



The CONNECTION

Sundays

9:00am Sunday School

10:00am Worship Service

5:30pm Worship Service

Wednesdays

5:15pm Family Night Supper

6:00pm Bible Studies

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.

A Note From Pastor Stephanie



“But about that day or hour no one knows, not even the angels in heaven nor the Son, but only the Father.” Matthew 24:36.

You probably heard the prediction of the end of the world happening on September 23rd as predicted by David Meade. It has now been moved to October 21st. He says this new date will begin a seven-year period of world ending events.

I am so glad that we do not have to be afraid. We are told in the Scripture that only the Father knows. We are told to watch and be ready. We are told to have our lamps ready for the bridegroom.

Recently there have been three hurricanes and many fires causing havoc in the United States. There have been two earthquakes in Mexico. There are wars all over the world. The time for Jesus to come back for His

church is close. No one knows when that will be but we need to be about the Father’s business.

Many are lost and need Jesus. Many need help with physical needs. Many need encouragement. Many need unconditional love. We as the Body of Christ are called to be the hands and feet of Christ.

How will we respond? Will we respond with open hands and hearts to bless others? Will we love unconditionally? Will we work in the fields that are white unto harvest? In Matthew 9:37 we read “then He said to His disciples, the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few.” Are you one of the few workers who wants to see the Kingdom of Heaven grow?

I have family and friends who are in that great cloud of witnesses. When the trumpet is sounded, if I haven’t joined them yet, I want to be caught up in the air to forever be with the Lord!

Fall is upon us. Enjoy the beautiful leaves and the cool crisp air that the weather forecasters say is on the way. Tell someone about how Jesus changed your life.

Blessings and love,
Pastor Stephanie and Jack



Reaching Each
New Generation

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

OCTOBER 1—FELLOWSHIP LUNCH

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

- (D) John & Glenda Sanders
- B) John & Glenda Sanders
- (G) John & Glenda Sanders

(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

4pm Charge Conference; Evening Worship at 5:30pm

OCTOBER 8

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

- (D) Emory & Frances Foster
- B) Emory & Frances Foster
- (G) Emory & 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

Evening Worship at 5:30pm

OCTOBER 15

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

- (D) Mike & Robbie Davis
- B) Mike & Robbie Davis
- (G) Mike & 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:
NEED VOLUNTEERS

Evening Worship at 5:30pm

OCTOBER 22

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

- (D) Patsy Marteney & Gayla Miskell
- B) Patsy Marteney & Gayla Miskell
- (G) Patsy Marteney & 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:
NEED VOLUNTEERS

Evening Worship at 5:30pm

OCTOBER 29

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

- (D) Sherry Dean & Carol Kinney
- B) Sherry Dean & Carol Kinney
- (G) Sherry Dean & Carol Kinney

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

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers
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Toddlers

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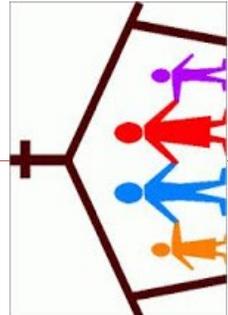
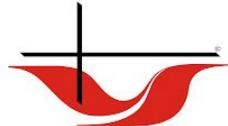
COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
NEED VOLUNTEERS

Evening Worship at 5:30pm



OCTOBER 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 9am Sunday School 10am Worship Fellowship Lunch 4pm Charge Conf. 5:30pm Worship	2 9am Bible Study w/Robyn Robbins	3	4 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	5 Love In Action at 5pm on Main St.	6 Office Closed	7
8 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship	9 9am Bible Study w/Robyn Robbins 6:30pm A.R.M.E.D. (Men's Group)	10 Faith Circle (Women's Group) at 9:30am	11 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	12	13 Office Closed	14 Buddy Walk w/ Team Joshua at National Peanut Festival Fair- grounds at 10am
15 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship Bring Cleaning & Hygiene Bucket items to church	16 9am Bible Study w/Robyn Robbins 6pm Grace/Love Circle (Women's Group) 6pm Finance Meeting	17 R.A.F.T.S. at noon at the church	18 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities Assemble Cleaning & Hygiene Buckets	19	20 Office Closed	21
22 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship	23 9am Bible Study w/Robyn Robbins	24 Cheerful Hearts 5- 6:30pm at the church	25 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	26	27 Office Closed	28
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Putting Jesus F.I.R.S.T.
In Our Lives, Our Church,
Our Community

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FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

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Christian Women United Circle Ministry Groups

Donation for Love In Action is
paper or plastic cups & bingo prizes

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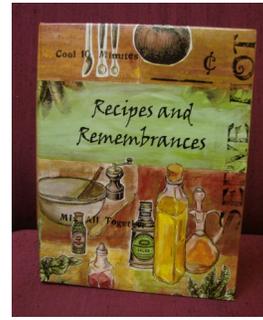
Next meeting in December

FAITH CIRCLE

October 10th

Grace-Love Circle

October 16th at 6pm at Mama Rosa's



Greystone's Cookbook

Our church cookbook has
a lot of great recipes!

