



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



It is 2017 already. I cannot believe how fast 2016 went by. During this time of year many people make resolutions. I used to do that but never followed through. I start out strong and as time goes by I get discouraged or just forget what it is I said I would do. One thing I do endeavor to do each year is grow in God.

I would like to share a Scripture with you that I feel God has led me to reflect on as we begin this new year. 2nd Timothy 3:16 says “All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.”

This tells me that if I stay in the Word, God will teach me what I need to know. He will rebuke me when I get off track. He will correct me when I go wrong. He will help me to live a life that is pleasing to Him by teaching me to live righteously.

We may be the only Bible that people read. My life needs to reflect Jesus Christ. To do this I must study the Word of God and hide it in my heart. I need to be ready with an answer for those who ask me about the hope that I have in Christ.

I challenge you to make 2017 a year to get into the Scriptures. Ask God to reveal to you what He would have for you to do this year to deepen your relationship with Him and others in your life. Where would He want you to stretch and grow in your walk with Him?

I am so thankful to be your pastor!

Blessings and love,
Pastor Stephanie

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

JANUARY 1

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

(D) John & Glenda Sanders

(B) Dave Oltmans

(G) Dell Oltmans

(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:

BETSY KINGSBURY

JANUARY 8

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

(D) Emory & Frances Foster

(B) Emory Foster

(G) Frances Foster

(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

5:30 PM WORSHIP; 6 PM BIBLE STUDY, KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 15

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

(D) Sherry Dean & Gayla Miskell

(B) Sherry Dean

(G) Gayla Miskell

(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:

JENNIFER HAMILTON

5:30 PM WORSHIP; 6 PM BIBLE STUDY, KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 22

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

(D) Patsy Marteney & Wanda Schamp

(B) Patsy Marteney

(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:

NEED VOLUNTEERS

5:30 PM WORSHIP; 6 PM BIBLE STUDY, KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

JANUARY 29

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

(D) Kathi Dasinger & Mary Walsh

(B) Kathi Dasinger

(G) 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:

NEED VOLUNTEERS

5:30 PM WORSHIP; 6 PM BIBLE STUDY, KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES



JANUARY 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	
1 10am New Year's Day Service Epiphany Sunday	2 Office Closed	3	4 Supper 5:15pm Bible Study, Youth & Children Activities 6pm Choir 7pm	5 Love In Action 5pm	6 Parent's Night Out 5-9pm Office Closed	7	
8 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship 4pm Staff Meeting 6pm Bible Study	9	10 Faith Circle 9:30am Shirley Brackin	11 Supper 5:15pm Bible Study, Youth & Children Activities 6pm	12	13	14	
15 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship 6pm Bible Study	16 Grace/Love Circle 6pm Finance Meeting 6pm	17 R.A.F.T.S. 12pm	18 Supper 5:15pm Bible Study, Youth & Children Activities 6pm Choir 7pm	19	20 Office Closed	21 Leadership Retreat 10am-2pm	
22 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship 6pm Bible Study	23	24	25 Supper 5:15pm Bible Study, Youth & Children Activities 6pm Choir 7pm	26	27 Office Closed	28	
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Putting Jesus F.I.R.S.T.
In Our Lives, Our Church,
Our Community

Fellowship
Instruct
Reach
Serve
Thanks

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*Christian Women United
Circle Ministry Groups*

*Donation for Love In Action is
soap*

C.W.U.

No meeting this month

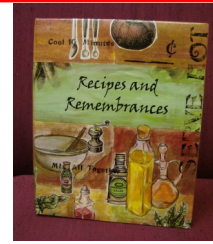
FAITH CIRCLE

January 10th at 9:30am

Shirley Brackin

Grace-Love Circle Meets

January 16th 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

Leadership Retreat, January 21st



2017 Leadership Retreat

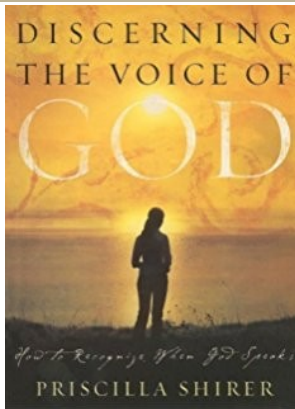
Greystone's Worship Center

January 21st 10 am—2 pm

Lunch is Provided

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God



Priscilla Shirer's "Discerning The Voice of God" with Sue Wilson

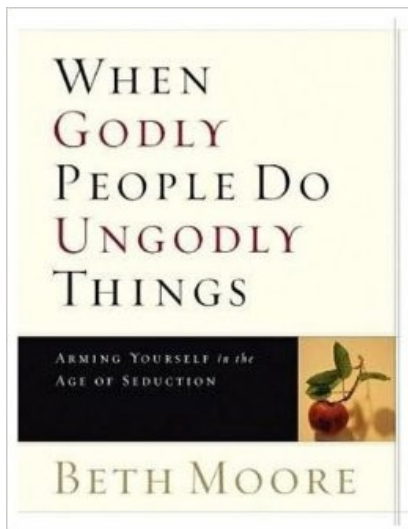
This 6 week Bible Study will begin on January 18th at 6pm. Having a hard time knowing what God is saying versus what others are saying? This Bible study is designed to help participants know the voice of God: His language, character, and tone of voice. By growing closer to God through His Word, participants will be able to discern God's voice from the voice of strangers.



