that involves what I perceived to be an injustice against me my stellar righteous image gets polished brighter with every recollection.

So, I have actually enjoyed pulling off at the exit ramp of the verbal highway lately. I find it funny that Teller of the magic act duo Penn and Teller doesn’t speak. Hey his name is “Teller!” Take time to be quiet. Listen to the song “Silence is Golden” and contemplate the precious value of actually not speaking, or at least speaking strategically to be sure to reflect the character of Christ. Can you say “Amen?”

In Christ’s love.....Rev Ed

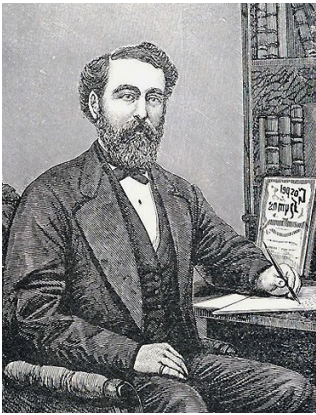
## Honoring the Brundidge Volunteer Fire Department July 16th

Yes, we are going to have a busy Sunday of activities with the church-wide breakfast at 7:30 a.m., Early Service at 8:30 a.m., 11 a.m. service with Walter Wilson in concert along with our appreciation shown for the Brundidge Volunteer Fire Department. Then a covered dish lunch after the 11 a.m. service. All members of the Brundidge VFD will receive a special Firefighter Bible. So, dress casual in red and black to show your support for our firefighters. Bring a little bit extra to feed the firefighters and their families.



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## “Meet Philip Bliss” Sunday July 30th



It has been a long time since Rev Ed has presented a dramatic monologue. You may not be familiar with his name, but you have sung his hymns: “Hallelujah What A Savior,” “Let the Lower Lights Be Burning,” “Wonderful Words of Life,” “Almost Persuaded,” and many more. Rev Ed will portray this famous hymn writer who certainly would have composed more hymns if he lived beyond age 38. What happened? Find out at the 8:30 a.m. Early Service and the 11 a.m. Service on Sunday July 30th.

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## Homecoming Sunday October 15th, 11 a.m.

Remember that we are having a homecoming every year now. What is the formula? The third Sunday in October every year is homecoming. We look forward to having one of our former pastors as a guest this October 15th: Reverend Bruce Fitzgerald. His picture is on the wall of the education building along with other previous Brundidge UMC pastors. Please remind any of the former church members that you encounter that Homecoming is October 15th and we would love for them to return, reminisce, and worship Christ with us on this special occasion.

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## Thank You for Contributing to the Building Fund!

Indeed we have finished some major projects on our main sanctuary building, completed in the year 1920. You have been so generous. We still have projects before us. The front steps are breaking apart, we need new siding around the dome, more roof work, and we have a lot of exterior painting to be done. Our goal is to complete it all by 2020 when we have a great centennial celebration!



# In Memory



## **In Memory of Martha Ramage**

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-BUMC

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Building Fund

## **In Memory of Guy Sawyer**

Frank & Wynnette Fryer

## **In Memory of Ken Smith**

Don & Susan Renfroe- VBS fund

Hank & Maria Strother- BUMC

## **In Memory of Irene Carter**

Nellie Sue Helms-Building fund

Homer & Barb Homann-Youth Fund

Melba Lisenby- BUMC

Don & Martha Price- Building Fund

Mr. & Mrs. Sherroll Tatom-BUMC

Cot & Jean Wallace-We Care

Charles Henderson Child Health Center-  
BUMC

Hank & Maria Strother- BUMC

## **In Memory of Mason McLendon**

Uncle Jim & Aunt Lala- Mason McLendon  
Fund

## **In Memory of Betty Hixon**

Nellie Sue Helms-Building fund

Randy, Gail, & Matthew Hale-BUMC

Chip & Helen Wallace-BUMC

## **In Memory of Betty Hixon**

Betty Coppage-Building fund

James & Donna Flowers-Building fund

Ann & Larry Webb- We Care

Jimmy & Johnnie Ramage- BUMC

Lawrence & Sara Bowden-BUMC

Mike & Sue Richards-Building Fund

Tony & Becky Gibson- BUMC

Thom & Nellie Jo Rainer-BUMC

The Randolph Johnston Family-BUMC

Carol & Emily Dent-BUMC

Jerry & Patti Reeves-BUMC

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-We Care

Wilmer & Tina Hulen-BUMC

Cot & Jean Wallace-We Care

Homer & Barb Homann- Youth Fund

South AL Electric Co Op- BUMC

Charlotte Wallace- Choir Fund

Bud & Margaret Ross- Choir Fund

Les & Jimmie Jackson-Choir Fund

Warren Walker & Family- BUMC

Don & Martha Price- Building Fund

Wayne & Ann Seay- BUMC

Joel & Patricia Sirmon-BUMC

Jim & Laura Carpenter- Building Fund

Joe & Claire Bradley- BUMC

Annette Bryan- Choir Fund

Robert & Alice Hudley-We Care

Troy Bank & Trust-BUMC

# Smiles From Mrs. Sara

## Genesis 21:6

- 1.) What did the fireman say when the church caught on fire?
- 2.) When was tennis mentioned in the Bible?
- 3.) What was Noah's profession?
- 4.) How long did Cain hate his brother?



as he was Able.

1.) Holy Smoke!! 2.) When Joseph served in Pharaoh's court. 3.) He was an Arkitech 4.) As long

Answers:



Lucas Fraley-1st, Rebecca Hagan-1st,  
Homer Homann-2nd, Rylee Copeland-  
3rd, Jason Dorrill-7th, Abigail Garrett-  
9th, Shannon Robinson-10th, Hollis  
Treadwell-11th, Frank Fryer-11th,  
Henry Howard, Jr.-15th, Johnnie  
Ramage-15th, Chase Foster-16th,  
Lawrence Bowden-16th, Morgan  
Bundy-18th, Sue Richards-19th, Nellie  
Sue Helms-20th, Shelby Strother-  
26th, Marie Thompson-26th, Sheila  
Johnston-26th, Melanie Baker-28th,  
Chip Wallace-29th, Melissa S.  
Mockros-30th, Lynn Bundy-31st

## "Little Child"

Little child, little child  
How special you are.  
When you look up  
Do I look far?  
I'll stoop down low  
For you to see...  
My eyes looking at you  
So you can look at me.  
What should we do today...  
Read some stories or  
Should we just play?  
The dishes and cleaning,  
That can all wait...  
Maybe we could go for a walk  
Out by the gate.  
Let's find some moss or  
An acorn or two  
Pick some wild flowers  
Just maybe a few.  
Don't forget hugs and  
Smile now and then  
Love and good feelings  
And just being Friends.  
Little child, little child  
How special you are,  
Next time you come...  
We'll look at the stars.

-Barb Homann

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