

# Circuit Writer

## What's INSIDE

- 2 From the Pastor
- 3 Have We  
Forgotten God?
- 4 Calendar
- 5 Our Caring  
Ministry
- 5 The Power of  
Prayer Warriors
- 6 Family Prayer List

**REJOICE  
ALWAYS,  
PRAY  
CONTINUALLY,  
GIVE THANKS  
IN ALL  
CIRCUMSTANCES.**  
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV

## Special Dates:

- November 2 - Daylight  
Saving Time Ends
- November 2 -  
All Saints Sunday
- November 11 -  
Veterans Day
- November 23 -  
Christ the King/  
Reign of Christ Sunday
- November 27 -  
Thanksgiving Day
- November 30 -  
First Sunday of Advent

## Blountstown United Methodist Church

### A Day to Honor Our Veterans

On November 11, 1918, the Germans and the Allied Nations, which included the United States, signed a document to initiate an armistice (cessation of hostilities), thus ending World War I. A year later, President Woodrow Wilson issued a proclamation designating November 11 as Armistice Day. It was to be a day of reflection—a day to remember those who died in the country's service and to offer Americans the opportunity "to show sympathy with peace and justice in the councils of the nation."



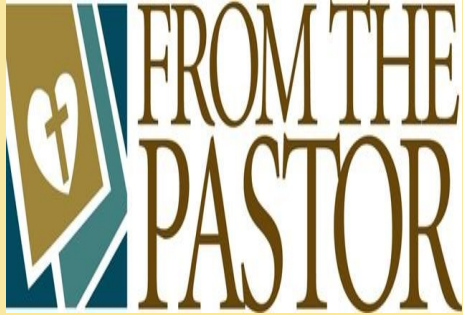
Wanting to recognize more specifically America's veterans, Congress passed a bill changing the name of the day from Armistice Day to Veterans' Day. The change was made in 1954.

On this national holiday, churches around the nation hold services of prayers and praise. Followers of the Prince of Peace pray for peace among the nations of Earth and for the day when "they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruning hooks; nations shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn any more" (Isaiah 2:4, NRSV).



### Abundant Blessings

There is plenitude in God. That great fact must never be lost or obscured. We must not exchange this immense graciousness for a few scraps of human morality or a few shopworn proverbs. God is a vast reservoir of blessings who supplies us abundantly.



## Appointment with God

The Sanctuary of  
Blountstown United  
Methodist Church  
is open every  
Sunday evening,  
6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Come by, spend as  
much time as you  
wish in the quietness  
of God's presence.

No preaching, only  
quiet meditation as  
you sit in the  
presence of the  
Almighty,  
unburdening your  
soul,  
sharing your grief and  
pain, receiving His  
encouragement and  
comfort.

*<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord! Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good! His faithful love endures forever. <sup>2</sup>Who can list the glorious miracles of the Lord? Who can ever praise him enough?*

*Psalms 106:1-2 NLT*

These beginning verses in this psalm remind us of our relationship with the Almighty God, creator of heaven and earth. He is extraordinarily gifted as the creator of all there is, both seen and unseen. He is meticulous in His design and very attentive in the maintenance of His work.

Human beings are the crown jewel of His creative experiment, and when we abandoned His plan for us and went our own way, He was compassionate in our failure and came to restore our relationship with Him. The Lord wants that relationship to be restored, but if we choose not to come back to Him, He continues to care for us with great compassion and love. The Scriptures remind us, "Because of the Lord's great love we are not consumed, for his compassions never fail. They are new every morning; great is your faithfulness." Lamentations 3:22-23

The word 'praise' is used 121 times in the Psalms. Praise calls on us to think about God, our Creator, and reflect on His character of faithful mercy and infinite love. The word, 'thanks' or 'thanksgiving' occurs 30 times. This calls on us to show God gratitude and appreciations for His goodness to us. Both praise and thanksgiving focus our attention on someone or something other than ourselves; someone who has done something special, unwarranted and unexpected for us.