Men's Gospel of John Bible Study

Wednesday evenings at 6pm with Dave Oltmans

Come and learn more about the Gospel of John



Beth Moore's "When Godly People Do Ungodly Things" with Robyn Robbins

This Bible Study will begin on January 16th at 9am. Our purpose through this study is to understand how the people described in 2nd Corinthians 11:2-3 as being wholeheartedly sincerely and truly devoted to Christ can be beguiled by Satan and have their minds corrupted and seduced. This study gives us a better understanding of how a Godly person can fall in such a deep pit of sin. It also teaches us how to reach out our hands and help them get up. I believe everyone who participates in the study will have a better understanding of the way Satan deceives us all. I'm looking forward to diving into God's word with you!



Frank Glasgow will lead a bible Study, beginning January 22nd and go until February 12th. This study will look at managing money God's way, highlighting some of the many references He has given us in scripture. We will look at why we should save and what happens when we do, how to live on less than we make, how to easily live on a budget, why and how to get out of debt, and how to control buying impulses. We will also look at how to effectively use insurance and touch on investing for retirement.

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God



Greystone UMC Children's Ministry



Join us Sundays

9am for Sunday School; 10am for Children's Church

Sticks Ministry—Sunday nights 6-7pm

Join us Wednesday evenings

Bible Drill (1st-5th Grades) 6-7pm

Kidz First (2 yr-Kindergarten) 6-7pm

“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>



Follow us on
Instagram

Follow us on Instagram

[https://www.instagram.com/
greystonedothan/](https://www.instagram.com/greystonedothan/)

Watch us on



Watch us on You Tube

**Channel: Greystone United Methodist
Church**

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

Recreation
And
Fun
Together
Serving

**January 17th at Noon
Here at the Church.
Bring a dish to share.**

**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:
Billie Rabon & Julie Hartley*



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

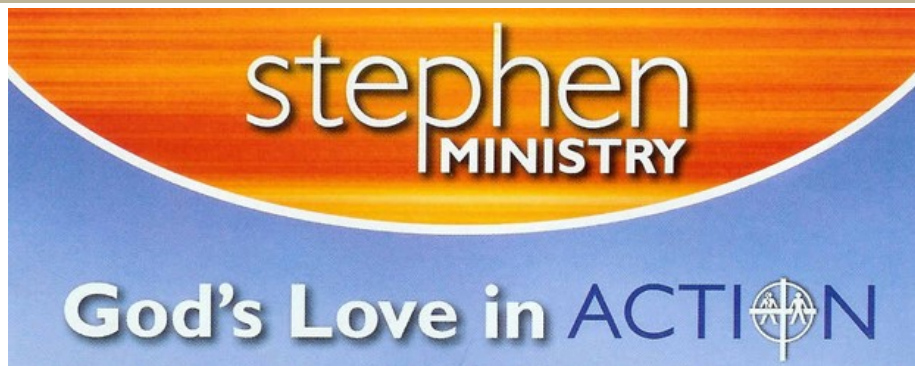
♥ Church Family: You out did yourselves! Thank you to all who donated, shopped, cooked, served, decorated, and cleaned up on behalf of our Cheerful Hearts. The Christmas Party was amazing. How blessed we are to serve together in a church family with such big loving hearts. Your warm spirits and smiles made the night and a fabulous Christmas for many who would not have had anything for Christmas. What a blessing you are and a true testament of the love of God in your lives. Our guests were so excited and so full of anticipation. Afterwards, two of the homes' staff people were in tears at our loving welcoming to their "consumers" as they are called by Spectra care. Several of the new guests were overwhelmed, two asked for prayer for special needs, and two expressed that they "needed" the experience they had had with us last night because things had not been going well. We may never know how the Holy Spirit will work through our efforts of compassion. Thank you, thank you for all your help, support, and gracious giving.



