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Make plans to join your church family on June 30 for food, fun, and fellowship.

Special Dates:

- Sister Friends" Coffee - June 13
- Flag Day - June 14
- Father's Day - June 16
- AL-W-FL Annual Conference June 16-18
- United Methodist Women- June 18
- First Day of Summer - June 20
- John Wesley's Birthday - June 28
- Fifth Sunday Singspiration & Fellowship Meal - June 30

Blountstown United Methodist Church

Our Father's Arms

As a young boy, J. Ellsworth Kalas had to visit the Mayo Clinic for tests. His parents, knowing their son was safe in the hospital overnight, slept at a nearby hotel. But Kalas was so lonely and scared that a nurse called his folks. Kalas, who later became a pastor, recalled what it was like to have his father arrive.

"I remember his dressing me there in the darkness," he said. "Then I remember getting on a streetcar, sitting way at the back as we rode to the hotel. He held me very close to him, his long ungainly arm wrapped around me. And the little boy who had been so frightened was now at peace.



We all face trials that can seem overwhelming. "How good, then, to draw deeply on the resources of God!," Kalas said. "In him there is a peace which is greater than the trouble. How good, indeed, to burrow into a place of security, and to feel an arm wrapping strong about us and to know that it is the arm of our heavenly Father.

Alabama West Florida Annual Conference

The Alabama-West Florida Conference of the United Methodist Church will hold its 2024 Annual Conference session Sunday, June 16, through Tuesday, June 18 at First United Methodist Church, Montgomery.

This year's theme is, "Revive Us Again" from Isaiah 43:18-19.



FROM THE PASTOR

"An Appointment With God"



You can have
An 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.



He can kick the ball with uncanny accuracy. His field goals have led to two Super bowl victories. Now Harrison Butker has kicked a hornet's nest with his remarks to the graduating class at Benediction College in Kansas with his advice to the graduates. He encouraged the ladies who were graduating to take seriously their vocation of being mothers and homemakers. Society and our nation need their vision, wisdom and love. And men have the obligation to shoulder their assignment of providing integrity, honesty and morality.



The moral decline and spiritual crisis in our nation can only be resolved when parents, mothers and fathers, take seriously their responsibility to be guardians of righteousness, morality and purity for their children. Fathers have a very specific role to play in this recovery. His word to the young men in his audience; "Part of what plagues our society is this lie that has been told to you that men are not necessary in the home or in our communities. As men, we set the tone for the cultures, and when that is absent, disorder, dysfunction and chaos set in. This absence of men in the home is what plays a large role in the violence we see all around the nation. ... Be unapologetic in your masculinity, fighting against the cultural emasculation of men. Do hard things. Never settle for what is easy. You might have a talent that you don't necessarily enjoy, but if it glorifies God, maybe you should lean into that over something that you might think suits you better."

This admonition is the same that Moses gave the Israelites as they were about to enter Canaan, the Promised Land. "In the future, when your son asks you, "What is the meaning of the stipulations, decrees and laws the Lord our God has commanded you?" ... The Lord commanded us to obey all these decrees and to fear the Lord our God, so that we might always prosper and be kept alive, as is the case today. And if we are careful to obey all this law before the Lord our God, as he has commanded us, that will be our righteousness." (Deut. 6:20,24-25)

George Herbert put it this way, "A father is more than a hundred schoolmasters." Fathers and all men, we have the tremendous responsibility to pass on to the next generation the values, principles and moral clarity that lead to wholesomeness, civility and righteousness that give life its meaning and permanence. When God created men, he gave them this specific responsibility. In our culture and society, when we assert these values, we may find ourselves swimming upstream and the going tough. But it is crucial for our success and survival. Centuries ago, Confucius said, "The strength of



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a nation derives from the integrity of the home.” The Scriptures tell us, “Start children off on the way they should go, and even when they are old they will not turn from it.” Proverbs 2.6 (NIV)

It is imperative that we, men, take on the task of guiding of this generation in the paths of righteousness and integrity. It is an awesome responsibility. But God’s wisdom and strength are with us. Let’s man up and do it

Bro. John King

Don’t Be Root-Bound

As a new gardener, Jan Riggensbach used to treat bedding plants with extreme care, setting them into soil without disturbing the roots. Eventually she learned that rough—even ruthless—treatment is better in the long run.

“If the plant has been growing in its pot so long that the roots are circling the bottom, I jab my finger into the bottom of the soil and pull down to untangle the roots,” Riggensbach wrote in her gardening column. “If the whole pot is filled with circling roots, I have to be merciless. I don’t worry if I break some of the roots. That’s better than allowing the roots to continue to circle when the plants are growing in the garden.”

In the same way, it’s easy to grow complacent and inward-focused in our walk with God. But bunched-up roots can’t reach out for sustenance. So for maximum faith growth, dare to let God shake you up from time to time.



What Forgiveness is - And Is Not

Forgiveness does not mean ignoring what has been done or putting a false label on an evil act. It means, rather, that the evil act no longer remains as a barrier to the relationship. Forgiveness is a catalyst creating the atmosphere necessary for a fresh start and a new beginning. It is lifting of a burden or the canceling of a debt.

—Martin Luther King, Jr.



