



The CONNECTION

Sundays

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Worship Service

6:00pm Bible Study

Wednesdays

5:15pm Family Night Supper

6:00pm Bible Study

OUR VISION

Living up to our heritage of reaching each new generation for Christ.

OUR MISSION

To Put Jesus F.I.R.S.T. In Our Lives, Our Church, and Our Community.



Reaching Each
New Generation

A Note From Pastor Stephanie time Christmas comes exhaustion has come upon us.



We all have heard the Christmas story in Luke. While Joseph and Mary were in Bethlehem to register for the census, Mary had Jesus and he was born in a stable placed in a manger because there was no room at the inn. And an angel of the Lord appeared to the shepherds living out in the fields. They were terrified. The angel told them where they could find Jesus and so they went to find Mary and Joseph and the baby Jesus. They spread the word about what they had been told about Jesus and all were amazed.

December is here already. Where did the year go? We are in the month that should be for everyone the most joyful time of the year. There is so much on the to-do list. Baking, shopping, writing Christmas cards, parties to go to, and people to visit. By the

Why do we push ourselves to this point? I love Advent. During Advent we are called to reflect on the birth of Christ, our Savior. We have to consciously focus on this or we will be caught up in the world's meaning of Christmas. As Christians we are called to serve. Who can we help this Christmas season? Who can we bless? Jesus came to serve and this is a wonderful time of year to bring his love to the less fortunate.

Are we telling of the birth of Jesus as the shepherds did so long ago. Are we excited that our Messiah has been born. Are we sharing the wonderful news that we have been given? Do we know a family that needs food, clothing, or toys for their children? Are we actively seeking to spread the news that Jesus Christ is born?

Jack and I wish you all a Merry Christmas and pray that you are filled with the love of God this Season. Take time to reflect on all God has given you this Christmas and remember those who are less fortunate.

Blessings and love,
*Pastor Stephanie
and Jack*

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

DECEMBER 4

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 AM)
WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM)

(D) John & Glenda Sanders
(B) Dave Oltmans

(B) John & Glenda Sanders
(G) Wanda Schamp

(U) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ—Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers
Toddlers

NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
DALE OLTMANS & FAYE CARNLEY

**CAROLING AT WESLEY PLACE (WESLEY MANOR) AT 5PM; MEET AT
THE CHURCH AT 4:45PM TO RIDE THE BUS
6PM CHILI SUPPER AT THE CHURCH**

DECEMBER 11

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 AM)
WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM)

(D) Doris Spears & Patsy Marteney
(B) Sherry Dean

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(G) Doris Spears & Patsy Marteney

(U) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ—Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers
Toddlers

NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
FRANCES FOSTER & CHARM RUSSLER

**CAROLING AT EXTENDICARE, SOMERSET & WESTSIDE TERRACE;
MEET AT CHURCH AT 5PM**

DECEMBER 18

SUNDAY SCHOOL (9:00 AM)
WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM)

(D) Gayla Miskell & Cornelia Cooper
(B) Allen Brackin

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(G) Mary Beth Brackin

(U) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ—Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers
Toddlers

NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
BETHANY REECE
**5:30 PM CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY,
BRING FINGERFOODS TO SHARE**

DECEMBER 24

CHRISTMAS EVE WORSHIP SERVICE (5:00 PM)

DECEMBER 25

CHRISTMAS DAY WORSHIP SERVICE (10:00 AM)

(D) Kathi Dasinger & Mary Walsh
(B) Wanda Schamp

(B) Kathi Dasinger & Mary Walsh
(G) Kathi Dasinger & Mary Walsh

(U) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ—Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers
Toddlers

NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
SHIRLEY & MARY BETH BRACKIN
MERRY CHRISTMAS! A KING HAS BEEN BORN!

Happenings Around Greystone for Advent

November 27th—Advent Wreath Workshop 5:30 pm

10 wreaths have been ordered. Call the church office to reserve yours today. Bring your wreath from last year and spruce it up. Bring cookies to share.

