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# **Special Dates:**

- October 5 World
   Communion Sunday
- October 9 -Sister Friends' Coffee
- October 12 -Charge Conference
- October 13 Columbus Day
- October 19 -Third Sunday Breakfast
- October 24 BHS Football Breakfast
- October 31 Reformation Day

### **Blountstown United Methodist Church**

## **The Surpassing Grace**

The word "surpass" means to exceed, to go beyond, to transcend the reach of capacity of. In his second letter to the church at Corinth, St. Paul refers to "the surpassing grace of God that he has given you" (2 Corinthians 9:14,



NRSV). Paul was reminding the Corinthians of the amazing abundant grace God had showed upon them.

When Paul wrote the letter, the church in Jerusalem was suffering intense persecution. The members were poor and struggling to be faithful under dire circumstances.

Paul knew the church at Corinth was doing fine financially and that they had a mind to help out the Jerusalem church. He wrote: "You glorify God ... by generosity of your sharing with them and with all others, while they ... pray for you because of the surpassing grace of God that he has given you" (2 Corinthians 9:13-14, NRSV).

Consider how you can share God's surpassing grace with others in need.

"The Bible is not only a book which I can understand; it is a book which understands me."

- Emile Caillet

# **Charge Conference**

**Our Charge Conference** is scheduled for Sunday, October 12, at 2:00 p.m. Wewahitchka UMC will be hosting this year. We ask all Church Council members to attend this meeting as we vote on our leadership and the pastor's salary.

### The CIRCUIT WRITER



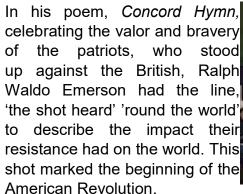


# Appointment with God

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.





On September 10, 2025 another shot was fired that has been heard "round the world". Charlie Kirk, a young man of 31, was martyred by those who found his message of dialogue with those who disagree and his call for personal reflection and civic discourse more than they could tolerate. When his message spread like wildfire, his voice had to be silenced.

Charlie was a patriot. His values were birthed in high school as he argued with his teachers for the principles of limited government and free enterprise. He tried college for a year, but dropped out when the powers that be required him to take courses that were a waste of time. He continued his education by enrolling in online courses from Hillsdale College and learned the philosophical principals and values that are the foundation of Western Civilization; liberty, limited government and the free exchange of ideas. He embraced these values enthusiastically and took them to college campuses and challenged students to think outside of the box of the propaganda and pabulum they were being fed in class.

But beneath his political views was the foundation of biblical faith in the person of Jesus Christ, the Son of the living God who has come to redeem us. Charlie was unwavering in his faith. He stated it clearly and unapologetically everywhere he went. He presented the biblical standards of morality clearly, logically and persuasively. Young people flocked to hear him, understood the message, embraced it and found the foundation upon which to build lives of purpose and peace. He became an evangelist for the gospel, an extraordinarily effective evangelist. But the forces of evil could not stand him, counter his message, or understand his appeal. So they silenced him the only way they could. They killed him.

And that shot has reverberated around the world. It has shattered our complacency. We have been forced to recognized there are forces of evil that are bent on our destruction by whatever means necessary. In the fifth century, Tertullian, one of the early church fathers, famously

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declared, "The blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." His words still hold true; every generation has seen men and women whose deaths gave rise to new life in Christ. These words of this hymn challenge us, "Rise us on men of God, have done with lesser things, give heart, and mind and soul and strength, to serve the King of Kings."

When Martin Luther stood trial at Worms and was ask to recant his convictions about the authority of the Scriptures, he refused and answered, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. Amen."

In the face of evil and the constant bombardment to comprise our convictions, I ask you to join me along with Luther and the martyrs of our faith, "Here I stand. I cannot do otherwise. God help me. .

Bro. John King

"... it is our life and conduct that we must show our devotion to Christ."

- Woodrow Wilson

## The Best Gift for Your Pastor

October is Pastor Appreciation Month—a time to recognize and encourage those who faithfully shepherd our churches. But, if you've ever asked a pastor how to show your gratitude, the answer probably isn't a plague or applause. More often than not, it's simple "Pray for me."



Even the Apostle Paul didn't ask for much personally, except for the prayer of fellow believers. In his letter to the Romans, he wrote: "Now I urge you, brothers and sisters, by our Lord Jesus Christ and by the love of the Spirit, to strive together with me in prayer to God for me, that I may be rescued from those who are disobedient in Judea, and that my service for Jerusalem may prove acceptable to the saints; so that I may come to you in joy by the will of God and relax in your company" (Romans 15:30-32, NASB).

This October—and every month—encourage your pastors by offering your prayers, support, and kind words. Ministry can be demanding, but knowing the church is lifting them up makes all the difference.

# Sermons Around Us

William Shakespeare wrote of times when "our life ...finds tongues in trees, books in the running brooks, sermons in stones a n d g o o d i n everything.

