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Special Dates:

- World Day of Prayer, March 1
- Daylight Saving time begins, March 10
- United Methodist Women meet – March 19
- First Day of Spring - March 19
- Holy Week - March 24-31
- Palm Sunday - March 24
- Maundy Thursday - March 28
- Good Friday - March 29
- Easter Sunday - March 31

Blountstown United Methodist Church

He Is Risen!

We invite everyone to join us as we Celebrate Easter. A Maundy Thursday Service will be offered by Brother John on February 29 at 6:00 p.m. in the fellowship Hall.

Easter Sunday will begin with our Sunrise Service at 6:15 a.m.: a Fellowship breakfast will follow. Please bring your favorite breakfast casserole to share. The Chancel Choir will present their Easter Cantata during worship service at 11:00 am



There is room for all, bring the family and celebrate Easter with us.



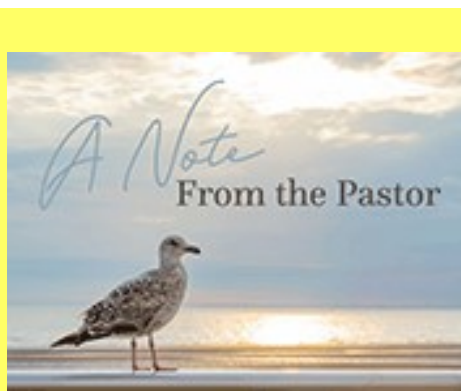
You've Already Won

The story of Easter truly is a declaration of victory. The debt of sin has been cancelled and the chains of death forever broken ... but it is only through His sacrifice, we have been made conquerors.

Tina Smith, Music Director, has selected "You've Already Won" as our Easter Cantata. The Chancel Choir will perform it during our 11:00 a.m. worship service.



Bring the family and join us on Easter Sunday, March 31, at 11:00 a.m. as we celebrate the Jesus victory of sin and death.



Refocus for Lent

Give up complaining - focus on gratitude.
Give up harsh judgments - think kind thought.
Give up worry - trust God to provide.
Give up discouragement - be full of hope.
Give up bitterness - turn to forgiveness.
Give up hatred - return good for evil.
Give up anger - be more patient.
Give up pettiness - become mature.
Give up jealousy - pray for trust.
Give up gossiping - control your tongue.
Give up sin—turn to virtue.
Give up giving up - persevere.
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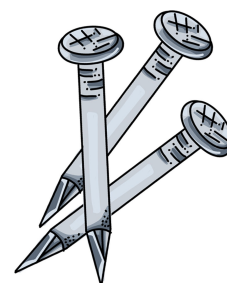


Lenten Hope

Lent is an occasion for us to journey with Christ ... into tomorrow. For you never walk with Christ long but what the dawn breaks, the sun shines and hope breaks through.

— C. Neil Straight

Crucifixion was common place. Every citizen in Jerusalem had witnessed this Roman barbarism. The horrors of Roman authority was indelibly impressed in their minds. So when the news that one of the victims of Roman cruelty had come back to life, it spread like wildfire through the city. How could this be? The soldiers from The Office of the Governor denied it. They said they had fallen asleep, and the followers of the Galilean had stolen his body. The Office of the Chief Priest had paid protection money so the soldiers would be spared if this story reached their superiors.



But the followers of Jesus would not be silenced. They knew what they had seen Easter Sunday morning and what they had observed in the weeks following. Jesus, Himself, had met with them in the Upper Room. They had talked with him, ate with him, and they had touched him. Nothing could convince them otherwise. They knew it to be absolutely true. The fact that Jesus Christ had been crucified could not be denied. That was common knowledge. It had been all over the news. But He had been raised from the dead by the power of his Father, the Almighty God. For those who heard this, it seemed like a strange tale, absolutely impossible. But it is absolutely true, and it is the bedrock truth of the Christian faith.

As Christians, we know that this life is not all there is to our existence. Our Heavenly Father has prepared a much greater experience for us when we move into our celestial home. The Scriptures affirm “no eye has seen, no ear has heard and no human mind has conceived the things God has prepared for those who love him.” On the last night Jesus was with his disciples, he told them, “I am going to prepare a place for you. I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am.” Again, Jesus said, “Because I live, you will live also.” With these promises, as believers, death has lost its victory and the grave has lost its sting.

As long as humans have been on the earth, the fear of death has been a dark cloud hanging over our heads. The resurrection of Jesus Christ has dispelled that cloud of gloom and the glorious sunlight of eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord has broken through, bringing hope and confidence for our future.

This Easter, remember, the best is yet to come. Christ is Risen! Thanks be to God!

Brother John King

Join us for our Easter Service



Pressed

Gethsemane, the name of the place where Jesus prayed before his betrayal, is an Aramaic word for “olive press.” During Bible times, olives were pressed three times to remove all the valuable oil. Before being arrested in the Garden of Gethsemane, Jesus felt the full pressing weight of our sins on his shoulders. Surrounded by olive trees, praying fervently while sweating drops of blood, the perfect Son of God asked his heavenly Father three times to remove the cup of suffering.

Instead of removing that trial, God used it to redeem and save humankind. Likewise, God uses our hardships to refine and strengthen our faith.

In *The Rock, the Road and the Rabbi*, TV host Kathie Lee Glifford and Messianic Rabbi Jason Sobel speculate that if Peter, along with James and John, hadn’t fallen asleep in Gethsemane, he may have had the strength to not deny Jesus later that night.

