

Circuit Writer

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Special Dates:

- September 1 - Labor Day
- September 7 - Grandparent's Day
- September 11 - Patriot Day
- September 11 - Sister Friends' Coffee & Chat
- September 22 - First Day of Autumn

Blountstown United Methodist Church

Seasons of Change, Signs of Grace

"While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, and cold and heat, and summer and winter, and day and night shall not cease" (Genesis 8:22, NASB).

As autumn begins, we watch the world transform before our eyes. Leaves change color, the air turns crisp, and a new rhythm settles in. In these seasonally shifts, we are reminded of God's faithful hand over all creations.



Genesis 8:22 assures us that the cycles of nature—seedtime and harvest, summer and winter—are part of God's ongoing promise. Each season speaks of His order, care, and presence. Autumn, in particular, invites reflection. Just as the trees release their leaves, we are called to let go of what no longer serves us and make space for renewal.

This season also marks a return to routines — school schedules, church programs, and community events. As we step into new responsibilities or revisit familiar ones, may we do so with gratitude and trust. God is not only present in the harvest but in the quiet letting go.

Let this autumn be a time to embrace God's steady rhythm, find beauty in change, and rest in His faithful promises that never cease—even as the world around us shifts.



FROM THE PASTOR

A Prayer for Autumn's Arrival

Lord of all seasons,
As the leaves change and the
days grow cooler,
help me embrace the rhythm
of your creation.
Teach me to let go of what I
no longer need
and to trust your timing in
every part of life.

Thank you for the beauty of
autumn -
for crisp mornings, golden
trees, and the promise of
harvest.
May this season deepen my
gratitude, renew my spirit, and
draw me closer to your heart.

In Jesus' name,
Amen



**FOR EVERYTHING THERE
IS A SEASON, A TIME
FOR EVERY ACTIVITY
UNDER HEAVEN.**

ECCLESIASTES 3:1, NLT

It's been three years since the Asbury Outpouring at Asbury University. For 16 days the auditorium was filled with persons from all around the world coming to experience this unusual sense of the presence of the Almighty. Those three years have allowed us to gain a bit of perspective on that experience. As I have looked over those reflection, I have noted a couple of significant factors that contributed to its uniqueness.



First, 19 or 20 twenty students lingered in the auditorium after the morning chapel, quietly praying. Half an hour later other students began to join them as they prayed. For months and years, students had been praying for revival, a genuine sense of the presence of God on their campus and in their lives. They sensed this was the time God was answering the longing of their hearts. Prayer is our unique communication as we stay in touch with the Creator, our Heavenly Father. The Psalms tell us, "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him; for he knows how we are formed, he remembers that we are dust." (Psalm 103:13-14) The Psalmist also reminds us, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth." (Psalm 46:10.)

Quite often, as my life unfolds, I am consumed with the demands, pressures and interests of life, and I forget to take time to be quiet, to listen and to wait on God. The Scriptures reminds us, "The Lord is in his holy temple; let all the earth be silent before him." (Habakkuk 2:20) Too often, my life is similar to God's observation of Israel. "This is what the Sovereign Lord, the Holy One of Israel, says: "In repentance and rest is your salvation, in quietness and trust is your strength, but you would have none of it." In the rough and tumble of life, I often find myself in a tizzy, thrashing about from this thing to that. And then I hear the Lord say, "Whoa, Nellie, slow down. Slack up a bit. I'm right here. If you'll ease up and listen, you will hear me say, I am right here, with you all the way. Be still and know that I am God, and I am not about to abandon you. Trust me, I have everything under control." Then I sit back and watch him do his thing, and it's wonderful. I don't have to worry about a thing, just follow His directions.

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As the busyness of summer gives away to the routine of the fall, include a time when we linger in the presence of the Almighty and gain His confidence as He works in our lives for His purposes for His glory. I believe we will be amazed at what His quiet presence will do for us.

Bro. John King

Honoring the Gift of Work



The Bible affirms both the value and dignity of work. From the beginning, God placed Adam in the garden “to work it and keep it” (Genesis 2:15, ESV). In the fourth commandment, we are reminded not only to observe the Sabbath, but also to labor diligently throughout the week: “Six days you shall labor, and do all your work” (Exodus 20:9, ESV).

Work is more than a routine obligation; it is an opportunity to engage our God-given abilities in meaningful ways. Whether using our hands, minds, or hearts, we reflect the image of our

Creator—bringing order, care, and creativity into the world.

Our labor allows us to contribute to the common good, find personal fulfillment, and practice faithful stewardship of the talents and strengths God has entrusted to us. As Paul writes, “We are God’s fellow workers” (1 Corinthians 3:9, ESV).

On this Labor Day, may we take time to recognize the blessing of work and celebrate those who serve, build, teach, lead, and labor with purpose and care.

Do Something

God wants our work to be meaningful and satisfying. No matter what we do, it should provide a reason to get up each day and use the talents God has given us. As Benjamin Franklin said, “The man who achieves makes many mistakes, but he never makes the biggest mistake of all: doing nothing.”