**These make great gifts
for any occasion!**

Proceeds from the cookbook sales help
support our church ministries. Cookbooks
are located in the lobby.

Cost: \$10 each

Recreation

**October 17th at Noon
here at the Church.**

And

Bring a dish to share.

Fun

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

Together

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

Serving

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

Hostesses:

Patti Walker & Lavania Herrington



SUNday MORningS

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

SUNday EveNingS

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

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God



Greystone UMC

Children's Ministry



The Children and Youth are learning a new routine with the Stick Ministry...and it's a good one that you won't want to miss!

More information on their performance soon!

Practice is Sunday evenings at 5:30pm

Join us Sundays

9am for Sunday School; 10am for Children's Church
Children and U.T.H. Activities —Sunday nights 5:30pm

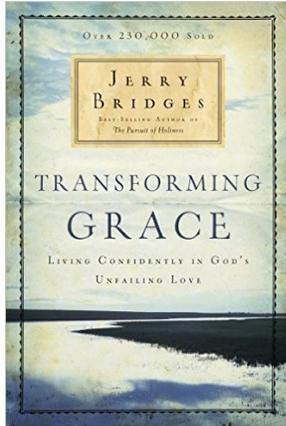
Join us Wednesday evenings

Bible Drills 6-7pm

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

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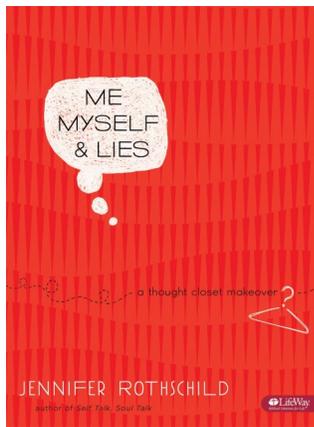
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Bible Study

Sue Wilson is leading a Bible Study at 6pm on Wednesdays. "Transforming Grace—Living Confidently in God's Unfailing Love" by Jerry Bridges. Transforming Grace is a practical, biblical, and powerful exposition of the truth of grace, grace which frees from guilt and legalism, but which inspires us toward holy living because of our appreciation of what God did for us.

Women's Bible Study



Robyn Robbins is leading a Women's Bible Study at 9am on Mondays. "Me, Myself, and Lies" by Jennifer Rothschild. Clean out the junk in your mind and replace hidden negative thoughts with positive truths from God's word. Words are powerful. Especially the words women speak to themselves. All too often, what they say to themselves when they lie in bed at night or look in the mirror in the morning is not even close to the words God wants them to speak to their souls. According to Rothschild, what we think about often has a ripple effect on nearly every area of our lives.

2017 Ladies Retreat in Pine Mountain



REACH MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference



We have your sign!

Do you have a Greystone yard sign in your yard? Help us spread the word about how wonderful God is. You can pick up your Greystone yard sign in the church office. Thanks so much for your support and love for God and Greystone!

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.



“Being Social at Greystone”



Have you Liked us on Facebook? Followed us on Instagram and Twitter? You can watch us on You Tube and subscribe!

Find Us, Like Us, Follow Us, and Watch Us!



Like us on Facebook



Follow us on Twitter

<https://twitter.com/GreystoneUMC>



Follow us on
Instagram

Follow us on Instagram

<https://www.instagram.com/greystonedothan/>

Watch us on



Watch us on You Tube

Channel: Greystone United Methodist Church

REACH MINISTRY

Lost and Disconnected People Matter to God

Good Neighbors at Greystone

We are still collecting food for the Honeysuckle Middle School students. This food is given to the students for them to have something to eat over the weekends. The items donated need to be individually wrapped to make it easy to divide among the bags given out to the students. There is a need for breakfast foods like grits, cereal, pop tarts, etc. Please continue to pray for Honeysuckle Middle School, the students and the faculty. Thank you so much for spreading God's word!



SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference



The Children's Ministry are putting together Cleaning Buckets and Hygiene Kits. There are slips of things needed in the front lobby of the church. Please bring in the items you have chosen to get by Sunday, October 15th. The children and youth will be assembling the buckets and kits on Wednesday, October 18th. Please continue to pray for all those affected by the recent hurricanes.

SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

CHEERFUL HEARTS



Mark your calendars and save the date for Oct. 24th Cheerful Hearts' PUMPKIN PARTY. Our fall harvest themed dinner event will be held in the Worship Center and Common Ground as we will have games for our special guests to play for a fun-filled afternoon before dinner. We will surely need plenty of friendly helpers to volunteer during game time and others to help with the serving of food and clean up. Our guests should arrive around 5:00 and will be eager to see us again. Please join us for some or all of this evening of sharing God's love. "FALL" into this delightful service ministry and you will surely "HARVEST" a blessing to your soul. Come and see for yourself what the Lord can do!

If you are new to our church family, Cheerful Hearts is a service ministry to 45 special needs adults ranging in ages from about 35-70 living in 4 Spectra Care group homes here in Dothan supported through donations and volunteers.

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

The pictures below are of the fun we had at last year's Cheerful Hearts Fall Festival . Don't miss out on this year's fun! See you there!



SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference



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."

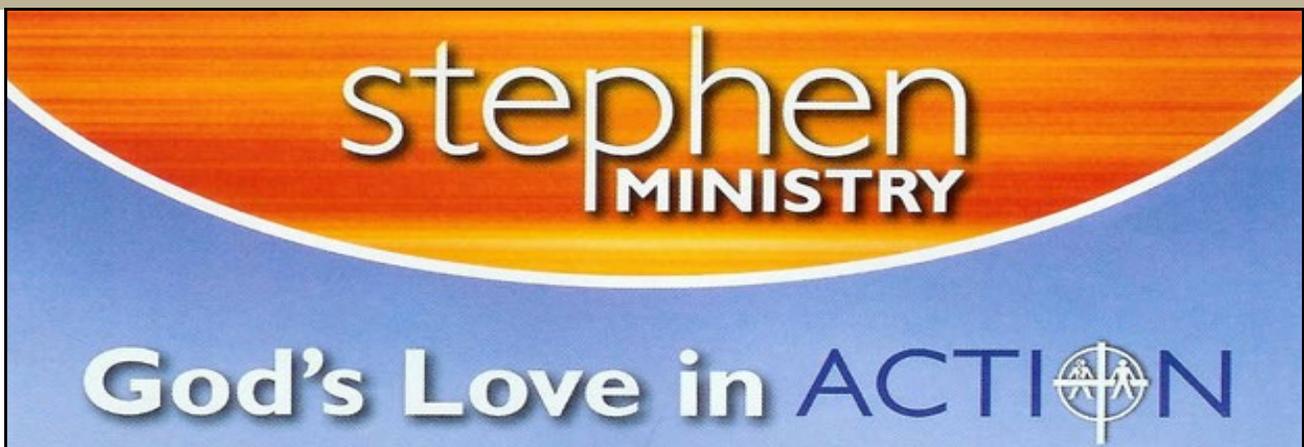
They also believe in carrying out the Great Commission Jesus gives all of His followers in Matthew 28:19-20. Therefore, we go to the nations reaching the lost and unreached people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and make disciples.



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 connectional 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



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.

THANKS MINISTRY

God Inhabits the Praises of His People



**Interested in joining the
Praise band?**

**For information contact Chris
Adkins at 334.794.6725**

***Have a request? Let us know!
We would love to play your
favorite song!***



**No Choir Practice during the
month of October.**

**Interested in joining the
choir?**

**For information contact
Betsy Kingsbury at
334.794.6725**

Dothan District UMC News

Dear Dothan district family,

This past Monday night was so much fun! I have been anticipating Sean Dietrich coming to share with us for several months and I wasn't disappointed. I am grateful that so many of you were able to come and fellowship with us. What a joy to see so many United Methodists together breaking bread, laughing and enjoying each other's company.

As you know, I am in the throes of Charge Conference season. It is always fun to be in the churches and hear the variety of ministries that are going on in our district.

I would like to remind you that we have recently updated our website. Yesterday I even began writing on my own page....a bit scary. I shared about a book that Dr. Victor Dingus recommended to the cabinet. It is my vision that the page located under "Resources" as "Thoughts from the DS" would be used to share ideas from our churches, books and studies that are recommended, etc.

I pray that each of you have found the place God is calling you to be in your community of faith. As always, thanks for all you do for the kingdom.

