



Stop Making Noise and Listen to the Lord

“Listen to them, the children of the night. What music they make!” Who said that? Bela Lugosi portrayed Count Dracula in the 1931 film “Dracula.” He offered that comment after some howls were heard in the night.

Over the summer I preached a couple of revivals way out in the country. Upon returning to my car after the evening service I often noticed the overwhelming sound of the insects. “Listen to them the bugs of the night!” “We don’t here that in the town do we?” would be my next remark. Why? We’ve changed the landscape in the town and crowded out nature’s creatures. We are accustomed to other noises now at night in the city.

Well, you need to be very careful not to change the landscape of your life and allow the noise of other things to drown out the voice of the Lord. Now I am not talking about His audible voice. But you can understand how easy it is to let the sounds of the world silence God’s voice in our lives.

Really reading God’s Word is like moving the radio dial to get the best signal from your favorite station. I’m amazed that when I really focus on reading the Scripture the Holy Spirit just makes the Lord’s eternal enriching empowering truths crystal clear to my mind and my heart.

When I’m travelling sometimes I’ll reach that area where two radio station signals are fighting to occupy that one frequency spot. Finally I move into a closer range where one overpowers the other. The annoying chatter of the other broadcast is gone and I have one strong clear signal to enjoy.

Friends, remember God always stays close, but we often let distance and static interfere by cruising down the world’s fast lane in a hurry to get from one place to the next.

“So faith comes from hearing, and hearing through the Word of Christ.” (Romans 10:17) “Whoever is of God hears the Words of God.” (John 8:47)

Filter out the world’s noise and Satan’s static by prayer, reading the Bible, going to church, attending revival services, participating in a Christian retreat, singing songs of praise, and consciously moving away from the godless noise while moving closer to God’s voice.

In Christ’s love..... Rev Ed



Homecoming October 15th 11 a.m.

This is our first annual homecoming to always follow the formula the 3rd Sunday in October. Former pastor Reverend Bruce Fitzgerald will be our guest speaker. Bruce served Brundidge UMC from 1981 until 1985. I found a fan with his picture from a 1987 "Old Time Revival and Camp Meeting Time." A covered dish lunch and time of fellowship will follow the service.

500th Anniversary of "Reformation Day"

Rev Ed presents "Martin Luther-Dramatic Monologue"

Sunday October 29th

October 31, 1517, Augustinian Monk Martin Luther nailed his 95 Theses on the Wittenberg Cathedral doors. This step basically led to a mighty movement to return the church to the common people. Luther argued that Christ alone forgives us of our sins and everyone should be able to read the Bible in their common language. Luther also composed the great hymn "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God." Rev Ed will be Martin Luther at the 8:30 a.m. and 11 a.m. services.



Volunteer to Be at BUMC Table at Pike County Fair Oct. 3-7

The Troy Shriners are always generous to provide a table space for our church at the fair. It will be October 3-7. We need church members to sit at the table with a warm welcome for fair goers. We have brochures about our church, devotional materials, and mint candy. Arrive at around 5:45 p.m. and tell them you are here for the Brundidge UMC display table and get in free.

Volunteer to Be at BUMC Table at Peanut Butter Festival Oct. 28th

We had a fantastic turnout of church folks to be at the table last year! Thank you. This is a marvelous opportunity to let locals and visitors know that Brundidge UMC is a part of our community. We have several hundred wrist bands to give away and perhaps a few recipe books to sell. Yes, we will have our peanut Cross on display with signs saying "We are Nuts for Jesus at Brundidge United Methodist Church." Gather around 8:30 a.m. near the Bass House or drop by throughout the day to take turns being at the table.

We Welcome New Pianist Susan Helms to Brundidge UMC

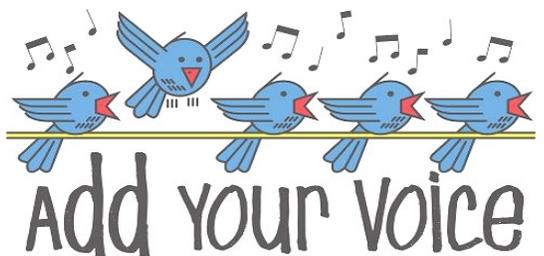
Susan is a retired public school music teacher. She has many students in Headland where she resides with her husband John Ross. We have already received so many nice complements about her beautiful piano playing in the 11 a.m. service.

