

Circuit Writer

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REJOICE
ALWAYS,
PRAY
CONTINUALLY,
GIVE THANKS
IN ALL
CIRCUMSTANCES.

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18, NIV

Special Dates:

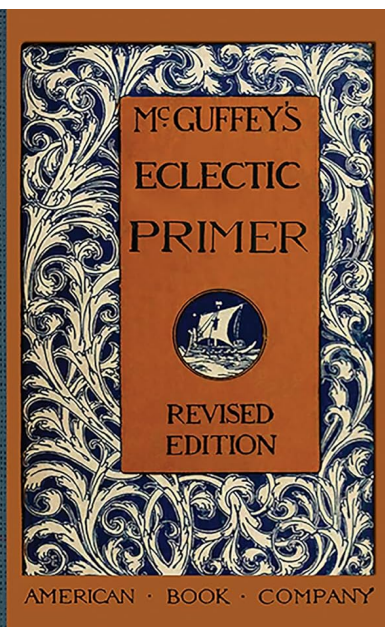
- September 7 - Labor Day
- September 9 - Wednesday Bible Study begins
- September 11 - Patriotic Day
- September 13 - Outside the Box
- September 22 - First Day of Autumn
- September 25 - BHS Football Breakfast

Blountstown United Methodist Church

More than Reading, 'Riting and 'Rithmetic

You may recall that many followers of Jesus called him "Rabbi." In essence, the word means teacher. Clearly the word describes the brilliant Nazarene who was constantly teaching his listeners about God and God's expectations of humans.

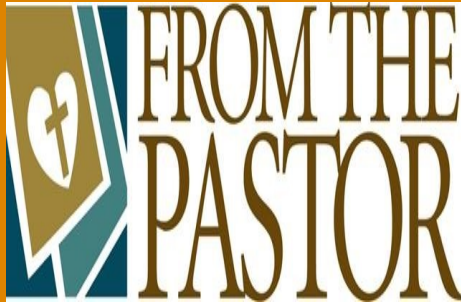
In a secular society, it is of paramount importance that the teachings of Christ be proclaimed and affirmed wherever possible. In the early days of our country, it was customary for public schools to teach reading, writing and arithmetic as well as Christian principles. Subjects being taught were presented in a setting of morality, religion and character development.



The reading book compiled by William H. McGuffey in 1836 focused on such themes as self-denial, temperance, obedience, and warned against laziness, profanity, stealing and vanity.

In our time, however, when it is difficult to focus on God and spiritual matters in public schools, our churches and families have a great responsibility. Sunday school attendance, not only for children but for adults as well, must be of primary importance. Prayer, as well as discussion of social issues from a Christian point of view, must be practiced in the home and church. We must learn and teach about Christ.

"Learn from me," Jesus said. "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" (Matthew 11:29 NRSV). Where shall we learn of him or from him if not in our churches and homes?



**Appointment with
God/
“Outside the Box”
Discussion**

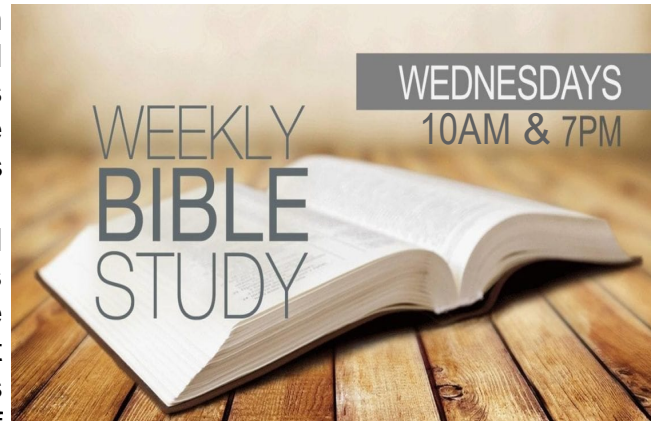
**Sunday, September 13,
at 6:00 pm —7:00 pm.,
Rev. John King and his
brother, Rev. Roger
King will hold a
“Outside the Box”
discussion session.**

