



Lessons from John Wesley's Birthday

On June 28, Methodists around the world remember the birth of John Wesley, who was born in England in 1703. More than 300 years later, Wesley's influence continues to shape the church, our faith, and our understanding of what it means to follow Christ.

When we think about birthdays, we often think about celebrating a person's life. But Wesley would probably prefer that we focus on what God taught him and how those lessons can help us live more faithfully today.

One lesson Wesley taught is that faith is more than knowing about God—it is knowing God personally. Wesley spent years studying Scripture, praying, and serving others before he experienced a deep assurance of God's grace during a meeting on Aldersgate Street in London. Wesley later wrote that his heart was "strangely warmed." He knew in a new and personal way that Christ had died for him.

That lesson still matters. Many people know facts about God, attend church, and try to live good lives. Yet God desires more than our knowledge. God desires a relationship with us. Christianity is not merely learning about Jesus; it is walking with Jesus.

A second lesson is that grace is always at work. Wesley believed that God reaches out to us long before we ever think about reaching out to Him. God's grace calls us, saves us, and continues to shape us throughout our lives. We never outgrow our need for God's grace.

A third lesson is that faith should make a difference in how we live. Wesley often asked, "How is it with your soul?" He understood that following Christ involves continual growth. The Christian life is not standing still. Through prayer, worship, Bible study, service, and fellowship, God continues to transform us into the people He created us to be.

Finally, Wesley reminded us that faith is best lived in community. He organized small groups where believers encouraged one another, studied Scripture together, and held each other accountable. In a world where many people feel isolated, the church remains a place where we can grow together in Christ.

As we remember John Wesley's birthday this month, perhaps the best way to honor his legacy is not simply to remember him, but to practice what he taught: trust God's grace, grow in holiness, serve others, and love God with all your heart.

That sounds like a pretty good birthday celebration to me.

Grace and Peace,

Jimmy

WEDNESDAY NIGHT
FELLOWSHIP

SUPPER AT 5PM

Summer Salads
& Dessert

BIBLE STUDY TONIGHT

"The Attributes of God" will continue.
Learn to know God, not just know about
God.

1st Floor of the MAC



**Are You A Military
Veteran?** We need your help
with Posting the Colors at our
11am Service. Please reach
out to Roy Hamby at
706-781-5488

upcoming
SAVE THE DATE



JOIN US FOR A 4TH OF JULY CELEBRATION!

**Invite friends, family and neighbors!
Activities for all ages. Rain or Shine!**

FAITH ★ FAMILY ★ FREEDOM ★ FIREWORKS

250TH

Celebrate

AMERICA!

AMERICA'S 250TH ANNIVERSARY

1776 ★ 2026

250

★ YEARS OF ★
FAITH, FREEDOM
& BLESSINGS
★★★

Invite friends, family, and neighbors
to join us for a special

*250th anniversary
celebration!*



FOOD



MUSIC



GAMES & ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES



SPECIAL RECOGNITIONS



PRAYER & THANKSGIVING



FIREWORKS

STARTS AT 5:00 P.M.

★ ★ ★
ACTIVITIES
FOR ALL AGES
RAIN OR SHINE!
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 **First United Methodist Church of Union County**
938 GA 515 W
Blairsville, GA 30512

 **Sunday, July 12th**
9:00 am - 1:00 pm

 **BLOOD ASSURANCE**

 **SIGN UP HERE!**

www.bloodassurance.org/schedule

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BLOOD DRIVE

GIVE LOCAL, SAVE LOCAL.
with Blood Assurance

- Eat a good meal
- Avoid energy drinks
- Bring your ID
- Drink extra water

July 19, 2026



Circle of Love will host a lemonade stand to benefit Isaiah House 117 after each service on July 19th.

All donations will go directly to Isaiah House

Coosa Methodist Church Event
for Women

Join us for a
Spirit-Filled Living Ladies Day
with the Titus Women team 

I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. -Ezekiel 36:26

A Spirit-Filled day of
**Worship, Fellowship, and Time Together
in God's Word!**

Please join us for a refreshing and encouraging day as we grow together in faith and discover what it means to live a Spirit-filled life.
We would love for you to be a part of this special day!

 Cricket Albertson
 Kim Ball
 Emily Moore
 Deborah Tomlian

Worship Leaders
 Melody Torralba
 Jamie Reese

Date: August 15, 2026
Time: 9:00am – 3:00pm
Location: Coosa Methodist Church
767 Mulky Gap Rd, Blairsville, GA 30512

tituswomen.org
Titus Women PO Box 236, Wilmore, KY 40390 | office@tituswomen.org

Lunch will be provided. Please sign up in the Welcome Desk.

