

**SPECIAL POINTS
OF INTEREST:**

- August 6 -
Special Called
Council Meeting
- August 13 -
Contemporary
Service
- August 13 -
Church Council
Meeting
- August 15 -
United Methodist
Women

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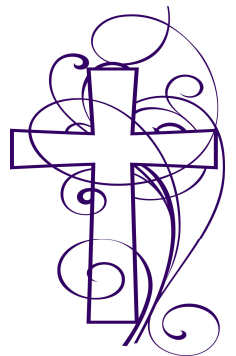
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CONTEMPORARY SERVICE

Blountstown United Methodist Church will be offering a contemporary worship service beginning **Sunday, August 13 at 9:00 a.m.** This worship service will include a Praise Team, contemporary music and a relaxed atmosphere.



THAT'S A WRAP!

"O Chicken of Little Faith" could have been my name as we began the first day of Choir Camp. Pre-registration forms were scares as hens teeth and the children were slow to arrive on Monday. By 9:00 a.m. there were 27 children sitting in the pews with big smiles on their faces.

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**Our
gracious
God serves
as our
foundation
and hope.”**



Not an Ending

“...but those who hope in the Lord
will renew their strength.
They will soar on wings like eagles;
they will run and not grow weary,
they will walk and not be faint.” - Isaiah 40:31

I thought about how to write this for a while and pondered what would be the best way to describe our three years together. What would be the best final impression? Should I talk about our struggles overcoming the pandemic and my early days preaching to a camera? Should I talk about how rewarding the ministries at Blountstown UMC have been for me and our congregation? Maybe the impact your fellowship has had on me, especially through difficult times in my life?

No, I think the best way to write this is in the same way I started here at Blountstown UMC. My first article for the Circuit Writer was entitled, “Not a Beginning.” This is not an ending as long as we remain firmly grounded in who brought our paths together: Our Lord. Our gracious God serves as our foundation and hope. This is His church. This is His ministry. As long as we keep hope in God, He will renew our strength and guide our paths to His divine glory.

Blountstown UMC has endured struggles, but its fulfillment of God’s mission did not falter. I am grateful for you. You have impacted my life more than you could possibly know. As I move on to another aspect of the Lord’s ministry to His children, I take with me a deep appreciation of your fellowship, kindness, hospitality, and especially your patience with me.

But this is not an ending. God’s ministry has been strong with Blountstown UMC and will only get stronger as you fellowship together in fulfillment of His Great Commission. Thank you for allowing me to join you on this mission and I look forward to hearing of the blessings of grace God has set before Blountstown UMC.

Grace and Peace

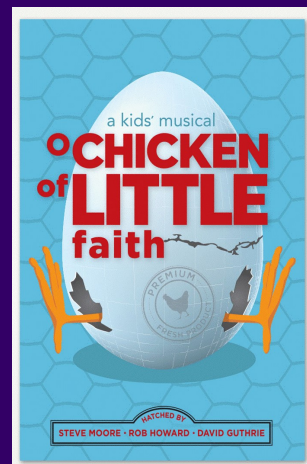
Pastor Tyler

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The children began working on the music immediately, listening to the program and volunteering for parts. My hat is off to Tina and her special ability to motivate the children to work so hard. (I figured they had 8 1/2 hours of practice.)

Not only did the kids do terrific, the volunteers were on top of their game as well. Nineteen adults and five youth made up our staff this year. I am very thankful to everyone who helped. A great team, of volunteers, makes the dream work. The youth and adults helped out wherever they were needed.

Just like the past two years, the children didn't leave without asking what are we doing next year. My reply, "Let me catch my breathe and I will begin the search."



Train up a

Child

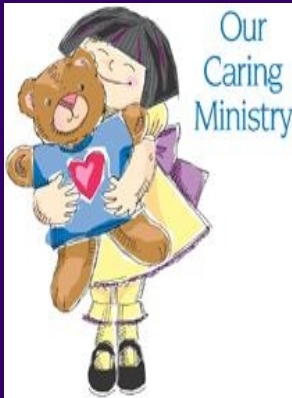
in the way
He should

Go

and when he is old,
he will not
Depart From It.

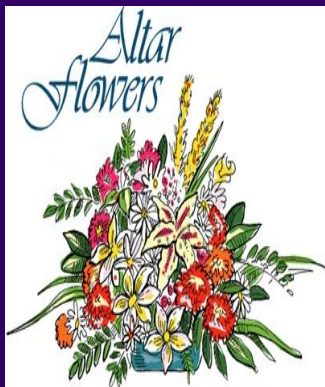
Proverbs 22:6





... let your
request be made
known to God.