The Gift of Music

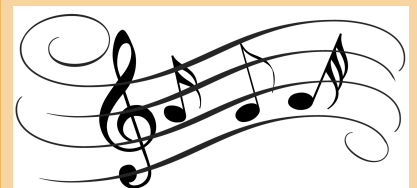


I wish to see all arts, principally music, in the service of Him who gave and created them.

Music is a fair and glorious gift from God. I would not forego my humble share of music. Singers are never sorrowful, but are merry, and they smile through their troubles in song.

Music makes people kinder, gentler, more staid and reasonable. I am persuaded that after theology, music is the only art capable of affording peace and joy of the heart ... the devil flees before the sound of music almost as much as before the Word of God.

- Martin Luther



SEPTEMBER

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Sister Friends Coffee 10:00 a.m. Sept 11	1  Labor Day Office Closed	2	3	4	5	6
7	8 🎵 Barbara Wilson	9 🎵 Michael Schruefer	10 🎵 Betty Ann Cayson	11 Sister Friends 🎵 Hentz McClellan 🎵 Stacy Sims	12  PATRIOT DAY 9/11	13 🎵 Ilana McGhee
14 🎵 Hester Leonard	15	16 🎵 Tommy Edwards 🎵 Tina Smith	17	18 🎵 Jimmy Cox	19	20 🎵 Ace Barfield
21 🎵 Danita McClellan 🎵 Chris White	22	23 🎵 Debbie Edwards 🎵 Frank; Miller	24 🎵 Mert Stephens	25	26	27
28	29	30 🎵 Stewart Herndon	Ushers Glen McClellan Danita McClellan Standby Mark Herndon		Communion Offering Marcus Register Fund Communion Diane Schulz	



Our Caring Ministry List

Short Term Concerns

Edward Dean

Art Eckerson

Gale Ferguson

Lisa Glavin

Cindy Golden

Grant Golden

Cathy Kimbrel

Lynn Lanier

George McNew

Tiffany Taylor

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

Phyllis Miller

Those Battling Cancer

Gene Alford

Melissa Bailey

Erica Coronado

Jimmy DeVane

Kathryn Doyal

Persecuted Christians

UM Missionaries

Caregivers

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

The Power of Prayer Warriors

Prayer warriors are spiritual soldiers—men and women who faithfully lift others in prayer, often behind the scenes. Though their work may go unnoticed by the world, it is deeply valued by God. Their intercession can strengthen the weary, comfort the grieving, and open doors for God's will to be done.

In Scripture, we are urged to “pray one for another” (James 5:16, KJV), reminding us that healing and restoration often come through the prayer of the faithful. A prayer warrior stands in the gap, bringing need before the Lord with boldness and persistence.

The Apostle Paul recognized the power of prayer, often asking others to pray for him as he shared the gospel. In the same way, prayer warriors today uphold churches, pastors, families, and communities.

Their prayers may be silent, but their impact is mighty. Never underestimate the difference a praying heart can make.

“The truth is that people always act according to what they believe. It may not be what they say they believe, but deep down it's what they really believe. And false beliefs lead to false actions.”

- E. Chris Curvin

- 7 Mr. & Mrs. Frank Miller
- 14 Mr. & Mrs. Hentz McClellan
- 21 Mr. & Mrs. Glen McClellan
- 28 Mrs. Mary Ann Williams



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Seth Jones Family
2. Becky Kastli /
Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel
3. Jonathan Kimbrel Family /
John King
4. Clay Knight /
Richard Leath
5. Alva Martin /
Sally & Mike Mayo
6. Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill /
Marc McCaskill Family
7. Michael McCaskill Family /
Danita & Glen McClellan
8. Barbara & Hentz McClellan /
Heath McClellan Family
9. Kyle McClellan Family /
Sharon & Henry McCrone
10. Perry McGhee Family /
Phyllis & Frank Miller
11. Kathryn McMillan Mitchell /
Brenda Parrish
12. Gary Parrish /
Michelle Pettis Family
13. Charmian & Jerry Register /
Diane & Russell Scholz
14. DellAnne & Michael Schroefer /
Shelia Shelton
15. Ken Sheppard Family /
Stacy Sims
16. Rodney Smith Family /
Donald Stanley Family
17. Sue & Don Stanley /
Mert Stephens
18. Scott Stephens Family /
Virginia House Szrowicz
19. Chris & John Tomlinson /
Ann & Mike Tucker
20. Janis & Jack Weiler /
Jarred Weiler Family
21. Cherie White Family /
Doug Whitfield Family
22. Drew Whitfield Family /
Vicky & Steve Whitfield
23. Grant Williams Family /
Laddie Williams
24. Laura & Roger Williams
Marvin Williams /
25. Mary Ann Williams
Mart Beth Williams
26. Barbara Wilson /
Esther Alford
27. Dresia Barfield /
John Barfield Family
28. Wynelle Bateman /
Mary Margaret & Bob Barsch
29. Alton Carpenter /
Betty Ann Cayson
30. Donna & Finlay Corbin /
Peggy & Jimmy Cox