An Ode to Dads

God took the strength of a mountain, the majesty of a tree, the warmth of a summer sun, the calm of a quiet sea.

The generous soul of nature, the comforting arm of night, the wisdom of the ages, the power of the eagle’s flight.

The joy of a morning in spring, the faith of a mustard seed, the patience of eternity, the depth of a family need.


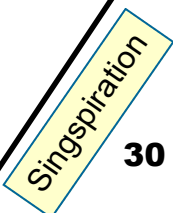
The God combined these qualities, when there was nothing more to add, He knew his masterpiece was complete, and so, he called it ... Dad.

- Author unknown





JUNE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Beth Herndon Offering Calhoun Liberty Ministry Center	Ushers Laddie Williams Marvin Williams Standby Marc McCaskill		Fellowship Meal Make plans to join us for our Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal, June 30 immediately following the worship service.			1 ♪Phyllis Miller
2 ♡Ashley & Doug Whitfield	3	4	5	6 ♡Charmian & Jerry Register	7	8
9	10 ♪Chris Tomlinson ♡Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel ♡Sandra & Jim Jines	11	12	13 ♪Bonnie Hall	14 	15 ♪Cathy Kimbrel
16	17 ♡Laura & Roger Williams	18	19	20 ♪Ashley Whitfield	21 ♪Donna Corbin ♪Joyce Peacock	22 ♪Mason Mayo
2024 Annual Conference						
23 	24	25	26	27 ♡Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill	28	29



Our Caring Ministry List

Short Term Concerns

Rhett Bozeman
Mike Butler
Jimmy Devane
Tommy Edwards
Heather Leonard
Brenda Parrish

Intercessory Prayer

Eric Alford
Bonnie Hall
Mary Schruefer
Hannah Stephens
Sarah Lynn White
Laura Williams
Virginia Williams

Those Battling Cancer

Robert Hughes
Iann Kallarik
Heather Leonard
Luke Melvin
Karen Pilcher

Our Shut – Ins

Betty Ann Cayson
Bonnie Hall
Owen House
Ann Weiler

Our Military

Ukraine soldiers and citizens
Israel Citizens
Middle East

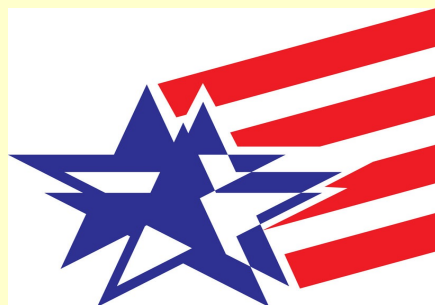
Persecuted Christians

UM Missionaries

Caregivers

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

Just a reminder names placed on Our Caring Ministry List must be submitted through the church office. Requests can be done by emails, or phone calls.



Stars and Stripes

Since the early 1800s various groups have observed a day to display the American flag. President Woodrow Wilson (in 1916) and Calvin Coolidge (in 1927) issued proclamations marking June 14 as National Flag Day. But it wasn't until August 3, 1949, that Congress approved June 14 as a day of national observance. President Truman signed it into law.

The American flag has changed designs more than any other flag in the world. In fact, the United States didn't have a standardized flag until 1912! And even after standardization, the flag changed three more times with the addition of new stars representing new states.

June Flower Calendar

June 02	Mrs. Roy Golden
June 09	Mr. & Mrs. Mike Schruefer
June 16	Mr. & Mrs. Henry McCrone
June 23	Mr. & Mrs. James Byrd
June 30	Open



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Family Prayer List

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1. Becki Kastli Family /
Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel
2. Jonathan Kimbrel Family /
John King
3. Clay Knight /
Annie Jo Lander Family
4. Hester Leonard /
Alva Martin
5. Sally & Mike Mayo /
Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill
6. Marc McCaskill Family /
Michael McCaskill Family
7. Barbara & Hentz McClellan /
Danite & Glen McClellan
8. Heath McClellan Family /
Kyle McClellan Family
9. Helen McCowen /
Sharon & Henry McCrone
10. Perry McGhee Family /
Phyllis & Frank Miller
11. Kathryn Mitchell Family /
Karen & David Murrell
12. Brenda Parrish /
Gary Parrish
13. Joyce Peacock /
Jeremy Proctor
14. Charmian & Jerry Register /
Diane & Russell Scholz
15. DellAnne & Michael Schruefer /
Tracy Cox-Stanton Family
16. Ken Sheppard Family /
Stacy Sims
17. Rodney Smith Family /
Donald Stanley Family
18. Sue & Don Stanley /
Mert Stephens
19. Scott Stephens Family /
Virginia House Szrowicz
20. Betty Sue & Ken Taylor /
Zach Taylor Family
21. Chris & John Tomlinson /
Ann & Mike Tucker
22. Eric Alford /
Esther Alford
23. Dresia Barfield /
John Barfield Family
24. Wynelle Bateman /
Vicki Bennett Family
25. Alton Carpenter /
Betty Ann Cayson
26. Ron Copeland Family /
Jane Creamer
27. David Corbin Family /
Donna & Finlay Corbin
28. Peggy & Jimmy Cox /
Steve Cox
29. Gina & Tyler Cox /
Joe Durham Family
30. Debbie & Tommy Edwards /
Norma Failes