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- March 15 -
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Blountstown United Methodist Church

We Have Tomorrow!

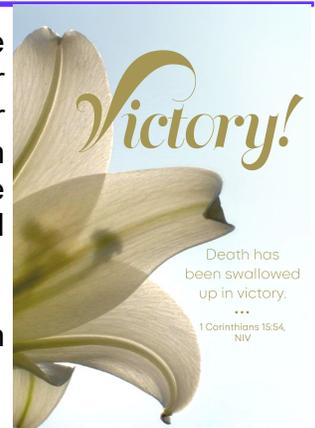
During the Korean conflict, journalist Marguerite Higgins, a courageous and award-winning war correspondent, spoke with a young soldier shivering in the bitter cold. He was eating from a tin can, his face streaked with mud, when she asked, "If I could give you anything in the world you wanted, what would you ask for?"

The soldier paused for a moment, then answered quietly, "Give me tomorrow."

What a simple yet profound longing. For those living in hardship, tomorrow represents hope—the chance to see another sunrise, to experience peace, to begin again.

As Christians, we live with the blessed assurance that we not only have today, but also tomorrow—an eternal tomorrow promised through the risen Christ. Scripture reminds us, "Death has been swallowed up in victory" (1 Corinthians 15:54, NRSV). And again, "Thanks be to God, who gives us the victory through our Lord Jesus Christ" (1 Corinthians 15:57, NRSV).

Because of Christ's resurrection, we no longer fear what tomorrow may bring. Our future is secure, our hope unshaken. In Him, tomorrow is already ours.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 7.

FROM THE PASTOR

Appointment with God

The Sanctuary of Blountstown United Methodist Church is open every Sunday evening, 6:00 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

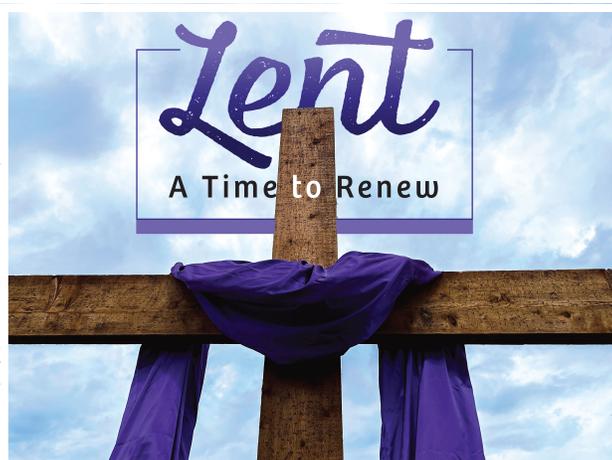
Come by, spend as much time as you wish in the quietness of God's presence.

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.



We are now in the season of Lent. In the Christian calendar, it is the forty weekdays before Easter, this year April 5.

Traditionally, it is a time for personal reflection on our lives. I nearly said, spiritual lives. But for us, Christians, our lives cannot be compartmentalized into that which is spiritual, emotional, physical and any other category we may want to make. All of life is to be brought under the lordship of Christ and guided by the principles and directives found in the Scriptures.



As we reflect on our lives, we soon discover patches in the garden of our souls that need immediate attention so we can become productive, useful and satisfied. Some places are bare from lack of seeds being planted. God's word has come to us, but we have not taken the time to break up the hardened patterns in our habits so that the seeds can sprout and grow. Other spots are crowded by weeds that need to be pulled. These weeds have taken root and would have us believe we are not good enough. We have made so many mistakes that we will always fail. We cannot overcome the notion that the Lord requires perfection at best, or at least some successes, before He can use us. There are other patches in our garden that are dry and need to be watered by the gentle spring rain of the Spirit of God as He nourishes us with his promises. As we rely on the truth of His word, He blesses us in ways we never thought possible.

The answer to each of these garden spots that need attention is to begin by giving attention to God's presence in our lives. As we reflect on our lives, we will begin to sense, perhaps quietly and slowly, that our lives could have more meaning. There should be a quiet purpose greater than we currently know. There must be something more. We are driven by a restlessness in our spirit that is not being satisfied at the moment.

To that urge, the Master says, "Come to me, all that are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light." (Matthew 11:28-30)

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Lent calls on us to slow down, focus on the Master and His words to us. As we do, we find the emptiness we had known is being filled with the fullness of His Presence. He has said that he has come to make all things new, and he certainly has. He will give us a life of joy, purpose and peace. Lent opens the door for those promises to become a reality. This Lenten season, open that door. There is no limit to what God is able to do with us and for us. Thanks be to God!

Bro John

The Choice to Be Human

Both Adam and Jesus faced the same temptation—the lure to “be like God.” Adam reached for divinity and stepped over the line, bringing sin and separation into the world. Jesus, however, chose humility. He remained obedient, fully human, and through His obedience brought redemptions to all.

Adam’s choice turned humanity into a burden; Jesus’ faithfulness made humanity a blessing. The irony is striking: the one who tried to be God failed even to live as a man, while the one who was content to be human became known as the Son of God.

As Philippians 2:6-8 (NIV) reminds us, “[Christ Jesus], being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage ... he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—ever death on a cross.” May we follow His example in humility and obedience.



So Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe.

Pilate said to them, **“BEHOLD THE MAN!”**

John 19:5, ESV

World Day of Prayer

On March 6, we join Christians around the world for the World Day of Prayer. Together, we lift our voices in unity, trusting God to bring peace, healing, and hope to every nation.

“The prayer of a righteous person is powerful and effective.”
— James 5:16 (NIV)

Pause and pray with us on March 6!

When Life Needs a Little Wind

Botanists say that trees need the powerful March winds to flex their trunks and main branches, so that the sap is drawn up to nourish the budding leaves.