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

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

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
in January at 7pm
(No Choir on January 11th)
Interested in joining the
choir?
For information contact Betsy
Kingsbury at 334.794.6725**

Parents Night Out

January 6th 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

December 2016

Income: \$23,301.48
Expense: \$22,244.85 *not all expenses in

ATTENDANCE

December 4

Sunday School: 58
Worship: 77

December 11

Sunday School: 66
Worship: 107

December 18

Sunday School: 51
Worship: 89

December 25

Sunday School:
Worship: 71



January Birthdays

<u>Lenora McAllister</u>	<u>1/02</u>
<u>Michelle Godwin</u>	<u>1/09</u>
<u>Sherry Dean</u>	<u>1/15</u>
<u>Larry Easterwood</u>	<u>1/15</u>
<u>Suzanne Harden</u>	<u>1/16</u>
<u>Terry Bauldree</u>	<u>1/21</u>
<u>Tim Carnley</u>	<u>1/31</u>
<u>Jan Willis</u>	<u>1/31</u>

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



Happy Anniversary

JANUARY ANNIVERSARIES

Allen & Mary Beth Brackin 1/21

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

PRAYER LIST

Blanche Hall's Family—Keep in your prayers
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
Tom Walsh's Mother—Keep in your prayers
Lindy Sears—Recovery from knee surgery
Justin Shaw—Safe return home from Middle East
Lenora McAllister—Keep in your prayers
Tom Walsh—Pray for foot to heal completely

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 Place

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)

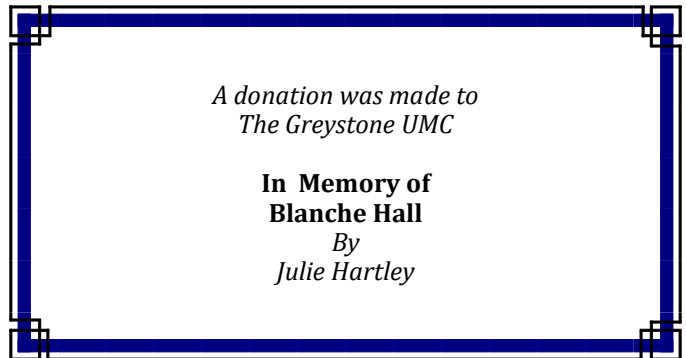
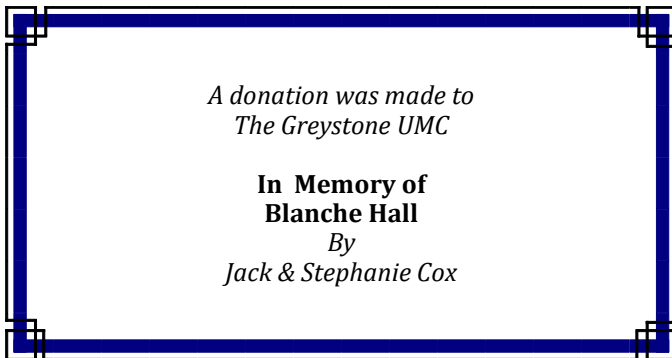
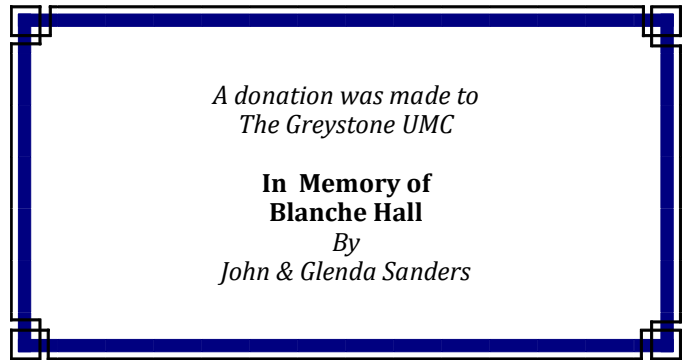
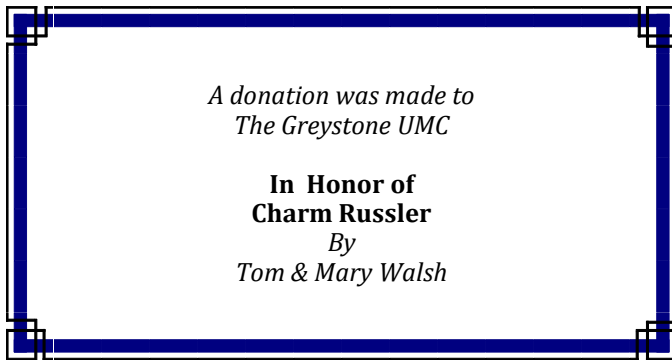
Sgt. Chris Moore - USMC (Japan)
(nephew of Mary Beth Brackin)

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

Jane Asdel

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

Susan Loftin

Serve

Barbara Haymon

Thanksgiving

Carolyn Johnson

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

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