MINISTRY UPDATES

MEN'S
Ministry

Saturday
July 18th
8am in M22

All men are welcome
no membership required



Tim Dinsmore
Multiple health issues

If you know of someone who would benefit from a prayer quilt, please contact Darlene in the office 706.745.2073 or Paula Myers.

Please stop by Bray Chapel to pray over these quilts. Be sure to tie a knot to let the recipient know they were prayed for. Thank you.



How do we abide in Christ?

How do we “remain” in him? What does it look like in practice?...We must remain in the community that knows and loves Him and celebrates Him as its Lord. There is no such thing as a solitary Christian. We can’t “go at it alone”. But we must also remain as people of prayer and worship in our own intimate, private lives. We must make sure to be in touch, in tune with Jesus, knowing him and being known by him.

Stephen Ministers looking to strengthen their connection with Jesus participate in those community and private and spiritual practices that help them abide in Christ. When they faithfully engage in such practices, they experience God’s blessings as he keeps them attentive and connected to Jesus.

From the Stephen Ministry Training Manual.

Stephen Leaders
Jan Minor 404-805-0505
Kathy Cook 770-403-9337

OUR NEWEST MINISTRY

Homebound Holy Communion

Led by Pastor Mack Riley

Please call the office to set up an appointment

If you know of someone who would like to receive Communion, please let us know. Contact the Church Office at 706-745-2073 or email Pastor Mack at mack.riley@georgiaumc.net



The magnetic nametag order will be sent off once a month now at the end of each month. If you would like a magnetic tag, please stop by or call the church office to place your order. Tag prices can vary but are generally below \$20 each.

JULY BIRTHDAYS

Danny Young	1	Maggie Guerrier	12	Jean Mellor	21
Jim Arthur	2	Sue Stewart	13	Christy Freeman	21
Barb Hahn	2	Buster Miller	13	Julie Gobin	23
Sandy Flodder	2	Mary Ruth Cook	14	Andrew Hood	23
Bette Ivy	3	Katie Hutson	14	Jack Dugger	24
Robert Gorman	3	Peggy Schultz	14	Arline Hodgson	24
Teresa Cronk	5	Kelly Sulser	15	Beth Hand	24
Lynn Varian	9	Shelley Warren	16	Jeanette Espinosa	26
Rose Oberlin	9	Mike Schlienger	16	Maria McGlen	27
Eric Miller	10	Kay Bradley	17	Gail Bachteler	30
Gary Barnes	11	Sandy Young	18	Keith DeFoor	31
Dennis McIntosh	11	Daniel Lopez	19	Bill Fredricks	31
Doris Eshelman	12	James McCracken	20		

Happy Birthday!



We are excited to offer online giving through our Realm church software. This format is designed to be a user-friendly application recording contributions directly to your personal Contribution Statement while also posting directly to the appropriate general ledger fund. If you are currently contributing online through Vanco Merchant, please consider changing to Realm at your earliest convenience. **When changing, be sure to delete your Vanco recurring contribution.**

Here is the link to begin your online giving journey today!

<https://onrealm.org/FirstUnitedMeth47497/give/now>

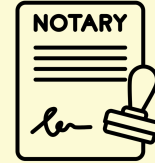
Please do not hesitate to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

Janice Millirons Hayman,
FUMC Financial Secretary

jhayman@firstmethodistblairsville.com

Are you in need of a Notary?

Janice Hayman, our Financial Secretary, is a Notary and is available by appointment. Just call the office to set up a time.



Gym hours:

Mondays- Thursdays 9 am till 3 pm

Those under 18 years of age need to be accompanied by a parent or another adult over 21.



Walking Track Hours

Monday - Thursday 9:00 am till 3:00 pm



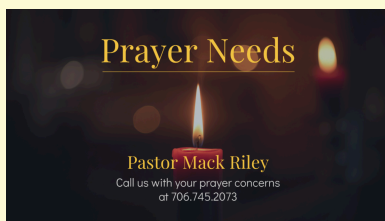
Pickleball Schedule!

The Blairsville Pickleball Club now plays on Tuesdays from 12:00pm till 3:00pm. Everyone is welcome! Join in the fun!



Fitness Classes For You!

"Christ-Centered" Yoga: led by Pat Tomzyck. Meets Tuesdays at 9:00am in room M-0 (First floor). Cost is \$5 per class. Bring your own yoga mat.



Please as you are praying through the list make a note of anyone that can come off the list or any other changes. You may contact Pastor Mack for your prayer requests at mack.riley@ngumc.net or call the church at 706-745-2073.

