



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.



Reaching Each New Generation

A Note From Pastor Stephanie



“Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and minds in Christ Jesus.”

Philippians 4:6-7.

November is the time of year when we reflect on what we are thankful for. That is hard to do for some of us. Especially if we have lost a loved one, faced a debilitating illness, or have suffered a financial setback.

The Scripture from Philippians tells us to present our requests to God with thanksgiving and not be anxious but to pray. And God’s peace, which is supernatural in hard times, will guard our hearts and mind.

My children now call me when they need prayer. I remember a time

when they would talk with me and I would say I will pray about that and you pray too, and they would roll their eyes and say you always say that. Thankfully they have learned the value of prayer when hard times come.

Thanksgiving is a time to count our blessings. Even in the difficult times we can be thankful. I am thankful to have my two brothers who are dealing with cancer still with us this Thanksgiving. I am thankful for freedom in our country to worship our God openly, and for the Veterans that have served to keep our country free who are also remembered this month. I am thankful for a loving husband, children, grandchildren, great grandchildren and extended family, friends and church family who have loved and guided me throughout the years of my life.

During this month of November, list your blessings and let those who have been a part of your life know how thankful and grateful you are to have them in your life.

Let the peace of God reign in your hearts!

Blessings and love,
Pastor Stephanie and Jack

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

NOVEMBER 5

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:
DELL OLTMANS

Evening Worship at 5:30pm

NOVEMBER 12

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

(D) Dave & Dell Oltmans

B) Dave & Dell Oltmans

(G) Dave & 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:
MARY WALSH

Evening Worship at 5:30pm

NOVEMBER 19

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

(D) Cornelia Cooper & Wanda Schamp

B) Cornelia Cooper & Wanda Schamp

(G) Cornelia Cooper & 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

Evening Worship at 5:30pm

NOVEMBER 26

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

(D) Kathi Dasinger & Mary Walsh

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:
NEED VOLUNTEERS

Evening Worship at 5:30pm



We are getting a 2018 Pictorial Greystone Directory!!!

Lifetouch will be here at the church taking pictures November 26, 27, & 28. The sign up sheet is in the lobby for each day.

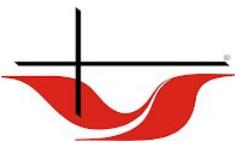


There are some great specials right now, too! On top of the free 8x10 you get, you also receive 40% in savings if you choose to buy a package. If you bring a food item for Honeysuckle the night of your sitting, you get another \$5 off! There is no sitting fee. You can invite your friends & they will get a free 8x10 (of them), all the savings we get, and they will not appear in our Greystone Directory! What a deal! And the pictures will be back before Christmas!

NOVEMBER 2017

Sun Mon Tue Wed Thu Fri Sat



		1 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	2 Love In Action at 5pm	3 Church Office Closed	4 Girl Scout Yard Sale 7am-1pm Change your clocks back
5 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 4:30pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship	6 9am Bible Study w/ Robyn Robbins	8 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	9	10 Church Office Closed	11 
12 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship	13 9am Bible Study w/ Robyn Robbins	14 Faith Circle (Women's Group) at 11:30am at Old Mill Restaurant	15 5:15pm Church Thanksgiving Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	16 Church Office Closed	17 Church Office Closed
19 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship	20 6pm Grace/Love Circle (Women's Group) 6pm Finance Meeting	21 Church Office Closed	22 Church Office Closed	23 Church Office Closed 	24 Church Office Closed
26 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship Pictures 12-5:30pm	27 9am Bible Study w/ Robyn Robbins Pictures 1-7:30pm	28 Pictures 12-6pm	29 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	30 Dothan District UMC Clergy Christmas Party at 6pm	25 

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In Our Lives, Our Church,
Our Community

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- I.nstruct
- R.each
- S.erve
- T.hawkes

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Christian Women United
Circle Ministry Groups

Donation for Love In Action is
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C.W.U.