December 4th—Caroling at Wesley Place (formerly Wesley Manor) 4:45pm

If you would like to ride the bus to Wesley Place, meet at the church at 4:45pm, or you can just meet us at Wesley Place at 5pm. Come back to the church afterwards for a delicious Chili Supper.

December 11th—Caroling at nursing homes 5pm

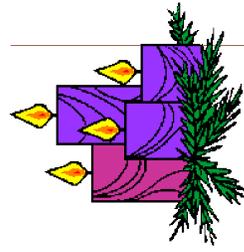
Meet at the church at 5pm. We will split into groups and carol to Extendicare, Westside Terrace & Somerset.

December 18th—Church Christmas Party 5:30pm

Join us celebrating Christmas with each other. We will sing, fellowship & have a great time together! Bring your favorite finger food to share.

DECEMBER 2016

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
4 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 4:45pm Caroling at Wesley Place 6pm Chili Supper	5 A.R.M.E.D. at 6:30pm	6 C.W.U. at noon	7 Supper 5:15pm Cheerful Hearts Wrapping Party 6pm Choir 7pm	8 Love in Action at 5pm	9 Office Closed Parent's Night Out 5-9pm	10 Office Closed
11 9am Sunday School 10am Christmas Choir 11:15am Admin Counsel Meeting 5pm Caroling to Nursing Homes	12 A.R.M.E.D. at 6:30pm	13 Faith Circle Christmas Brunch/Lunch at Lavania Herrington's home at 11am	14 Cheerful Hearts Christmas Party 5-6:30pm	15 Office Closed	16 Office Closed Operation Christmas Child Distribution Center 1-5pm Atlanta, GA	17 Office Closed
18 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Church Christmas Party	19 Grace/Love Circle at 6pm Finance Meeting at 6pm	20 R.A.F.T.S. at noon	21 Supper 5:15pm Study, Youth & Children 6pm, Bible Study 6pm	22 Office Closed	23 Office Closed	24 Christmas Eve Service at 5pm with Communion
25 Christmas Day Service at 10am	26 Office Closed	27 Office Closed	28 No Church Activities	29 Office Closed	30 Office Closed	31 Office Closed

Putting Jesus F.I.R.S.T.
In Our Lives, Our Church,
Our Community

- F.ellowship
- I.nstructing
- R.eaching
- S.erving
- T.hanksgiving

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Strong Community Life Matters to God



Christian Women United Circle Ministry Groups

Donation for Love In Action is
plastic cutlery

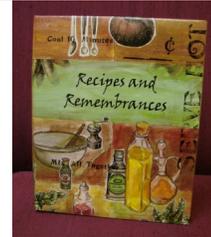
C.W.U.

December 6th at noon at the church

FAITH CIRCLE

**December 13th at 11am at
Lavania Herrington's home**

**Grace-Love Circle Meets
December 19th at 6pm**



COOKBOOKS

Our church cookbook has
a lot of great recipes!

