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Blountstown United Methodist Church

A Look at Pentecost

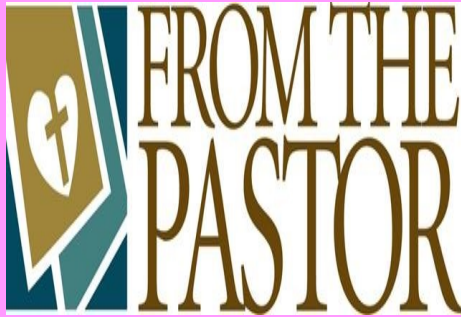
Pentecost will be celebrated on Sunday, June 8.

Pentecost is rooted in Old Testament history. It was celebrated by the Jews for 50 days— Pentecost means “50” - after the celebration of the Passover. The Passover refers to death's passing over the Jewish homes which were marked by the blood of the Paschal Lamb (read Exodus 12). Pentecost was a harvest festival held after seven weeks of harvesting crops. In the New Testament, we find the first Christians gathering “together in one place” in the city of Jerusalem (Acts 2) on the day of Pentecost. “Suddenly,” St. Luke, the author of Acts writes, “a sound came from the heavens like the rush of a mighty wind.”

Luke goes on to describe in metaphorical language what happened next. He tells of something like an appearance of fire upon the believers. Then “they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance” (Acts 2:4). Strangely, even though there were persons from as many as 15 or more nations present, everyone seemed to understand the essence of what the Spirit-filled Christians were saying. They knew that the Christians were telling about “the mighty works of God” including the story of the crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus.

The bottom line is that on Pentecost some “three thousand souls” became Christians. (see Acts 2:41). Instead of celebrating a harvest of crops, Pentecost for the Christians was a “harvesting” of souls for Christ. That is why Christians often call Pentecost the birthday of the Church. St. Luke says that after Pentecost “the Lord added to their number day by day those who were being saved” (Acts 2:47).

Thankfully that is still true. Today, 2000 years later, the Church still grows worldwide, day by day, hour by hour, even minute by minute. Some places, in Africa for example, the Church is spreading like a fire out of control. The Power that came down at Pentecost is still present and very much at work on Earth.



Called to Serve

Altha Baptist Church is hosting Called2Serve again this year. The dates are June 7–13.

In 2014 Called 2 Serve was born as a mission to serve, care for and share God's love with our own community. The work crews consist of local youth and adults who serve those in the community that just need a little help to make their lives easier. In the past the projects have included landscaping/ yard work, roofs, building wheelchair ramps, replacing floors, pressure washing, etc...

This ministry continues to grow each year and included many local churches.

Blountstown Methodist will participate this year by providing meals for a work crew. For more information on how you can get involved and help please contact Tina Smith.



"Have a good day," he said and sent Jeremy out the door and off to school. In a couple of minutes the door opened, and Jeremy came in. "Forget something?" dad asked his seven-year-old. "No sir, it's that dog." "Son, he's behind the fence, a big board fence. You don't need to be afraid of him. He can't see you. Go on, you'll be OK." Jeremy looked down at the floor and didn't move. "Want me to go with you?" "Yes, sir," Jeremy looked up, a smile on his face. They walked out the door, down the steps and past the neighbor's yard. "Can you make it from here," Dad asked. "Yes, sir," Jeremy said with a big grin.



That's what fathers do. First, they provide for us. They see that we have what we need and recognize the lessons we must learn to be successful. Their plans for us look beyond the immediate circumstances and into the future. Learning is a must to reach long term goals. Dads encourage us to meet the challenges which we encounter in the tough spots of our lives. Their example and advice continue with us when the bark and bite of life comes at us to shake our confidence and shatter our security. Dads affirm us when we need a pat on the back to strengthen our spine. Their belief in us steadies us as we march forward into the future.

That is the same thing our heavenly Father does for us. He has adopted us into his family, claims us as His very own. His concern never lessens. His love never wavers. His attention remains constant. The Psalmist reminds us of this truth in Psalm 103.

- ¹³ As a father has compassion on his children,
so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him;
- ¹⁴ for he knows how we are formed,
he remembers that we are dust.
- ¹⁵ The life of mortals is like grass,
they flourish like a flower of the field;
- ¹⁶ the wind blows over it and it is gone,
and its place remembers it no more.
- ¹⁷ But from everlasting to everlasting
the Lord's love is with those who fear him,
and his righteousness with their children's children—
- ¹⁸ with those who keep his covenant
and remember to obey his precepts.

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This Father's Day as we reflex on the blessing of the love and discipline our fathers have shown us, remember to thank our Heavenly Father for His goodness. He knows all about us, understands our limitations and accepts us just like we are when we come to Him asking for His mercy and grace. The Psalms remind us, "The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love, he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities." Psalm 103:8,10 Thanks be to God!!

Bro. John King

A Day in June

And what is so rare as a day in June?
Then, if ever, come perfect days;
Then Heaven tries earth if it be in tune,
And over it softly her warm ear lays;
Whether we look, or whether we listen,
We hear life murmur, or see it glisten;
..Now the heart is so full that a drop overfills it,
We are happy now because God wills it;
No matter how barren the past may have been,
'Tis enough for us now that the leaves are green;
We sit in the warm shade and feel right well.
How the sap creeps up and the blossoms swell;
We may shut our eyes but we cannot help knowing
That the skies are clear and grass is growing ...