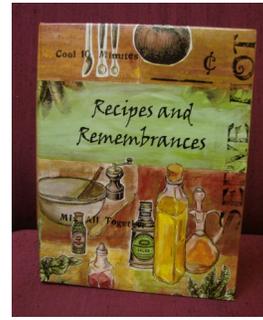
Next meeting in December

FAITH CIRCLE

November 14th at Old Mill Restaurant

Grace-Love Circle

November 20th 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 **No R.A.F.T.S. in November**

And

**We look forward to what
2018 has for us! Come and
join us with Recreation And
Fun Together Serving!**

Fun

Together

Serving

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



SUNDAY MORNING

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

SUNDAY EVENING

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

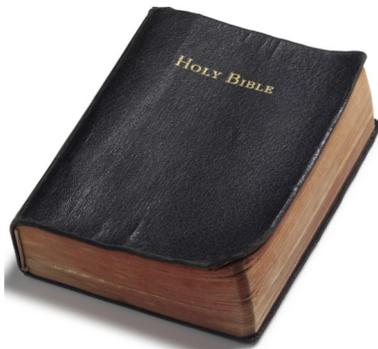
Join us Wednesday evenings

Bible Drills 6-7pm

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

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Wednesday Night Bible Study

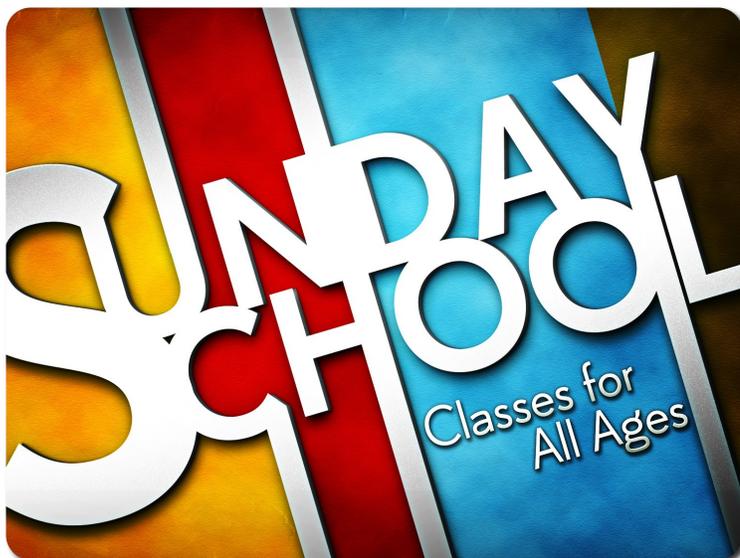
Dave Oltmans is leading a Bible Study at 6pm on Wednesdays. This Bible Study will be a topical study of the resurrection and the Bible will be the textbook.

Women's Bible Study



Robyn Robbins is leading a Women's Bible Study at 9am on Mondays. "The Quest" by Beth Moore. In this 6-session Bible study, delve into Scripture to explore how God created us to seek after Him—a God who desires to be found and known. In this lifelong quest of faith, learn to develop your intimacy with Him and embrace the adventure that comes with living a life for God.

Sunday School at Greystone



Join us on Sunday mornings at 9am for Sunday School! We have 3 adult Sunday Schools, a young adult Sunday School, Youth Sunday School, Children's Sunday School, and Pre-K Sunday School! Our nursery is also available for your little one's. See you this Sunday at Greystone!

REACH MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference



Come get 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

<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/>

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

CHEERFUL HEARTS

As our sixth year comes to an end we surely want to begin preparations for our CHEERFUL HEARTS CHRISTMAS BANQUET. This year's event will be held WEDNESDAY, Dec. 13th. More info about the banquet will come later, but now is the time to prepare for the gift giving part of season. Very soon you will see a Christmas Tree in the Common Ground with names of our Special Needs Adult Cheerful Heart participants. Each one will have a "wishlist" attached to their name. As most of you know, a large number of these adults have no family at all to share Christmas with or receive gifts from. For the majority, the ONLY GIFTS they will receive will come from the Greystone church family and our friends. The lists will be prepared to allow plenty of time to **purchase gifts before our Dec. 6th deadline**. The deadline is set to allow time to check that all have gifts, allow for new comers, and to wrap gifts. We will have a gift wrapping party following Wed. night supper, Dec. 6th. All youth and adults are invited to the wrapping party. Please bring scissors, tape, and paper.