**These make great gifts
for Christmas!**

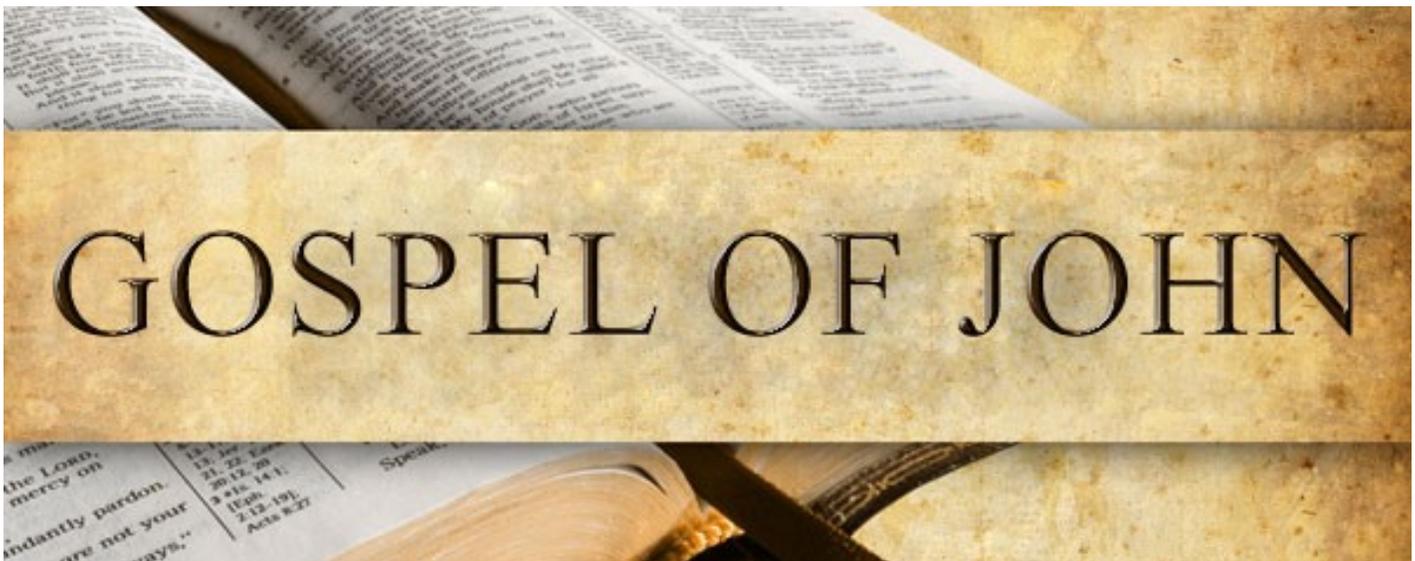
Proceeds from the cookbook sales help
support our church ministries.

Cookbooks are located in the lobby.

Cost: \$10 each

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God



Men's Gospel of John Bible Study

**Dave Oltmans has started a Bible Study on
the Gospel of John. Join them on Wednesday
evenings at 6pm for this great gospel study!**

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God



Thank you very much for all of the shoeboxes filled! We donated 38 boxes, and they are still coming in! If you forgot yours, go ahead and bring it in & we will take it with us to the Distribution Center in Atlanta.

**Operation Christmas Child
Distribution Center Work
Day in Atlanta is December
15th, 1-5pm**

See Mike Johnson for more info

SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

Here's a thought: *Sometimes it's just so very easy to help others!* Do you have a coat you no longer wear? Do you have children or grandchildren who have coats they will no longer wear? Perhaps you are cleaning out closets this holiday season. If so, bring your coats to church any Sunday this month. Ann and Bill Hart will collect them. We will partner with another group who is cleaning used coats to **DONATE TO THOSE IN NEED** for the upcoming winter months. *Thank you!*



“Let’s Get Social”



Did you know Greystone is getting Social? We are in the mix!
Find Us, Like Us, Follow Us, and Watch Us!



Like us on Facebook

[https://www.facebook.com/
GreystoneUnitedMethodistChurch/](https://www.facebook.com/GreystoneUnitedMethodistChurch/)



Follow us on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/GreystoneUMC>



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FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

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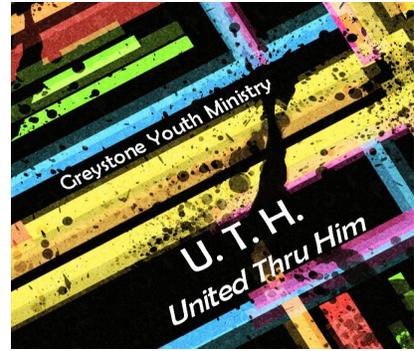
ecreation **December 20th at Noon**
Here at the Church.
Bring a dish to share.

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together
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Come join us for a time of
Friendship, Laughter and
Fellowship.

Please Remember to bring a
friend!!

Contact Betsy Kingsbury
for more info
@ (912) 281-2053

Hostess:
Ann Wood



SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sunday School—9:00am
Worship Service—10:00am

SUNDAY EVENINGS

U.T.H. Join our teens—5:30pm
Bible Study—6pm

REACH MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

LOCAL FOOD MINISTRY

LOVE IN ACTION

Please remember the food drive:
Canned goods and non-
perishables will be
collected for **Love in Action** the
1st Sunday of each month.
Volunteers serve food on the 1st
Thursday of each month.
Contact Jan Willis at 796-4022.

