



The CONNECTION

Sundays

- 9:00am Sunday School
- 10:00am Worship Service
- 5:15pm 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



“Then Jesus was led by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. After 40 days and forty nights, he was hungry.”

Matthew 4:1-2

Forty is a significant number in the Bible. Jesus was tempted for forty days and nights. Rain fell on the earth forty days and nights. After forty days, Noah opened a window he had made in the ark. Solomon reigned over Israel for forty years. Moses received the Ten Commandments after forty days and forty nights. The Israelites wandered in the desert for forty years. And there are more. This is a significant number in the Bible.

Lent is forty days. If we decide to give something up for Lent, we will be tempted just as

Jesus was tempted after being led into the desert.

Lent is a time for us to prepare our hearts once again for Easter. Even though we are already Easter people because we believe that Christ died, was buried and was resurrected on the third day.

There are many ways we can prepare during this forty days of Lent that begins today, March 1, 2017.

There is a daily devotion you can pick up from the church and do every day. You can give something up and offer that to God. You can do something for God in service that you know he wants you to do, but is out of your comfort zone. It is not so much about our doing any of these things as it is about our growing closer to God during Lent as we offer our love and service to Him as we do them.

He wants us to give Him more of our heart. As we continue our journey during this sacred time of the church year let us focus on giving Him our all.

Blessings and love,
Pastor Stephanie and Jack

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

MARCH 5

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:

FRANCES FOSTER

5:15 PM WORSHIP; 6 PM BIBLE STUDY, KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

MARCH 12

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:

NEED VOLUNTEERS

5:15 PM WORSHIP; 6 PM BIBLE STUDY, KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

MARCH 19

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

(D) Mike & Robbie Davis

(B) Mike Davis

(G) Robbie Davis

(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:

CAROLYN JOHNSON

5:15 PM WORSHIP; 6 PM BIBLE STUDY, KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES

MARCH 26

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

(D) Patsy Marteney & Gayla Miskell

(B) Gayla Miskell

(G) 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:

JENNIFER HAMILTON



5:15 PM WORSHIP; 6 PM BIBLE STUDY, KIDS & YOUTH ACTIVITIES



MARCH 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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<p>5</p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:15pm Worship 4pm Staff Meeting 6pm Bible Study</p>	<p>6</p> <p>7 C.W.U. at noon</p>	<p>1</p> <p>Supper 5:15pm Ash Wednesday Service 6pm Choir 7pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>Love In Action 5:15pm at Samaritan Clinic</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Parent's Night Out 5-8:30pm Teacher snacks at Honeysuckle Middle School at 9am</p>	<p>4</p> <p>"Whom Shall I SEND" Holy Ground UMC 9-5pm</p>
<p>12</p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:15pm Worship 6pm Bible Study Daylight Savings</p>	<p>13</p> <p>A.R.M.E.D. at 6:30pm</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Supper 5:15pm Bible Study, Youth & Children Activities 6pm Band Practice 6pm Choir 7pm</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Office Closed St. Patrick's Day </p>	<p>18</p>
<p>19</p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:15pm Worship 6pm Bible Study</p>	<p>20</p> <p>Grace/Love Circle at 6pm Finance Meeting at 6pm First Day of Spring</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Supper 5:15pm Bible Study, Youth & Children Activities 6pm Band Practice 6pm Choir 7pm</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>26</p> <p>9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:15pm Worship 6pm Bible Study</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Supper 5:15pm Bible Study, Youth & Children Activities 6pm Choir 7pm</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Office Closed </p>	



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

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Christian Women United Circle Ministry Groups

Donation for Love In Action is
Razors

C.W.U.

March 7th at noon

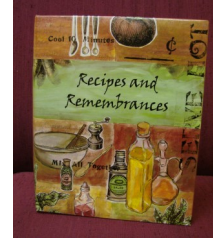
FAITH CIRCLE

March 14th at 9:30am

Billie Rabon

Grace-Love Circle Meets

March 20th at 6pm



COOKBOOKS

Our church cookbook has
a lot of great recipes!

**These make great gifts
for Graduation & Birthdays!**

Proceeds from the cookbook sales help
support our church ministries.

Cookbooks are located in the lobby.