**“We plan to discuss
some of the glimpses
the Scriptures give us
about our past but do
not give us the complete
picture.”**

**The sanctuary will be
open for as usual for a
quiet time with God and
prayer.**



September is here. With it summer is spent and fall arrives. Vacations are in the past and the routine of school has caught our attention. Weekends are marked with football. Our days are filled with the regular schedules that have marked our lives and given us a sense of normalcy. In rediscovering this routine, we are listing a schedule for Bible Study on Wednesday, at 10:00a.m. and 7:00 p.m..



It is important, too, that we reestablish our daily schedules for devotional readings and personal prayer. There are a host of very good plans and schedules to help us with Bible reading. Find the one that works best for you and do it daily. Be sure to find a quiet time for reflection and prayer. In our weekly Bible study we will be studying the Book of Job. It is the oldest book in the Scriptures and raises very basic, fundamental questions about life, suffering and God's sovereignty. Set aside that time and join us for this fascinating study. We won't have all the answers but all question are welcome.

Also, on Sunday evening at 6:00 p.m. my brother Roger and I will be meeting in the fellowship hall for a discussion on any issues or questions that are developing by events in the news and in our culture. We plan to discuss some of the glimpses the Scriptures give us about our past but do not give us the complete picture. We would like to expand our understanding of the way God has worked in our world and in our history. This is a sort of “outside the box” exercise, not meant to question anything about the biblical story but to expand the way we read the biblical account and look at the Scriptures in a new light.

It is so exciting to read and reflect on the Scriptures. As we do, we find comfort in our heartaches, strength in our weaknesses, guidance in our confusion and peace in the middle of our tragedies. We won't find all our questions answered to our satisfaction, but we will be reminded that whatever the circumstances, God, our Heavenly Father, is still our father. He loves us unconditionally and said He would never leave us or forsake us. I believe that, and we can take that to the bank.

Grace and peace,
Bro John

BHS Football Breakfast



Volunteers are needed to help with the BHS' Football Breakfast on Friday, September 25, at 6 a.m. The play [All Go Special (Breakfast)] is the same as last year. The food will be ordered from the CashSaver, picked up and deliver it to the Blountstown High School cafeteria around 6:00 a.m. The meal should be ready to serve by 7:15 a.m. when the players and staff arrive. Bro John will deliver a short devotion and offer the prayer. Once the breakfast is over, all that's left is the clean up.

If you can help please contact the office or Mert Stephens.

Our Mind's Storehouse



Benjamin Weir, a missionary in the Middle East, was taken captive by terrorists and held in solitary confinement. Blindfolded and cut off from the outside world, he endured deep isolation with no one to speak to and no sense of where he was.

What could he do? In many ways, all he had was a beating heart and a mind still free to think. To endure the long days he began drawing from what was stored within him. After his release, he reflected, "I called up my memory bank, things that were stored in my mind."

He recalled Scripture passages he had learned years before. He remembered lines from William Shakespeare, the words of hymns and songs, and the faces of those he loved. He reflected on his work, his family, and the steady grace of God throughout his life.

Looking back, he said, "Whatever is in your mind is what you have to draw on."

That truth lingers. What we place in our minds today shapes what we will lean on tomorrow. It invites a simple but important question: What are we storing away? May we fill our thoughts with what is true, pure, and life-giving, with the story of Christ and the hope of His saving grace.

Wisdom Beyond the Game

Basketball coach Phil Jackson, the son of a pastor, became well known not only for winning championships but also for encouraging his players to grow off the court. An avid reader, Jackson often assigned books to players that he believed would challenge and inspire them both personally and professionally.

Over the years, his teams won multiple NBA championships under his unique leadership style. Yet even great coaches have difficult seasons. During one struggling year, former NBA star Charles Barkley jokingly remarked about Jackson's reading assignments, "He needs to give that team a Bible. Only God can help them."





Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
Communion Offering Marcus Register Fund Communion Diane Schulz		1	2	3	4	5
6	7  Office Closed	8 🎵 Barbara Wilson	9 🎵 Michael Schroefer	10 🎵 Betty Ann Cayson	11 🎵 Hentz McClellan 🎵 Stacy Sims	← 12 
13 🎵 Ilana McGhee	14 🎵 Gina Gates 🎵 Hester Leonard	15	16 🎵 Tommy Edwards 🎵 Tina Smith	17	18 🎵 Jimmy Cox	19
20 🎵 Ace Barfield	21 🎵 Danita McClellan 🎵 Chris White	22	23 🎵 Debbie Edwards 🎵 Frank; Miller	24 🎵 Mert Stephens	25 BHS Football Breakfast	26
27	28	29	30 🎵 Stewart Herndon	Ushers Glen McClellan Danita McClellan Standby Mark Herndon		

Our Caring Ministry List

Short Term

Edward Dean
Art Eckerson
Grant Golden
Rebecca Greenwood
Libby Griffin
Annette Hires
Jim Jines
Buddy Johnson
Olivia Molitar
Danny Ryals
Rose Stopp
Pat Sumner
Laddie Williams
Laura Williams

Intercessory Prayers

Debbie Edwards
Tommy Edwards
Gale Ferguson

Those Battling Cancer

Melissa Bailey
Edward Paul
Janet Tomlinson
Shannon Whitfield

Shut-Ins

Betty Ann Cayson
Alva Martin

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

The life of a nation is secure only while the nation is honest, truthful and virtuous.

-Frederick Douglass

September Flower Calendar

06 Mr. Frank Miller
13 Mr. & Mrs. Hentz McClellan
20 Mr. & Mrs. Glen McClellan
27 Dr. Gary Parrish

Labor Day: Honoring Work and Rest

Labor Day gives us an opportunity to honor the work of hands and the many ways people serve their families, churches, and communities. As we pause from our usual routines, may we give thanks for meaningful work, remember those seeking employment and receive God's gift of renewing rest.



A Prayer for Joy and Laughter

Give me a sense of humor,
Lord,
Give me the wit to see a joke
To get some humor out of
life,
And pass it onto other folk.

-Anonymous

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Family & Friends Prayer List

1. Stacy Sims /
Rodney Smith Family
2. Donald Stanley Family /
Sue & Don Stanley
3. Tracy Cox- Stanton Family /
Mert Stephens
4. Ryan Stephens /
Scott Stephens
5. Virginia House Szrowicz /
Betty Sue & Ken Taylor
6. Zach Taylor Family /
Chris & John Tomlinson
7. Ann & Mike Tucker /
Janis & Jack Weiler
8. Jarred Weiler Family /
Cherie White Family
9. Doug Whitfield Family /
Drew Whitfield Family
10. Vicky & Steve Whitfield /
Grant Williams Family
11. Laddie Williams /
Laura & Roger Williams
12. Marvin Williams /
Mary Ann Williams
13. Barbara Wilson /
Eric Alford
14. Esther Alford /
Dresa Barfield
15. John Barfield Family /
Wynelle Bateman

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16. Alton Carpenter /
Betty Ann Cayson
17. Jane Creamer /
David Corbin Family
18. Donna & Finlay Corbin /
Gina & Tyler Cox
19. Peggy & Jimmy Cox /
Steve Cox
20. Joe Durden Family /
Debbie & Tommy Edwards
21. Norma Failes /
Gale & Joe Ferguson
22. Mary Flowers /
Gina Gates Family
23. Frank Gates /
Bill Gaskin
24. Montez Golden /
Peggy Hall
25. Norah Hanley /
Louise & Sonny Harrison
26. Trevor Haser Family /
Eileen Hatch
27. Brooks Hayes Family /
Cheri & Quentin Henderson
28. Mark Herndon Family /
Jackie & David House
29. John David House Family /
Nick Hughes Family
30. Laurie James Family /
Sandra & Jim Jines