Love,
Sara

Birthdays, Anniversaries And Other Important Stuff

September 2017

Income: \$19,276.56
Expense: \$18,538.01



ATTENDANCE

September 3

Sunday School: 45
Worship: 89

September 10

Sunday School: 46
Worship: 80

September 17

Sunday School: 56
Worship: 93

September 24

Sunday School: 32
Worship: 69

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



October Birthdays

<u>Cindy Easterwood</u>	<u>10/03</u>
<u>Robbie Davis</u>	<u>10/04</u>
<u>Marjorie Wood</u>	<u>10/10</u>
<u>Annell Hammack</u>	<u>10/12</u>
<u>Bob Willis</u>	<u>10/14</u>
<u>Lindy Sears</u>	<u>10/15</u>
<u>Richard White</u>	<u>10/15</u>
<u>Matthew Brackin</u>	<u>10/18</u>
<u>Maggie Perez</u>	<u>10/18</u>
<u>Annette Pitts</u>	<u>10/19</u>
<u>Jennifer Tompkins</u>	<u>10/19</u>
<u>Judie Fuller</u>	<u>10/20</u>
<u>David Perez</u>	<u>10/21</u>
<u>Polly Fortson</u>	<u>10/23</u>
<u>Lois Christensen</u>	<u>10/29</u>
<u>Sue Wilson</u>	<u>10/30</u>



Happy Anniversary

OCTOBER ANNIVERSARIES

Eddie & Kathi Dasinger 10/20

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

PRAYER LIST

Vi Altman—Keep in your prayers
Mike Hartzog—Infection in lungs
Mark Robbins—Upcoming tonsillectomy in November
Josh Parker—Staph infection
Richard White—Keep in your prayers
Shirley Belcher—Answers for tremors she is having
Mary Bullard—Health & upcoming dr. appts.
Ryder Wilhelm—Recovering from brain tumor
Lawanna Dykes—A kidney donor-type A or O
Todd Watson—Liver Cancer
Courtney Carter—Job
Mark Freeman—Prostate cancer
Bernie Hartfield—Parkinson's Disease (Rhonda Rankin's father)
Margrette Joiner—Bladder & UTI infection
Nelda Kelley—(Robyn Robbins' mother)
Chris Carnley—Unspoken
Vernon Sears—Keep in your prayers
Lenora McAllister—Keep in your prayers
Tom Walsh—Pray for foot to heal completely
Justin Foster—Recovering from brain surgery
Pastor Stephanie & her family—Keep in your prayers
Susan Miller's parents—Pray for their health
Patti Walker—Strength in her knees and no pain
Edward Harden—Back pain
Cody Carletti—School

Our Church, Our Community, and Our Country

***Please update the church office
on the status of these
prayer requests.***



Addresses of some of our Servicemen

LCPL Dakota Justice
PO Box 8029
Camp Lejeune, NC 28547

SR Williams, Robert, J. DIV234
SHIP06. USS CONSTITUTION
3510 Illinois Street
Great Lakes, IL 60088-3119

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)

Extencicare

Vernon Sears
Margrette Joiner
Vi Altman
Sara Williams

Wesley Place

Lenora McAllister

Troy Health & Rehab Center

Jerrie Hollis

Westside Terrace

Jeanette McCollum

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY.....

SFC Matthew Kingsbury (Alabama)
(husband of Betsy Kingsbury)

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

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

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

Caleb Thomas
(son of Troy & Virginia Thomas)

LCPL Dakota (Cody) Justice (North Carolina)
(son of Chris & Connie Justice)

SR Robert Williams (Great Lakes)
(grandson of Bob & Wanda Schamp)

Memorials

*A donation was made to
The Greystone UMC*

**In Memory of
Frank Sanders**
*By
Jack & Stephanie Cox*

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**In Memory of
Pete Knight**
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*By
Bobby & Sherry Dean*

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**In Memory of
Suzanne Dalton**
*By
Tom & Mary Walsh*

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**In Memory of
Lee Dobbs**
*By
Jack & Stephanie Cox*

*Dear Church Family,
Thank you so much for your sweet gift to Hospice
in memory of my mom. You all would have loved
her. She was the most talented and fun loving per-
son I ever knew. Your gift means the world to me
and my family. Thanks again. I love you all!
Love, Betsy*



Church Staff

Stephanie Cox

Senior Pastor

Betsy Kingsbury

Choir Director

Mike Johnson

Director of Youth Ministries

Kim Clark

Nursery

Mark Robbins

Sound Tech

Jennifer Hamilton

Church Administration/IT Tech

John Sanders

Visitation Pastor

Chris Adkins

Worship Leader

Patty Johnson

Director of Children's Ministry

Mary Bullard

Pre-K Teacher

Betsy Kingsbury

Pianist

Heather Adkins

Custodian

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

Fellowship

Charm Russler

Instruct

Jim Kinney

Reach

Susan Loftin

Serve

Barbara Haymon

Thanksgiving

Carolyn Johnson

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