New Siding Around Dome and Roof Work Next

Not long after new siding was installed around the eaves of the main church building's roof many commented "Now the dome looks like an ugly sore thumb!" Thanks to your generosity we have reached the next phase of work to get the dome looking good. Of course the list goes on with front steps in need of repair and exterior painting before us. There are two reasons to push getting all the major work done on the 1920 structure at this time. We are planning a centennial celebration in 2020 of the main church building's construction. We want it to look very good for that major milestone. And while we have the resources now we need to make these major repairs to preserve the building. I don't know where Brundidge UMC will be in 30 years. The Lord Jesus may return and we'll all be in Heaven by then. But to make sure the congregation can focus on ministering for Christ in our community, we can take away the worry of major repairs needed to the building. Church members, former church members, and others have been so supportive of the building fund. Please continue to give as we enjoy seeing the progress to make this historic landmark on Brundidge main street remain a stellar beautiful site.

Join the Choir! Ten Reasons to Occupy the Choir Loft on Sunday!

10. You're running out of clean clothes and the robe saves on laundry.
9. The church is usually crowded and you want to make sure you always have a seat.
8. You've just been selected for jury duty and you want to get used to sitting with a large group of people.
7. The collection plate is never passed to the choir.
6. There's a clock in the back of the church and you want to know when one hour has passed.
5. For years you have wanted to know who sits in the back of the church but were afraid to turn around and look.
4. You've been known to nod off during the service and don't want the minister to catch you.
3. The chairs for the choir are padded and are the **most comfortable chairs** in the church.
2. Your favorite movie is Sister Act.
1. You have a desire to serve God through music!
(Probably the best reason of all ten.)



Walk to Fight Suicide “Out of Darkness Community Walk” Nov. 5

During the month of October a collection box will be located in the church foyer to receive your donation to sponsor suicide prevention programs. Then on Sunday November 5th your offering brought to the altar during communion will be collected for the Troy University Walk to Fight Suicide. You can represent our church in the walk by showing up at the Track on the Campus of Troy University at 1 p.m. on Sunday, November 5th. Following the 11:00 worship service, the BUMC Evangelism Committee will sponsor a lunch for those participating (and their families) in the Walk. If you'd rather not walk, please plan to join us and cheer on the BUMC team! No admittance fee required. If you need more information about this Walk to Fight Suicide contact Jennifer Garrett at jcgpw@live.com or 334-268-6469.



In Memory of Dot Laney

Jim & Laura Carpenter-Mason McLendon Fund

In Memory of Jane Senn

Jimmy Hollis-UMCOR Hurricane Relief

In Memory of Martha Ramage

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In Memory of Guy Sawyer

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In Memory of Betty Hixon

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In Memory of Hortense Horn

Pike Co. Chamber of Commerce-Building Fund

In Honor of Donna Horn

Pike Co. Chamber of Commerce-Building Fund

In Honor of Rev Ed, Sharon, and Amber Shirley

Frank & Wynnette Fryer-Building Fund



OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS



Graceson Adams-1st
Judy Bryan-2nd
Clint Wallace-4th
Russell Dunnun-4th
Connor Thrash-5th
Raif Daniel-6th
Dax Hunter 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 Elyse Hollis-24th
Taylor Adams-25th
Peggy Lawler-25th
John T. Hix-26th
Emily Bryan-26th
Kaylee Copeland-26th
Russell Baker-26th
Daniel Dorrill-28th
Sara Bowden-29th
Sherroll Tatom-30th

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

- **October 1:** BUMC Charge Conference
- **October 3-7:** Pike County Fair. Volunteers needed for BUMC booth.
- **October 14th, 10am:** Walk for Jesus at New Jerusalem Holiness Church on Galloway Road concluding at Pike County High School.
- **October 15, 11:am:** HOMECOMING. (No church-wide breakfast)
- **October 25:** Trunk or Treat following Wednesday Night Supper
- **October 28:** Peanut Butter Festival. Volunteers needed for BUMC booth.

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Smiles From Mrs. Sara

Genesis 21:6

- 1.) Why did the golfer wear two pairs of pants?
- 2.) What do you call bears with no ears?
- 3.) What do you have if your dog can't bark?
- 4.) Which creatures on Noah's ark didn't come in pairs?
- 5.) Why was it so hot in the stadium after the baseball game?



Answers: 1.) In case he got a hole in one. 2.) B 3.) A hush puppy 4.) The worms...they came in apples. 5.) Because all the fans had left.