Cost: \$10 each

Recreation

**March 21st at Noon
Here at the Church.
Bring a dish to share.**

And

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

Fun

**Please Remember to bring a
friend!!**

Together

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

Serving

*Hostess:
Carolyn Johnson & Gayla Miskell*



SUNDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY EVENING

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

Good Neighbors at Greystone

Meet us at the church at 9am on March 3rd to go pray & take goodies to the teachers & staff of Honeysuckle Middle School. We are also taking non-perishable food items for children at HMS, please consider donating. See Ann Hart or Susan Loftin for more details.



You're Invited to a weekend of fellowship & fun!

**Family Day Picnic &
Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday, April 15th
10 AM - 2 PM**

**Easter Sunday Worship
9 AM Sunday School
10 AM Easter Worship Service**

WHAT A WONDERFUL WEEKEND IT WILL BE!

Pastor Stephanie & Jack are going to provide the ham for the Family Day Picnic, and we are asking our members to bring 2 side dishes to share at the picnic.

There will be fun, games and fellowship! We will have an Easter Egg Hunt for the children at 1pm.



Sunday we will celebrate Jesus with our Easter Cantata, "Amazing Love, How Can It Be" at our Easter Sunday Worship Service at 10 AM! Mark your calendars! This will be a weekend you are not going to want to miss!

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God



Greystone UMC

Children's Ministry



Sign up to be a part of a Galactic Vacation Bible School June 4th-7th

If you would like to get a VBS T-shirt, please turn in your money and size to Patty Johnson or Jennifer Hamilton in the church office.

Kids T-shirts \$10 each Adults T-shirts \$10 each (XXL \$13 each)

Join us Sundays

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

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

Join us Wednesday evenings

Sticks Ministry 6-7pm

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

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God



Ladies' Retreat September 22-24

*You are not going to want to miss this great weekend!!!
See Patty Johnson or Pam Pilcher for more information*

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.



“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

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Watch us on



Watch us on You Tube

**Channel: Greystone United Methodist
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SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

CHEERFUL HEARTS

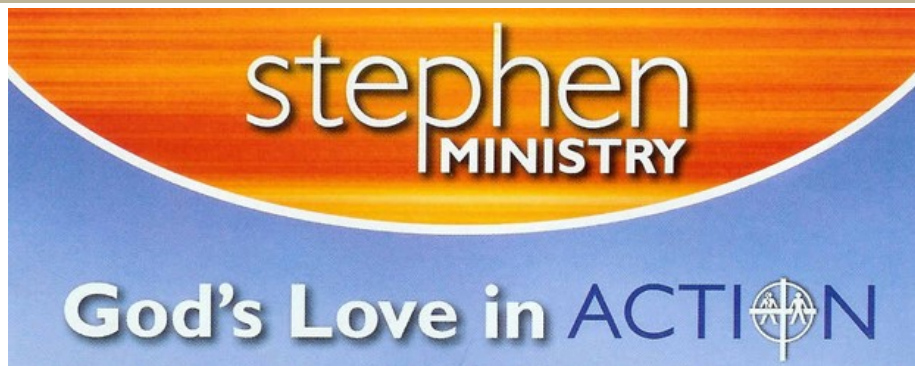
♥ Just look at them!!! It is said, "a picture is worth a thousand words." But there is no way one could look at these photos and understand what they are seeing on face value alone. Can you see happiness? Comfort? Expectation? Eagerness? Enthusiasm? A Spirit of Trust? Just notice the body language in these photos. Six years ago we did not even have photos, let alone personal permission to take photos and rarely did we see a smile! I recently heard a sermon on the Transfiguration of Christ and the two points made were the transformation that takes place when we see Jesus as he really is instead of how "we" expect to see him. And in Matthew's account, as the disciples actually saw Jesus as the Son Of God, they bowed down in worship and were afraid. But Jesus reached out and **touched them** and **encouraged them not to be afraid**. Thank you Greystone Family for *reaching out in the name of Jesus* to "touch" and "encourage" these our Cheerful Hearts. For, as you can see, now they are indeed! Praise God, to him be the glory, great things He has done.