Items for **Wiregrass**
Animal Shelter will be
collected the
1st Sunday of each month.



SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

CHEERFUL HEARTS

♥ **GIFT WRAPPING PARTY-** “*Oh what fun it is to...*” wrap! Yes, plan to join the fun on **Wed. Dec. 7th @ 6:00** for the wrapping of the gifts for our 39 Cheerful Hearts participants. Our Special Needs Adults in the 4 group homes will be so surprised at the wonderful expressions of love shared by our church family! Whether you purchased gifts or not, makes no difference, this is your opportunity to join in the JOY OF CHRISTMAS as we wrap up each gift with a prayer for God’s blessings in the lives and hearts of these dear friends! If possible, bring scissors, tape, wrapping paper, BUT DON’T LET THAT keep you from coming. We will have plenty to share. We always do!



"Do all the good you can,... at all the times you can,... for as long as you ever can." J. Wesley

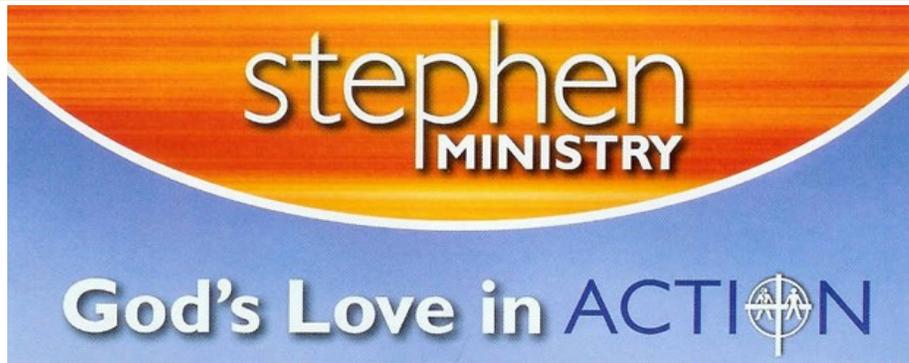
IT'S TIME FOR THE **"We Wish You A Merry** **CHRISTMAS" PARTY!!**

Mark your holiday calendars NOW! You definitely want to be a part of the this joyful evening event of love. Our Cheerful Hearts will arrive about 5:00, dressed to the nines, with smiles and hugs to share with us. We will serve a wonderful Banquet style dinner to our guests and each of you who reserves a spot. Plates at the banquet table are \$4 each; there will be centerpieces, Christmas lights, Christmas music, a very special Christmas devotion, and Santa will arrive about 6:15 to deliver the gifts we have purchased for each of the participants. Come celebrate God’s Love with us on **WED. DEC. 14TH IN THE WORSHIP CENTER.**

- Volunteers are needed to serve and work the kitchen- see Charm Russler
- Centerpieces to share just for the one night are needed as we will decorate 12 tables.- See Ann Hart
- Our guests always enjoy soft drinks: 6 – 2 liters of Pepsi/Dr. Pepper, diet, BUT WITH CAFFEINE
- We also like to share a canned drink to go as our party favors: Donations accepted of canned drinks.

SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference



Stephen Ministry is Christ caring for people through people. If you, or someone you know, are going through a difficult time, consider having a Stephen Minister. Stephen Ministers listen, care, encourage and provide emotional and spiritual support. The care is confidential and helpful. For more information on receiving care contact Rev. Stephanie Cox at 334.794.6725.



Join us the First Thursday of every month. We share food donated by Greystone members. And share the Love of Christ with them through Prayer.

Ask Jan Willis for dates and location

Love In Action International Ministries spreads the Gospel of Jesus Christ through acts of compassion in our hometown of Dothan, Ala., inner cities throughout the US, and other parts of the world. Jesus tells us in Matthew 25:35-40 that we are to take care of the neediest among us. In verse 40 He says, "I assure you: Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers of Mine, you did for Me."