“All of us must be vigilant to watch and pray so that we don’t succumb to the temptation to deny the Lord when we go through the olive presses of life and feel like we are being crushed by our situation and circumstances,” the authors write. “We must remember that it is the crushing that brings out the true inner value and worth of the olive.”

Because Jesus Said So

One intriguing person in the Passion account is the thief on the cross whom Jesus promised a same-day entrance to paradise (see Luke 23:43). Pastor and radio host Alistair Begg says he can’t wait to meet that man and ask how everything unfolded. “You were cussing [Jesus] out with your friend,” Begg says. “You’ve never been in a Bible study. You’ve never been baptized, and yet you made it!”

In a sermon, Begg pictures an imaginary angel at the pearly gates, growing frustrated during the sinful thief’s interview. After receiving no clear answers from the thief about doctrines such as justification, the angel finally asks, “On what basis are you here?” The thief simply replies, “The man on the middle cross said I can come.”



Daylight Savings Time begins on Sunday, March 10. Don’t forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9



Easter

A friend stood one day where he could view the Golden Gate Bridge at San Francisco. At first it was completely shrouded in early morning fog. But as the sun rose the fog lifted between the upright piers of the bridge, leaving the land anchors still unseen. Is it not so with life? We see only what is between the great piers called birth and death. But Easter lifts the fog from both. Easter is the time when we see more completely the anchorages that sustain life.

—George Mecklenberg



MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Pam Hand Cathy Kimbrel Offering UM Student Fund	Easter Services March 28 at 6:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday March 31 at 6:15 a.m. Sunrise Service March 31 at 7:00 a.m. Easter Breakfast March 31 at 11:00 a.m. Easter Cantata			Ushers Glenn Kimbrel Jimmy Cox Stand by Bill Jordan	1	2
3 ♪Montez Golden ♪Porter Smith	4 ♪Gail McCaskill	5 ♪Roger Williams	6 ♥Amanda & Perry McGhee	7	8	9
10 Daylight Savings Time Begins	11	12 ♪Pam Hand	13	14 ♪Gary Parrish	15 ♥Peggy & Jimmy Cox	16
17	18	19	20	21	22 ♪Elijah Jordan	23 ♥Pam & Ronnie Hand
24 Palm Sunday	25 ♪Laurie James	26 ♪Wynelle Bateman	27 ♪Virginia Williams	28 Maundy Thursday 6:00 .m.	29 ♥DellAnne & Michael Schroefer	30
31 EASTER SUNDAY	Sunrise Fellowship Breakfast Members are asked to bring their favorite breakfast casseorole to share during our Fellowship Breakfast following the Easter Sunrise Service.			Weekly Schedule Wednesdays Bible Study 10:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m. Chior Practice 5:30 p.m. Thursdays Healthy Living Group 5:00 p.m.		



Our Caring Ministry List

Short Term Concerns

Rhett Bozeman
Joel Butler
Louise Harrison
Iann Kollarik
Heather Leonard
Scott Snyder

Intercessory Prayer

Eric Alford
Bonnie Hall
Mary Schrufer
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.

THE REALM OF THE IMPOSSIBLE

The wonderful thing about praying is that you leave a world of not being able to do something and enter God's realm, where everything is possible. He specializes in the impossible. Nothing is too great for his almighty power. Nothing is too small for his love.

— Corrie ten Boom



Don't let me ever think, dear God, that I was anything but the instrument for your story — just the typewriter was mine."

— Flannery O'Connor



Flower Calendar

March 3	Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Register
March 10	Mr. & Mrs. Laddie Williams
March 17	Mr. & Mrs. Henry McCrone
March 24	Miss. Stacy Sims
March 31	Open



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Family Prayer List

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1. Jane Creamer Family /
David Corbin Family
2. Donna & Finlay Corbin /
Peggy & Jimmy Cox
3. Steve Cox /
Gina & Tyler Cox
4. Joe Durden Family /
Debbie & Tommy Edwards
5. Norma Failes /
Gale & Joe Ferguson
6. Dottie & Bob Fleck /
Mary Flowers Family
7. Frank Gates /
Gina Gates Family
8. Bill Gaskin /
Montez Golden
9. Bonnie Hall /
Peggy Hall
10. Norah Handley /
Louise & Sonny Harrison
11. Trevor Haser Family /
Eileen Hatch
12. Brooks Hayes Family /
Cheri & Quentin Henderson
13. Mark Herndon Family /
Jackie & David House
14. John David House Family /
Owen House
15. Nick Hughes Family /
Laurie James Family
16. Sandra & Jim Jines /
Seth Jones Family
17. Billy Jordan Family /
Tiffany Jordan Family
18. Becki Kastli Family /
Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel
19. Jonathan Kimbrel Family /
John King
20. Clay Knight /
Annie Jo Landers Family
21. Hester Leonard /
Alva Martin
22. Sally & Mike Mayo /
Gail & Jo Mike McCaskill
23. Marc & McCaskill Family /
Michael McCaskill Family
24. Barbara & Hentz McClellan /
Danita & Glen McClellan
25. Heath McClellan Family /
Kyle McClellan Family
26. Helen McCowen /
Sharon & Henry McCrone
27. Perry McGhee Family /
Phyllis & Frank Miller
28. Kathryn Mitchell Family /
Karen & David Murrell
29. Brenda Parrish /
Gary Parrish
30. Joyce Peacock /
Michele Pettis Family
31. Jeremy Proctor Family /
Charmian & Jerry Register