Think about the last year. Some days have been tough, demanding, unrelenting and confusing. In all our difficulty and heartache, God has never abandoned us. Praise Him that His strength and mercy have been with us each step of the way, even on the days when His presence seemed nowhere to be found.

Now list 5 blessings when you experience God's favor and goodness. Thank Him for these times of refreshing and confirmation that He is always with us. This exercise will lift your spirits, invigorate you, and give you hope and peace for the future. This is the beauty and blessings of thanksgiving. We are never alone. Thanks be to God!

Bro. John King



## Have We Forgotten God?



We have been the recipients of the choicest bounties of heaven; we have been preserved these many years in peace and prosperity; we have grown in numbers, wealth and power as no other nation has grown.

But we have forgotten God. We have forgotten the gracious hand which

preserved us in peace and multiplied and enriched and strengthened us, and we have vainly imagined, in the deceitfulness of our hearts, that all these blessings were produced by some superior wisdom and virtue of our own.

It has seemed to me fit and proper that God should be solemnly, reverently and gratefully acknowledge, as with one heart and one voice, by the whole of the American people. I do therefore invite my fellow citizens in every part of the United States, and also those who are at sea and those who are sojourning in foreign lands, to set apart and observe the last Thursday of November as a day of Thanksgiving and praise our beneficent Father who dwelleth in the heavens.

— Abraham Lincoln,  
1863 proclamations of a National Day of Fasting and a National Day of Thanksgiving

## Giving Thanks for All Things

It's easy to list the blessings in life: good health, family, a satisfying career, a comfortable home. We might even be thankful for things others take for granted such as freedom and clean drinking water, reliable transportation and food enough to eat. Then there are the little things, such as gardens, sunrises, pets and coffee.



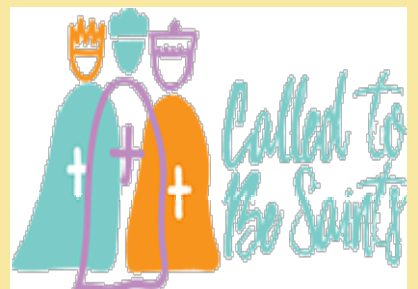
But what about storms or unanswered prayer? Should we be thankful for these? Loss and hardship remind us of our dependence on God. He uses trials to draw us closer to him, to show us that He is our rock and refuge. In misfortune and grief, we discover God's comfort and strength. Should we not, then, be thankful for the storms, too?

## Remembering the Saints

When Paul wrote to the church in Rome, he addressed his letter "To all God's beloved ... who are called to be saints" (Romans 1:7, NRSV). Paul regarded his fellow believers as people who have responded to the good news of Christ by choosing to follow and serve God.

The New Testament emphasizes that Christians are God's beloved — special people set apart to receive his grace and to be his witnesses. All people whose minds and hearts are devoted to God are "called to be saints".

About 700 years after the church began, leaders designated November 1 as All Saints' Day to honor people whose lives reflect Christ dwelling within them. Because of what God has done for us, all Christians can wear the label of saint.





# NOVEMBER



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>Communion</b> Ann Tucker  <b>Communion Offering</b> Calhoun Ministy Center		<b>Ushers</b> Vicky Whitfield Steve Whitfield  <b>Standby</b> Jimmy Cox		<b>Daylight Savings Time Ends on Sunday, November 2</b>	 <b>1</b>
<b>2</b>  <b>Pastor Appreciation Meal</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>  ♪Tiffany Weiler	<b>5</b>  ♪John Tomlinson	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>  ♪Charmian Register
<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	 <b>11</b>	<b>12</b>  ♪Hannah Haser	<b>13</b>  ♪Louise Harrison ♪Norah Handley	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>
<b>16</b>  ♪Michelle Pettis	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>
<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>  ♥Chris & John Tomlinson Nov 30	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>  ♥Debbie & Tommy Edwardds
<b>30</b>						