They also believe in carrying out the Great Commission Jesus gives all of His followers in Matthew 28:19-20. Therefore, we go to the nations reaching the lost and unreached people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and make disciples.



A.R.M.E.D., Men's Club, meets 2nd Mondays at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary for a meal, fellowship, and planning.

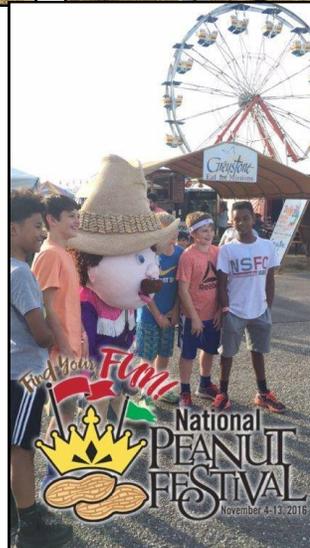
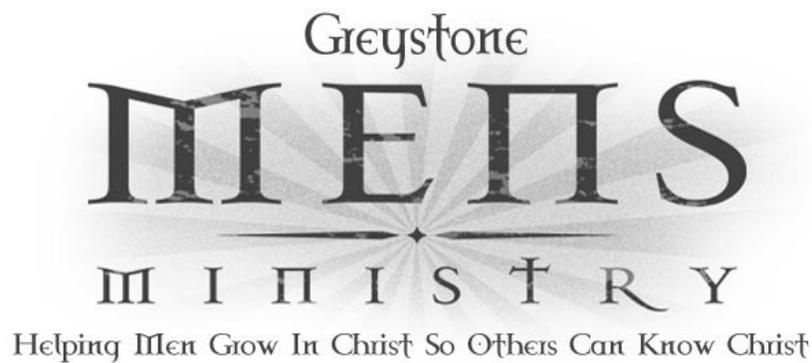
The United Methodist Church is a connnectional denomination. That means all UMC's are connected to one another through annual conferences. Keep up with what's happening and learn more about your Alabama-West Florida Conference from their website:

awfumc.org

SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

Thank you very much for all of the support at the Greystone Men's Ministry food booth at the Peanut Festival! Your hard work, prayers, and dedication are appreciated!



SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

GIFTS THAT DON'T COST A CENT

1. THE GIFT OF LISTENING—But you must REALLY be listening. No interrupting, no daydreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.



2. THE GIFT OF AFFECTION—Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds. Let these small actions demonstrate the love you have for family and friends.



3. THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER—Clip cartoons. Share articles and funny stories. Your gift will say, “I love to laugh with you.”



4. THE GIFT OF WRITTEN NOTE—It can be simple “Thanks for the help” note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.



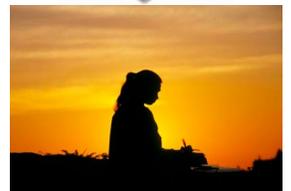
5. THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT—A simple and sincere, “You look great in red,” “You did a super job” or “That was a wonderful meal” can make someone’s day.

I can live for two months on a good compliment.

6. THE GIFT OF A FAVOR—Every day, go out of your way to do something kind.



7. THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE—There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.



8. THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION—The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone; really it’s not that hard to say, “Hello” or “Thank you.”



THANKS MINISTRY

God Inhabits the Praises of His People



**Interested in joining the
Praise band?**

For information contact

**Chris Adkins at
334.794.6725**



**THE CHOIR Practices
on Wednesday nights
on December 7th at 7pm**

**Interested in joining the
choir?**

**For information contact Betsy
Kingsbury at 334.794.6725**

Parents Night Out

December 2nd from 5-9pm

We are needing some volunteers for keeping children for a "Parents Night Out" on the first Friday of the month from 5-9pm. If you are interested in volunteering or leaving your kids with us for a night out, call Jennifer at the church, 794-6725.