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

SERVE MINISTRY

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CHEERFUL HEARTS



As the sixth year of our Cheerful Hearts ministry draws to a close, a very special thank you to LaLonnie Hartzog. The photo shown is just one of the **40 centerpieces** LaLonnie has created this year alone for our Cheerful Hearts ministry. She has faithfully committed to partner in this ministry by volunteering to take that responsibility for each event. She always asks about the theme or colors and “runs with it.” Each event, without exception, she has created an outstanding design, gathered the necessary supplies, and made arrangements to set up and clean up her centerpieces! What a blessing you are LaLonnie; thank you for your commitment and service to make this ministry so *special* to our special friends from the Spectra Care Adult Group Homes.

As for the other **THANK YOU'S**... This ministry is truly a gift of love and compassion to 45-50 people six times a year. There are more than 40 people in our church family who donate personal time, talents, monies (some anonymously), food purchases, cook, clean up, and set up of the worship area. This ministry could not happen without the generous response bi-monthly to our friends from Spectra Care. It seems each event is filled with warm, loving, smiling faces who have answered the call of God to share 30 minutes or 2 ½ hours in selfless service to these people who need to know God loves them and that they have a place they belong. While our ministry group may vary from event to event, the *response is always testimony* of the love of God in your lives graciously extended to others! How does one say thank you for that? PRAISE GOD FOR EACH OF YOU.

As you ask, “who are the 45-50 people”? You thought we only served 40 or so from the group homes? Well, let me say, the staff who attends as well as the staff who stay at the homes and have never attended are amazed at the acts of love shown to “their people.” Numerous ones have commented on the love they have evidenced and some even remarking as to the kind of church we are or expressed a desire to visit us. As we touch the lives of one of our special needs participants, we have no idea of the way the Holy Spirit may use those acts of compassion in the lives of those who witness it. Thanks be to God for this opportunity to grow in His love and share in ministry in His Name!
What a blessing you are!

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.

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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."

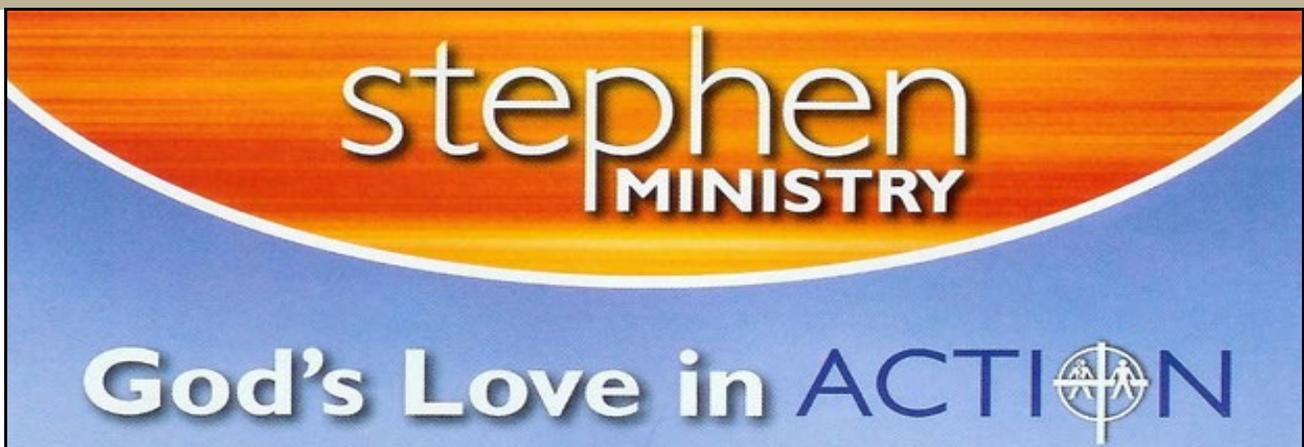
They also believe in carrying out the Great Commission Jesus gives all of His followers in Matthew 28:19-20. Therefore, we go to the nations reaching the lost and unreached people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and make disciples.