## Our Caring Ministry List

### Short Term Concerns

Ellen Cruz  
Edward Dean  
Art Eckerson  
Patsy Fleming  
Cindy Golden  
Grant Golden  
Libby Griffin  
Jimmy Hand  
Lynn Lanier  
George McNew  
Myrna Mowrey  
Joe Rector  
Bo Roberts

Erica Coronado  
Jimmy DeVane  
Kathryn Doyal  
Ed Pildher  
Jessica Stallworth

### Our Shut – Ins

Betty Ann Cayson  
James Griffin  
Alva Martin

### Our Military

Ukraine soldiers and citizens  
Israel Citizens  
Middle East

### Intercessory Prayer

Ted Dempsey  
Gale Ferguson  
Phyllis Miller

### Persecuted Christians

### UM Missionaries

### Caregivers

Please contact the office with any updates to this list — Thank You!

### Those Battling Cancer

Gene Alford  
Melissa Bailey



## Samaritan's Purse Thank You Note

Thank you for generous gift of \$20,000 sent to Samaritan's Purse from Blountstown United Methodist Church for Hurricane Helene Relief in North Carolina and for our flood response in Texas. Your support and prayers for this ministry means so much. It was also a privilege for our disaster relief teams to assist people in your community and surrounding areas in Florida.

In both cases your gift was used to meet physical and spiritual needs.

Our rebuild teams currently have 37 new homes under construction and have completed major repairs on 45 existing homes.

Samaritan's Purse is working in several counties in Texas to meet needs in the wake of the devastation flooding that occurred there. Teams are distributing grocery gift cards, replacing appliances, furniture, vehicles, and RVs that people were living in and lost to the floodwaters.

May God bless you.  
Sincerely,  
Franklin Graham

- 02 Mr. Don Stephens
- 09 Ms. Stacy Sims
- 16 Dr. & Mrs. Quentin Henderson
- 23 Mrs. Hester Leonard
- 30 Mr. & Mrs. Mark Herndon



# Blountstown United Methodist Church

Post Office Box 299  
20500 Central Ave, West  
Blountstown, FL 32424  
Phone: 850-674-8254/3144  
Email: bunitedmc@gmail.com  
www.blountstownumc.org

First Std  
U.S. Postage  
PAID  
City, ST  
Permit # 000

## Family & Friends Prayer List

volume 2 • number 11

1. Chris & John Tomlinson /  
Ann & Mike Tucker
2. Janie & Jack Weiler /  
Jarred Weiler Family
3. Cherie White Family /  
Doug Whitfield Family
4. Drew Whitfield Family /  
Vicky & Steve Whitfield
5. Grant Williams Family /  
Laddie Williams
6. Laura & Roger Williams /  
Marvin Williams
7. Mary Ann Williams /  
Mary Beth Williams
8. Barbara Wilson /  
Esther Alford
9. Dresia Barfield /  
John Barfield Family
10. Wynelle Bateman /  
Mary Margaret & Bob Barsch
11. Alton Carpenter /  
Betty Ann Cayson
12. Donna & Finlay Corbin /  
Peggy & Jimmy Cox
13. Tyler Cox /  
Joe Durden Family
14. Debbie Tommy Edwards /  
Gale & Joe Ferguson
15. Mary Flowers /  
Frank Gates
16. Gina Gates Family /  
Montez Golden
17. Peggy Hall /  
Pam & Ronnie Hand
18. Norah Handley /  
Louise & Sonny Harrison
19. Eileen Hatch /  
Trevor Haser Family
20. Brooks Hayes Family /  
Cheri & Quentin Henderson
21. Mark Herndon Family /  
Jackie & David House
22. Nick Hughes Family /  
Laurie James Family
23. Sandra & Jim Jines /  
Billy Jordan Family
24. Seth Jones Family /  
Becky Kastli
25. Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel /  
Jonathan Kimbrel Family
26. John King /  
Clay Knight
27. Richard Leath /  
Alva Martin
28. Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill /  
Marc McCaskill Family
29. Michael McCaskill Family /  
Danita & Glen McClellan
30. Hentz McClellan Family /  
Kyle McClellan Family