Perhaps we need the gales of life in the same ways, though we dislike enduring them. A blustery period in our fortunes is often the prelude to a new spring of life and health, success and happiness, what we keep steadfast in faith and look to the good in spite of appearances.





March

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Financial Peace 7:00 p.m.	3 GriefShare 5:00 p.m. ♪ Montez Golden ♪ Porter Smith	4 ♪ Gail McCaskill	5 ♪ Roger Willams	6 ♥ Amanda & Perry McGhee	7
8	9 Financial Peace 7:00 p.m.	10 GriefShare 5—6:30 p.m.	11 ♪ Perry McGhee	12 ♪ Pam Hand	13	14
15 Third Sunday Breakfast 9:00 a.m. ♥ Peggy & Jimmy Cox	16 Financial Peace 7:00 p.m.	17 GriefShare 5 –6:30 p.m.	18 ♪ William Snipes	19	20 First Day of Spring ♪ Gary Parrish	21
22 First Sunday of Lent	23 Financial Peace 7:00 p.m. ♪ Jaden McGhee ♥ Pam & Ronnie Hand	24 GriefShare 5 –6:30 p.m. ♪ Elijah Jordan	25 ♪ Laurie James	26 ♪ Wynelle Bateman	27	28
29 Palm Sunday ♥ DellAnne & Michael Schrufer	30	31 ♪ Janis Weiler	Communion Pam Hand Cathy Kimbrel Communion Offering UM Student Fund		Ushers Russell Sholz David House Standby Jimmy Cox	



Our Caring Ministry List

Short Term

Jerry Adams
 Ellen Cruz
 Edward Dean
 Art Eckerson
 Grant Golden
 James Griffin
 Libby Griffin
 Jimmy Hand
 Ava Haser
 Annette Hires
 Jim Jines
 Olivia Molitar
 Joan Thornton
 Carla Weeks
 Leon Williams

Intercessory Prayers

Gale Ferguson
 James Griffin
 Phyllis Miller

Shut-Ins

Betty Ann Cayson
 James Griffin
 Alva Martin
 Phyllis Miller

Our Military

Ukrainian citizens
 Israel citizens
 Middle East

Caregivers

Persecuted Christians

UM Missionaries

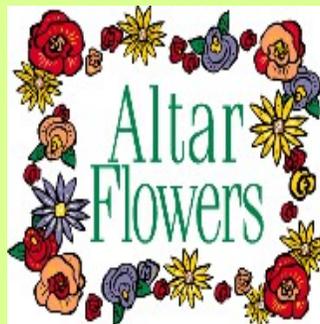
Please contact the office by phone, email, or in person, with any requests and updates. Written requests may also be placed in the offering plate.

Daylight Saving Time Begins

Remember to set your clocks ahead one hour on March 7! As we “spring forward,” let’s also renew our hearts in faith and gratitude for God’s steadfast light that never fades.

March Flower Calendar

- 01 Mr. & Mrs. Jerry Register
- 08 Mr. Laddie Willaims
- 15 Mr. & Mrs. Henry McCrone
- 22 Miss. Stacy Sims
- 29 Mr. & Mrs. Glen McClellan



I believe in the God of fruit time and harvest who makes the land to bear gifts in its time and fills our tables with the bounty of his hand; I believe in Jesus Christ his Son, who was the first fruit of those that slept, and brings us to spiritual tables where our cups are always full; I believe in the Holy Spirit, who causes us to remember all for which we are grateful and teaches us to see a relationship between our gifts and the giver; I believe in the world as the arena of my spiritual life, where I am to share hospitality with the stranger; for in so doing I shall fulfill the desires of him who has given me everything, and of his Son and the Holy Spirit.

-John Killinger in Lost in Wonder, Love & Praise.



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Family & Friends Prayer List



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1. Heath McClellan Family /
Kyle McClellan Family
2. Sharon & Henry McClellan /
Perry McGhee Family
3. Phyllis & Frank Miller /
Kathryn McMillan Mitchell Family
4. Brenda Parrish /
Gary Parrish
5. Michelle Pettis Family /
Jeremy Proctor
6. Charmian & Jerry Register /
Diane & Russell Scholz
7. DellAnne & Michael Schrufer /
Tracy Cox-Stanton Family
8. Ken Sheppard Family /
Stacy Sims
9. Rodney Smith /
Donald Stanley Family
10. Sue & Don Stanley /
Mert Stephens
11. Scott Stephens Family /
Virginia House Szrowicz
12. Betty Sue & Ken Taylor /
Zach Taylor Family
13. Chris & John Tomlinson /
Ann & Mike Tucker
14. Janis & Jack Weiler /
Jarred Weiler Family
15. Cherie White Family /
Doug Whitfield Family
16. Vicky & Steve Whitfield /
Grant Williams Family
17. Laddie Williams /
Laura & Roger Williams
18. Mary Ann Williams /
Mary Beth Williams
19. Barbara Wilson /
Eric Alford
20. Esther Alford /
Dresa Barfield
21. John Barfield Family /
Wynelle Bateman
22. Vicki Bennett Family /
Alton Carpenter
23. Betty Ann Cayson /
Jane Creamer
24. David Corbin Family /
Donna & Finlay Corbin
25. Peggy & Jimmy Cox /
Gina & Tyler Cox
26. Joe Durden Family /
Debbie & Tommy Edwards
27. Norma Failes /
Gale & Joe Ferguson
28. Mary Flower /
Frank Gates
29. Gina Gates Family /
Bill Gaskin
30. Montez Golden /
Peggy Hall
31. Norah Handley /
Louise & Sonny Harrison