-James Russell Lowell, from *The Vision of Sir Launfal*

Father's Day — More than a Day

Father's Day was first observed in America in 1910. In 1923 the third Sunday of June was set as the official day, and in 1924 President Coolidge recommended its national observance. Today it has a fixed place in the calendar of special days in our country.

But devotion to and pride in fathers does not need to wait for official approval. As long as there have been families, love and respect for fathers has existed.

Why Flag Day is Important

America was founded as a "nation under God," and has been looked up to by other nations for over two hundred years. Unfortunately, other countries — and some of our own citizens — are disgruntled with America today. Even though our reputation has taken some hits, we're still a strong country with high ideals and proud people.

There's a simple way you can help show that to the world—by flying the flag. Every time you put a flag out, you're saying, "I'm an American and proud of what this flag represents." The flag stands for "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," for religious freedom, and for other rights that many nations lack. The flag represents our history and our goals for a better future for all.

Flag Day is celebrated each year on June 14. Fly your flag high!





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 ♥ Ashley & Doug Whitfield	3	4	5	6 ♥ Charmian & Jerry Register	7 Called 2 Serve June 7-13
8 Pentecost Sunday	9	10 ♪ Chris Tomlinson ♥ Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel ♥ Sandra & Jim Jines	11 ♪ Ken Sheppard ♪ Mike Tucker	12 Sister Friends' Coffee 10:00 a.m.	13	14 Flag Day
Annual Conference—June 8-10						
15 Father's Day ♪ Cathy Kimbrel	16	17 ♥ Laura & Roger Williams	18	19	20 ♪ Ashley Whitfield	21 ♪ Donna Corbin
22 ♪ Mason Mayo	23 ♪ Jonathan Kimbrel	24	25	26	27 ♥ Gail & Joe Mike McCaskill	28
29 Singspiration & Fellowship Meal	30	Ushers Mark Herndon Marvin Williams <u>Standby</u> Marc McCaskill			Communion Pam Hand Offering Calhoun-Liberty Ministry Center	



Our Caring Ministry List

Short Term Concerns

Edward Dean

Gale Ferguson

Lisa Glavin

Cathy Kimbrel

John King

Lynn Lanier

George McNew

Intercessory Prayer

Larry Carter

Phyllis Miller

Those Battling Cancer

Melissa Bailey

Erica Coronado

Jimmy DeVane

Kathryn Doyal

Vivian Eckerson

Heather Leonard

Wayne Posey

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!

Help Me Not Fear

Father, dear Father, help me not fear, for you are my shield and great reward.

Father, dear Father, help me not fear, through briars and thorns are all around.

Father, dear Father, help me not fear. With you I stand firm. The battle is your.

Father, dear Father, help me not fear. My heart is not troubled. I rest secure.

-MaryAnn Sunby

Fellowship Meal



Our Fifth Sunday meal will be June 29. The church is looking for volunteers to decorate a table with a patriotic theme. The Adult Family Chairperson, Mert Stephens will provide the tablecloths, you just need to add the decorations.

If you would like to adopt a table for the June Fifth Sunday Fellowship Meal, please let Mert, or the church office know. Thank You.



We have an the last Sunday in August opened on Our Flower Calendar. If you would like to provide Altar Flower one of these dates, please contact the office. Thank You.

- 1 Mrs. Roy Golden
- 8 Bro. John King
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Henry McCrone
- 22 Mr. & Mrs. James Byrd
- 29 Mrs. Tina Smith



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Family Prayer List

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Mary Beth Williams
2. Mary Ann Williams /
Barbara Wilson
3. Eric Alford /
Esther Alford
4. Dresa Barfield /
John Barfield Family
5. Wynelle Bateman /
Alton Carpenter
6. Betty Ann Cayson /
Jane Creamer
7. David Corbin Family /
Donna & Finlay Corbin
8. Norma Failes /
Gale & Joe Ferguson
9. Mary Flowers /
Frank Gates
10. Gina Gates Family /
Bill Gaskin
11. Montez Golden /
Peggy Hall
12. Norah Handley /
Louise & Sonny Harrison
13. Trevor Haser Family /
Eileen Hatch
14. Brooks Hayes Family /
Cheri & Quentin Henderson
15. Mark Herndon Family /
Jackie & David House
16. Nick Hughes Family /
Laurie James Family
17. Sandra & Jim Jines /
Seth Jones Family
18. Billy Jordan Family /
Becki Kastli Family
19. Cathy & Glenn Kimbrel /
Jonathan Kimbrel Family
20. John King /
Clay Knight
21. Annie Jo Landers Family /
Hester Leonard
22. Alva Martin /
Sally & Mike Mayo
23. Gail & Jo Mike McCaskill /
Marc McCaskill Family
24. Michael McCaskill Family /
Barbara & Hentz McClellan
25. Danita & Glen McClellan /
Heath McClellan Family
26. Kyle McClellan Family /
Sharon & Henry McCrone
27. Perry McGhee Family /
Phyllis & Frank Miller
28. Kathryn Mitchell Family /
Karen & David Murrell
29. Brenda Parrish /
Gary Parrish
30. Michele Pettis Family /
Jeremy Proctor