The month of October can preach breathtaking sermons. It speaks in the glorious colors of leaves, splendor of the the abundant the harvest, grass whitened by the frost, the honking birds flvina to their winter havens and busy squirrels gathering before nuts snow covers their feeding grounds.

How wonderful October sermons are, and how they bless us. Thank you, Lord!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Charmian Register Communion Offering World Communion	Usher Finlay Corbin Hentz McClellan Stand by Joe Mike McCaskill		1	2	<b>3</b>	4
World Communion Sunday	6	<b>7</b> Julie Jordan	<b>S</b> Sandra Jines	9 Sister Friends' Coffee 10:00 a.m	<b>10 ♥</b> April &  Mike  McCaskill	11
Charge Conference Wewa UMC 2:00 p.m.	13 Columbus Day ♪ Max Herndon	14	15	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> <b>♪</b> Katie Hayes	18
Third Sunday Breakfast 9:00 a.m.	20	21	22	<b>23</b>	BHS Football Breakfast  Pace McCaskill	<b>25</b> √John Sheppard
<b>26</b>	27	28	29	30	31	The church Office will be closed on October 13, Columbus Day



# **Our Caring Ministry List**

#### **Short Term Concerns**

Ellen Cruz

**Edward Dean** 

Art Eckerson

Cindy Golden

**Grant Golden** 

James Griffin

Libby Griffin

Lynn Lanier

George McNew

Myrna Mowrey

Bo Roberts

#### **Intercessory Prayer**

**Ted Dempsey** 

Gale Ferguson

Cathy Kimbrel

Phyllis Miller

#### **Those Battling Cancer**

Gene Alford

Melissa Bailey

Erica Coronado

Jimmy DeVane

Kathryn Doyal

Heather Leonard

Ed Pildher

Jessica Stallworth

#### Our Shut - Ins

Betty Ann Cayson

Alva Martin

#### **Our Military**

Ukraine soldiers and citizens

Israel Citizens

Middle East

#### **Persecuted Christians**

**UM Missionaries** 

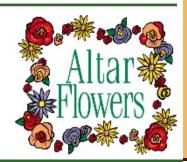
Caregivers

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



Blountstown UMC will be feeding the BHS Football team on Friday, October 24, at 6:00 a.m. Volunteers are needed to help deliver, serve and clean-up this meal. Let the office know if you are interested.

- 5 Mr. Alton Carpenter
- 12 Mr. & Mrs. Ronnie Hand
- 29 Mr. Laddie Williams
- 26 Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ferguson



# The Sound of Worship

Have you ever paused to listen—really listen—to the world around you?

"Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth; break forth into joyous song and sing praises!"

The hum of morning birdsong. The laughter of children. The comforting voice of a friend. Even the quiet moments of stillness. these aren't just background noise—they're invitations to worship.

God designed a world that sings. Worship isn't limited to Sunday mornings or formal songs; it's woven into the everyday moments that tune our hearts to Him. And when we pause to truly hear it, we are drawn into praise, right where we are.

What sounds lifts your heart toward God today? Take a moment to listen. Let it remind you of His love and nearness.



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# Family & Friends Prayer List

#### Steve Cox / Gina & Tyler Cox

- Joe Durden Family / Debbie & Tommy Edwards
- 3. Norma Failes / Gale & Joe Ferguson
- Mary Flowers / Frank Gates
- 5. Bill Gaskin / Montez Golden
- 6. Peggy Hall / Norah Handley
- 7. Louise & Sonny Harrison / Trevor Haser Family
- 8. Eileen Hatch /
  Brooks Hayes Family
- Cheri & Quentin Henderson / Mark Herndon Family
- Jackie & David House / John David House Family
- 11. Nick Hughes Family / Laurie James Family
- 12. Sandra & Jim Jines / Seth Jones Family
- 13. Billy Jordan Family / Becki Kastli Family
- 14. Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel / Jonathan Kimbrel Family
- 15. John King / Clay Knight
- 16. Annie Jo Landers Family / Hester Leonard

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- 17. Alva Martin / Sally & Mike Mayo
- 18. Gail & Jo Mike McCaskill / Marc McCaskill Family
- Barbara & Hentz McClellan / Danita & Glen McClellan
- Heath McClellan Family / Kyle McClellan Family
- 21. Sharon & Henry McCrone / Perry McGhee Family
- Phyllis & Frank Miller / Kathryn Mitchell Family
- 23. Karen & David Murrell / Brenda Parrish
- 24. Gary Parrish / Michele Pettis Family
- Jeremy Proctor / Charmian & Jerry Proctor
- Diane & Russell Scholz / DellAnne & Michael Schruefer
- Tracy Cox-Stanton Family / Ken Sheppard Family
- 28. Stacy Sims /
  Rodney Smith Family
- 29. Donald Stanley Family / Sue & Donald Stanley
- 30. Mert Stephens / Scott Stephens
- 31. Virginia House Szrowicz / Betty Sue and Ken Taylor