Birthdays, Anniversaries And Other Important Stuff

November 2016

Income: \$19,312.36

Expense: \$17,808.66 *not all expenses in

ATTENDANCE

November 6

Sunday School: 46

Worship: 67

November 20

Sunday School: 52

Worship: 85

November 13

Sunday School: 50

Worship: 88

November 27

Sunday School: 43

Worship: 87



December Birthdays

Mike Davis	12/03
Wendy Eggers	12/04
Reagan Rankin	12/05
Lawanna Dykes	12/06
Joe Walker	12/08
Tex Rankin	12/09
Sara Williams	12/09
Michael Monday	12/14
Shirley Brackin	12/16
Billie Rabon	12/16
Bobby Dean	12/17
Davis Loftin	12/17
Sandra McGriff	12/17
Susan Miller	12/19
Pam Pilcher	12/20
Debbie White	12/23
Kenny Pitts	12/24
Jennifer Hamilton	12/25
Frances Foster	12/25
Lamar Miller	12/25
Ronald White	12/25
Mallory Benak	12/25
Glenda Sanders	12/26
Chris Justice	12/30

Happy Anniversary

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tex & Rhonda Rankin	12/09
Rufus & Barbara Haymon	12/16
Ronald & Debbie White	12/17
Bill & Ann Hart	12/28

*Do you have something that
you would like to go into the
monthly Connection? Or a
suggestion for the Connection?*

*You can put it in the basket in
the Common Ground, or you
can email it to me at*

office@greystonedothan.org

Newsletter



"Whatever you ask for in prayer with faith, you will receive." Matthew 21:22

PRAYER LIST

Blanche Hall
Richard White—Keep in your prayers
Pete Knight—Sugar levels
Shirley Belcher—Answers for tremors she is having
Josie Arledge—Cancer
Mary Bullard—**Ryder Wilhelm 1 year old**, recovery from brain tumor
Steve Carl—Cancer
Lawanna Dykes—Kidney function & transplant
Mike & Robbie Davis—Their unsaved children
Mark Freeman—Prostate cancer
Bernie Hartfield—Parkinson's Disease (Rhonda Rankin's father)
Margrette Joiner—continued recovery at Extencicare
Nelda Kelley—(Robyn Robbins' mother)
Bob & Sue Tucker—Bob-stroke, Sue-stage four lung cancer
Phil Cox's sister—Needs heart treatment
Carolyn Johnson—Daughter Teresa Cooley has Re-broke her hip
Chris Carnley—Unspoken
LaLonnie Hartzog —Back problems
Tom Walsh's Mother—
Lindy Sears—Recovery from knee surgery
Justin Shaw—Safe return home from Middle East
Lenora McAllister—Pneumonia
Mary Walsh—Recovering from knee replacement
Tom Walsh—Pray for foot to heal

Our Church, Our Community, and Our Country
Please update the church office
on the status of these
prayer requests.



HOMEBOUND

Janie Arnold (404 Montezuma Avenue, 36303)
Shirley Belcher (Baptist Village #107, 4426 W. Main Street, 36303)
Lois Christensen (5913 Granger Road, Marianna, FL 32446)
Clyde & Billie Cunningham (102 Pearce Street, 36301)
Evelyn McMoy (1504 Dakota Street, 36303)
Richard White (105 Boardwalk, 36303)

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Somerset

Myra Shewmake(#102)

Wesley Manor

Lenora Mcallister

Troy Health & Rehab Center

Jerrie Hollis

Extencicare

Vernon Sears
Margrette Joiner
Vi Altman
Sara Williams

Westside Terrace

Jeanette McCollum

ENLISTED.....