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 November.**

**Interested in joining the
choir?**

**For information contact
Betsy Kingsbury at
334.794.6725**

Mark Your Calendars for Advent 2017

December 3rd ~ Hope

5:30pm Singing the Hymns of the season

December 10th ~ Love

5:00pm "Women of the Passion" presenting "On the Road to Bethlehem Through the Eyes of Joseph"

The Women of The Passion in Dothan, AL, through the discipline of biblical storytelling, communicate these God-inspired stories to the world

December 17th ~ Joy

11:15am Church Family Christmas Lunch

5:00pm Caroling at the nursing homes

December 24th ~ Peace

5:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

District UMC News



Dear Dothan district family,

Growing up I had an aunt that was a lot of fun to be around - technically she was my daddy's cousin. She loved to have a good time and told great stories of funny things that happened to her. Somewhere in the midst of the story she would say "are you believing this?" Monday morning we arrived at our office and the air conditioning was not working so we called the landlord and decided to get some work done at the new office. A couple of hours later Brittany went back to the office to check emails and phone messages only to discover the power had been turned off. Are you believing this? It has been one crazy thing after another but God has been good to us and we are completely in our new office. We will have phone and internet early next week but we can still check messages and email.

I know this has been frustrating for some of you as you have needed to get your Charge Conference paperwork in and we thank you for your patience. Again let me share with you we are now located at 172 Belmont Drive, Dothan 36305. It is the office suite behind the UM Foundation. There is a driveway immediately before the Foundation building - drive down the driveway and around the back to our offices. We will keep the same phone number and email addresses.

So enough about us - did you know that we have seven churches working on the Next Step Ministries? It is an exciting time in the life of our district. If your congregation was unable to participate this first round we will be offering the class again after the first of the year. Thanks for all you are doing.

Love,

Sara



Birthdays, Anniversaries And Other Important Stuff

October 2017

Income: \$24,004.35
Expense: \$23,496.42



ATTENDANCE

October 1

Sunday School: 51
Worship: 81

October 15

Sunday School: 42
Worship: 84

October 29

Sunday School: 42
Worship: 73

October 8

Sunday School: 34
Worship: 57

October 22

Sunday School: 27
Worship: 56



November Birthdays

<u>Lisa Carnley</u>	<u>11/02</u>
<u>Ann Hart</u>	<u>11/03</u>
<u>Eli Parish</u>	<u>11/04</u>
<u>Susan Loftin</u>	<u>11/10</u>
<u>Nancy Rankin</u>	<u>11/10</u>
<u>Carolyn Odom</u>	<u>11/14</u>
<u>Emma Short</u>	<u>11/15</u>
<u>Nicholas Short</u>	<u>11/15</u>
<u>Billie Cunningham</u>	<u>11/16</u>
<u>Danielle Atwell</u>	<u>11/17</u>
<u>Allen Pitts</u>	<u>11/20</u>
<u>Nora Joyce McNair</u>	<u>11/21</u>
<u>Buford Fortson</u>	<u>11/24</u>



Happy Anniversary

NOVEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

Tom & Mary Walsh	11/17
Ronald & Judie Fuller	11/26

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

Vi Altman—Keep in your prayers
Mike Hartzog—Infection in lungs
Mark Robbins—Upcoming tonsillectomy in November
Josh Parker—Recovering from another shoulder surgery
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—Keep in your prayers
Nelda Kelley—(Robyn Robbins' mother)
Chris Carnley—Unspoken
Vernon Sears—Keep in your prayers
Lindy Sears—Pray for her knee to get better
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
Polly Fortson—Recovering from a stroke
Frances Foster—Heart to get back in rhythm
Gerald McAllister—Prostate Cancer
Nora Joyce McNair—Keep in your prayers

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)
Nora Joyce McNair (2416 W. Main St., 36301)

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

Somerset

Myra Shewmake(#102)
Billie Rabon

Wesley Place

Lenora McAllister

Troy Health & Rehab Center

Jerrie Hollis

Extencicare

Vernon Sears
Margrette Joiner
Vi Altman
Sara Williams

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)



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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