SPECIFIC:

- Norma Jean Anderson - recovering from cancer treatments
- Jim Appleman - broken foot
- Frank Baily - terminal cancer
- Lisa Baxter - heart condition
- Beverly Bradley - stomach issues, falling
- Lyric Brogden -home and in physical therapy
- Courtney Bruce's cousin, Ryan - cancer diagnosis
- Diane Bunten's friends Kearstin Russell and family - health concerns
- Joyce Byers - health issues, knees

- Shirley Cobb family
- Keith DeFoor - Knee replacement recovery
- Angela Edwards daughter, Nikki Goslin lupus
- Donna Fredericks' daughter Carrie Ann - getting on kidney transplant list
- Ricki Garret's brother in law, Ben Wagner - spiritual strength on anniversary of wife's passing after 65 years of marriage.
- Ricki Garret's grandson Jack Labord and his wife Amiee are stationed on USS Nimetz, please keep them and all military in your prayers during this time.
- Ricki Garret's friend Dorothy Rogers - health issues and speedy recovery
- Ricki Garret's friend Gail Rielly broke hip and foot
- Barbara Gleasure's daughter Lyn - breast cancer
- Dawn Gray - has cancer and receiving treatments
- Lou Ann Head - recovering from shoulder surgery, terrible pain
- Artie Hodgson - heart issues
- Gene Hodgson - heart procedure
- Charles Hosch & Family- Charles is the missing hiker on Appalachian Trail near Blood Mountain
- Lorena Johnson - continue strength and healing
- Pam Jordan's brother, Keith Bryant - hospitalized
- Shirley Kelley - hip surgery - cancer has returned
- Margaret & Joe Kennard - Joe shoulder surgery
- Pam Kocher recovering from hip replacement
- Pam Kocher's daughter-in-law, Pat Bailey - diagnosed with lung cancer.
- Whitney Lee - in the hospital with sepsis
- Mary Frances and Cecil Lewis' son, Mark Lewis - triple by-pass surgery
- Terri Mager - Cade Dean 18y old burns over 80% of body in Grady Burn Center.
- Laura May's, mother, Elizabeth Bond knee replacement and currently in rehab
- Jeanne McJilton, infant grandson Jace- for vision correction
- James McTureous' father Robert - health issues
- James McTureous - health issues
- Buster Miller's sister, Janice - stroke
- Jan Minor's daughter, Allie suffered a stroke
- Leura Mollnhauer -health concerns, continuing physical therapy
- Bob Mundy - health issues
- Craig Nelson - Skin cancer
- Patty Norwood's son, Ryan-serious colon problems
- Patty Norwood's sister, Jan - lung problems
- Rose Oberlin's friend, Kay Floyd Citron - Long haul Covid, car accident with 3 compressed spine fractures in Wellstar Rehab
- Mike & Mary Odom - continued cancer growth & surgery
- Sarah Partain's neighbor, Beth Butler - cancer & heart problems
- Jeannine Riley's sister, Suzanne Mobley in rehab in Mississippi
- Mack Riley's neighbor Todd Peres - health issues
- John and Renee Rives' son Thomas and daughter in law Hali- health issues
- John Rives' sister Robyn-health issues
- Meridith Rose's Family member, Scott Hulme - lung cancer
- Avis Shaw's sister Mildred Elkin health issues
- Herb Sleeme - recovering from heart surgery
- Rae Ann Straub - cancer diagnosis
- Scott & Elizabeth Terry - Scott hip replacement recovery
- Jane Thomas - recovery from shoulder replacement surgery

- Carole Thompson - recovering from surgery to remove malignancy

HEALTH ISSUES and CONCERNS:

- Bill Bender
- Kirby Bowron
- Marjorie Bowron
- Mike Brandenburg
- John Browning
- Joyce Byers
- Wayne Jones
- James Jordan
- Elaine Neuhaus
- Ray Norwood
- Jeanne Pickerill
- Carol and Norm Rogers
- Kearstin Russell
- Avis Shaw
- Nikki Schuknecht
- Sue Stewart
- Marie Williams

*Please pray for those with unspoken concerns.

IN NURSING HOMES and ASSISTED LIVING FACILITIES:

- Jim Arthur - Stonehenge Assisted Living, Building 2, Room 5
- Marilyn Barnes - Canton- Arbor at Bridgemill, Room #268
- Shirley Cobb - Union County Nursing Home, Room #142
- Polly Conkle - Blue Ridge Assisted Living
- Jeff Pearman's mother, Janice Pearman - Union County Nursing Home, Room #244B
- AG Sherman's sister, Paula Holley - Union County Nursing Home, Room #252



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A Note from Your Finance Team

THANK YOU!

General Fund

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June 7	\$13,859	\$2,389	\$317,020	\$75,335
June 14	\$20,470	\$1,038	\$337,490	\$76,373
June 21	\$6,912	\$1,043	\$344,402	\$77,417
June 28				

Please continue to remember your Church in your legacy trusts & wills
- that gift is also greatly appreciated!

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