SPC Ben Dasinger (Hawaii)
(son of Eddie & Kathi Dasinger)

SFC Matthew Kingsbury
(husband of Betsy Kingsbury)

SSgt. Michael Monday - USMC
(son of Allen & Mary Beth Brackin)

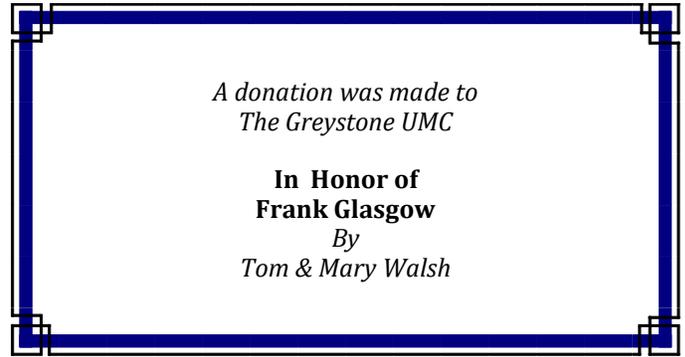
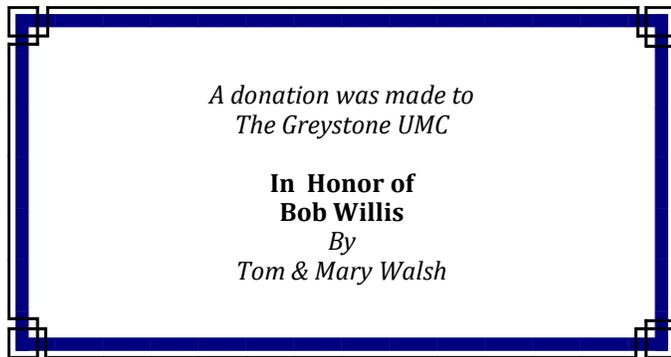
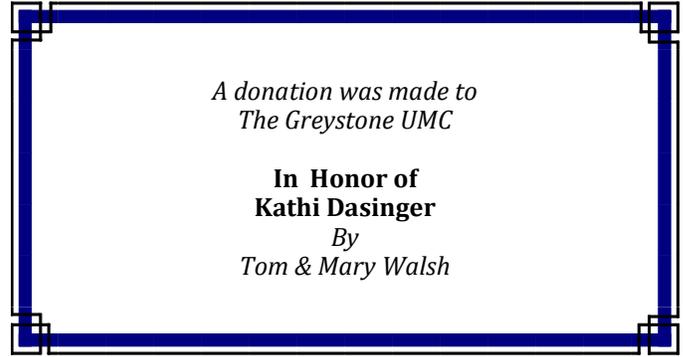
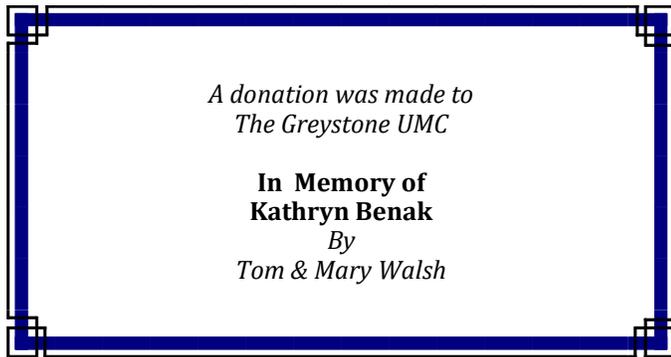
Sgt. Chris Moore - USMC (Japan)
(nephew of Mary Beth Brackin)

Cpt. Justin Shaw (Iraq)
(grandson of Buford & Polly Fortson)

Caleb Thomas
(son of Troy & Virginia Thomas)

PFC 1st Class Dakota (Cody) Justice
(son of Chris & Connie Justice)

Memorials



Church Staff

Stephanie Cox

Senior Pastor

Mike Johnson

Director of Youth Ministries

Kim Clark

Nursery

Chris Adkins

Worship Leader

Betsy Kingsbury

Pianist

Mark Robbins

Sound Tech

John Sanders

Visitation Pastor

Patty Johnson

Director of Children's Ministry

Mary Bullard

Pre-K Teacher

Betsy Kingsbury

Choir Director

Jennifer Hamilton

Church Administration/IT Tech

F.I.R.S.T. Team Leaders

Fellowship

Charm Russler

Instruct

Jim Kinney

Reach

Jan Willis

Serve

Bob Willis

Thanksgiving

Carolyn Johnson

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

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