"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**

**March Practice:
March 8th & 22nd at 6pm**



**THE CHOIR Practices
on Wednesday nights
in March at 7pm
Interested in joining the
choir?**

**For information contact Betsy
Kingsbury at 334.794.6725**

Parents Night Out

February 3rd from 5-9pm

We are needing some volunteers for keeping children for a "Parents Night Out" on the first Friday of the month from 5-8:30 pm. 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

February 2017

Income: \$19,309.06

Expense: \$21,406.80

ATTENDANCE

February 5

Sunday School: 49

Worship: 88

February 19

Sunday School: 57

Worship: 100

February 12

Sunday School: 52

Worship: 89

February 26

Sunday School: 48

Worship: 96



March Birthdays

<u>Pam Carletti</u>	<u>3/01</u>
<u>Cornelia Cooper</u>	<u>3/10</u>
<u>Doris Spears</u>	<u>3/11</u>
<u>Mary Bullard</u>	<u>3/13</u>
<u>Ryan Rankin</u>	<u>3/17</u>
<u>Bethany Clark</u>	<u>3/21</u>
<u>Carolyn Johnson</u>	<u>3/22</u>
<u>Jonathan Miskell</u>	<u>3/25</u>
<u>David Snell</u>	<u>3/28</u>
<u>Richard Johnson</u>	<u>3/30</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

MARCH ANNIVERSARIES

Larry & Cindy Easterwood	3/09
Colton & Bethany Reece	3/28
Dave & Dell Oltmans	3/29

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

PRAYER LIST

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—A kidney-type A or O
Mark Freeman—Prostate cancer
Bernie Hartfield—Parkinson's Disease (Rhonda Rankin's father)
Margrette Joiner—continued recovery at Extendicare
Nelda Kelley—(Robyn Robbins' mother)
Chris Carnley—Unspoken
Tom Walsh's Mother—Keep in your prayers
Lindy Sears—Recovery from knee surgery
Lenora McAllister—Keep in your prayers
Tom Walsh—Pray for foot to heal completely
Bethany Reece—Jobs in Kentucky and smooth transition for Cameron
Curt Anderson—Recovering from heart problems
Frank Sanders—Cancer
Frances Foster—Heart to beat in rhythm
Debbie White—Recovering from surgery
Ms. Daniels—Debbie White's mother

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

Extendicare

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)

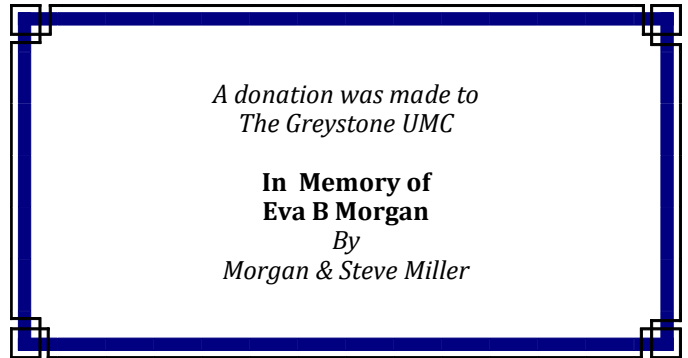
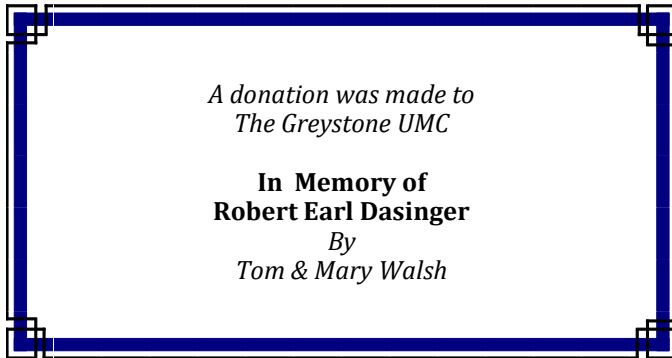
Sgt. Chris Moore - USMC (Japan)
(nephew of Mary Beth Brackin)

Cpt. Justin Shaw (Tennessee)
(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

Susan Loftin

Serve

Barbara Haymon

Thanksgiving

Carolyn Johnson

Church Office Hours

Monday-Thursday

8:00 am—4:00 pm

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