*“Great things are
done by a series
of small things
brought
together.”
- attributed to
Vincent van Gogh*



Our Caring Ministry

Short Term Concerns

Terry Blair
Quinton Henderson
George Kitchens
Joyce Little
Evelyn Mickler
Joe Rector
Sarah Lynn White

Intercessory

Eric Alford
Rhett Bozeman
Connie Carpenter
Bonnie Hall
Sonny Harrison
Paul Hoff
Angie Jordan
Joe Schrufer
Mary Schrufer
Johann Van Lierop
Laura Williams
Virginia Williams

Persecuted Christians

Those Battling Cancer

Grace Barfield
Terry Blair
Robert Hughes
Heather Leonard
Luke Melvin
Karen Pilcher

Our Shut-Ins

Joe Webb
Ann Weiler

Caregivers

Our Military Ukraine

**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.

FLOWER CALENDAR

August 06 - Mrs. Bonnie Hall and Family

August 13 - Mr. & Mrs. Joe Ferguson

August 20 - Mrs. Wade Martin

August 27 - Mrs. Amanda Dunn McCarthy

**Chancel Choir
Youth
Wednesdays @
5:30 pm**



August

**Healthy
Living Group
Thursdays
@ 5 P.M.**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Offering Transformational Recovery Communion Esther Alford		1	2	3	4	5 ♪Cheri Henderson August 6 →
6 Special Called Church Council 12:00 p.m.	7 ♪Tiffany Jordan	8	9 ♪Drew Whitfield	10	11 ♪ Vicki Bennett ♪ Doug Whitfield	12
13 Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m. Church Council 12:00 p.m.	14	15 United Methodist Women 10:00 am	16	17	18	19 ♪ Steve Whitfield
20 ♪ Helen McCowen	21 ♪Virginia Bietenholz Szrowicz	22 ♪Theresa Merchant	23 ♪Nathen Kimbrel	24	25 ♪Laddie Williams	26
27	28	29 ♪Brooks Hayes	30 ♪Peggy Cox	31	Ushers Joe Ferguson Marvin Williams Standby Glenn Kimbrel	



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**Glorifying God by loving and leading all
people to Christ.**

PRAY FOR THESE FAMILIES

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| 1. Shelia Shelton /
Ken Sheppard Family | 12. Laura & Roger Williams /
Marvin Williams | 23. Debbie & Tommy Edwards /
Peck Eldridge |
| 2. Stacy Sims /
Brittany Smith Family | 13. Mary Ann Williams /
Mary Beth Williams | 24. Gale & Joe Ferguson /
Dottie & Bob Fleck |
| 3. Rodney Smith Family /
Donald Stanley Family | 14. Laura & Roger Williams /
Virginia & Laddie Williams | 25. Mary Flowers /
Frank Gates |
| 4. Sue & Don Stanley /
Mert Stephens | 15. Barbara Wilson /
Esther & Joe Alford | 26. Montez Golden /
Mildred Guilford |
| 5. Scott Stephens /
Virginia House Szrowicz | 16. John Averett Family /
Dresa Barfield | 27. Bonnie Hall /
Peggy Hall |
| 6. Chris & John Tomlinson /
Ann & Mike Tucker | 17. Vymelle Bateman /
Vicki Bennett Family | 28. Pam & Ronnie Hand /
Louise & Sonny Harrison |
| 7. Ann Weiler /
Janie & Jack Weiler | 18. Mary Margaret & Bob Barsch /
Connie & Alton Carpenter | 29. Norah Handley /
Eileen Hatch |
| 8. Jarred Weiler Family /
Joe Webb | 19. Betty Ann Cayson /
Ron Copeland Family | 30. Brooks Hayes Family /
Cheri & Quentin Henderson |
| 9. Cherie White Family /
Doug Whitfield Family | 20. Finlay Corbin Family /
Jimmy Cox Family | 31. Mark Herndon Family /
Jackie & David House |
| 10. Drew Whitfield Family /
Vicky & Steve Whitfield | 21. Gina & Tyler Cox /
Jessie Doyal | |
| 11. Grant Williams Family /
Laddie Williams | 22. Joe Durden Family /
Kebly Durham | |