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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.

FROM THE PASTOR

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.

In his poem, *Concord Hymn*, celebrating the valor and bravery of the patriots, who stood up against the British, Ralph Waldo Emerson had the line, 'the shot heard 'round the world' to describe the impact their resistance had on the world. This shot marked the beginning of the American Revolution.



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 recognize 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 asked 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 compromise 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 and good in everything."

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

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



OCTOBER

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	3 ♪ Quentin Henderson	4
5 World Communion Sunday	6	7 ♪ Julie Jordan	8 ♪ Sandra Jines	9 Sister Friends' Coffee 10:00 a.m	10 ♥ April & Mike McCaskill	11
12 Charge Conference Wewa UMC 2:00 p.m.	13 Columbus Day ♪ Max Herndon	14	15	16 ♪ Esther Alford	17 ♪ Katie Hayes	18
19 Third Sunday Breakfast 9:00 a.m.	20	21	22	23 ♪ Ann Tucker	24 BHS Football Breakfast ♪ Pace McCaskill	25 ♪ John Sheppard
26 ♪ Ronnie Hand ♪ Joshua Jordan	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

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

Intercessory Prayer

Ted Dempsey
Gale Ferguson
Cathy Kimbrel
Phyllis Miller

Persecuted Christians

UM Missionaries

Caregivers

Those Battling Cancer

Gene Alford
Melissa Bailey

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

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1. Steve Cox /
Gina & Tyler Cox
2. Joe Durden Family /
Debbie & Tommy Edwards
3. Norma Failes /
Gale & Joe Ferguson
4. 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
9. Cheri & Quentin Henderson /
Mark Herndon Family
10. 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
17. Alva Martin /
Sally & Mike Mayo
18. Gail & Jo Mike McCaskill /
Marc McCaskill Family
19. Barbara & Hentz McClellan /
Danita & Glen McClellan
20. Heath McClellan Family /
Kyle McClellan Family
21. Sharon & Henry McCrone /
Perry McGhee Family
22. Phyllis & Frank Miller /
Kathryn Mitchell Family
23. Karen & David Murrell /
Brenda Parrish
24. Gary Parrish /
Michele Pettis Family
25. Jeremy Proctor /
Charmian & Jerry Proctor
26. Diane & Russell Scholz /
DellAnne & Michael Schrufer
27. 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