



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

The CONNECTION

A Note From Pastor Stephanie



And Mary said: “My soul glorifies the Lord and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior, for he has been mindful of the humble state of his servant. From now on all generations will call me blessed, for the mighty one has done great things for me—holy is his name. His mercy extends to those who fear him, from generation to generation. He has performed mighty deeds with his arm; he has scattered those who are proud in their inmost thoughts. He has brought down rulers from their thrones but has lifted up the humble. He has filled the hungry with good things but has sent the rich away empty. He has helped his servant Israel, remembering to be merciful to Abraham and descendants forever just as he

promised our ancestors.” Luke 1:46-55.

This passage is called Mary’s song. She responds to Elizabeth with these words when she goes to visit her. She acknowledges that she will be called blessed and that He has done great things for her and He is holy. It is an announcement of what God will do for everyone and how he has dealt with and will deal with everyone.

We are in the time of waiting once again for Jesus to be born in our hearts. There are those who have never experienced this. As we wait, let us be mindful and aware of those God puts in our path to share this wonderful news of the celebration of the birth of Jesus.

How are you preparing your heart for the coming of the Savior?

Jack and I wish you all a Blessed Christmas. Take the time to reflect on all he has done in your life and will do as you wait for his return.

Blessings and love,
Pastor Stephanie and Jack

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

DECEMBER 3 ~ ADVENT ~ HOPE

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

(D) Allen & Mary Beth Brackin

(B) Allen & Mary Beth Brackin

(G) Allen & Mary Beth Brackin

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

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers
NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
FRANCES FOSTER

Evening Worship Singing Hymns of the Season at 5:30pm

DECEMBER 10 ~ ADVENT ~ LOVE

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
NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
DELL OLTMANS

“On The Road To Bethlehem Through The Eyes of Joseph” 5pm

DECEMBER 17 ~ ADVENT ~ JOY

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

Children will be performing a play and singing for us
11:15am Fellowship Lunch w/Birthday Party for Jesus

(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
NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
NEED VOLUNTEERS

Caroling at Wesley Place & Extencicare at 5pm

DECEMBER 24 ~ ADVENT ~ PEACE

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

(D) Patsy Marteney & Wanda Schamp

(B) Patsy Marteney & Wanda Schamp

(G) Patsy Marteney & Wanda Schamp

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

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers
NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
NEED VOLUNTEERS

Candlelight Christmas Eve Service at 5pm

DECEMBER 31

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





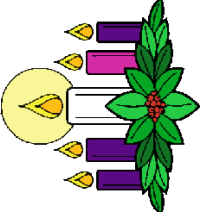
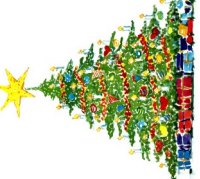
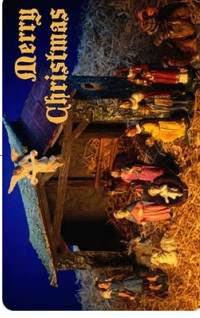

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson—Need Volunteers
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard—Need Volunteers
Toddlers
NURSERY:-Kim Clark

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES:
NEED VOLUNTEERS

No Evening Service



DECEMBER 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
						
3 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 4:30pm Staff Meeting 5:30pm Worship Singing Hymns of the Season	4 C.W.U. (Christian Women United) covered dish lunch at 12pm at church	5 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Cheerful Hearts Wrapping Party	6 Love In Action at 5pm	7 Church Office Closed	8 Church Office Closed	9 Girl Scout Pancake Breakfast at church 7-10am
10 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 4pm Admin Council Meeting 5pm "On The Road To Bethlehem"	11 Sunday School Christmas Party at church at 6pm	12 Faith Circle at Lavania's at 11am	13 5-6:30pm Cheerful Hearts Christmas Banquet at church	14 Church Office Closed	15 Church Office Closed	16
17 9am Sunday School 10am Children's play & singing 11:15am Fellowship Lunch w/Birthday Party for Jesus	18 Grace/Love Circle at Mama Rosa's at 6pm	19 R.A.F.T.S. (covered dish lunch) at church at 12pm	20 5:15pm Family Night Supper 6pm Bible Studies, Youth & Children Activities	21 Church Office Closed	22 Church Office Closed	23
24 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service	25 Church Office Closed 	26 Church Office Closed	27 Church Office Closed	28 Church Office Closed	29 Church Office Closed	30
31 9am Sunday School 10am Worship 5:30pm Worship						



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In Our Lives, Our Church,
Our Community

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Christian Women United Circle Ministry Groups

*Donation for Love In Action is
napkins*

C.W.U.

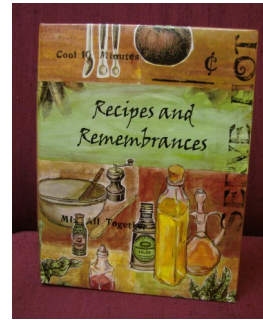
December 5th at 12pm at the church

FAITH CIRCLE

December 12th at 11am at Lavanaia's

Grace-Love Circle

December 18th at 6pm at Mama Rosa's



Greystone's Cookbook

*Our church cookbook has
a lot of great recipes!*

***These make great
Christmas Gifts!***

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

Cost: \$10 each

Recreation
And
Fun
Together
Serving

***December 19th 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 & Host:
Shirley & Allen Brackin*



SUNDAY MORNINGs

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

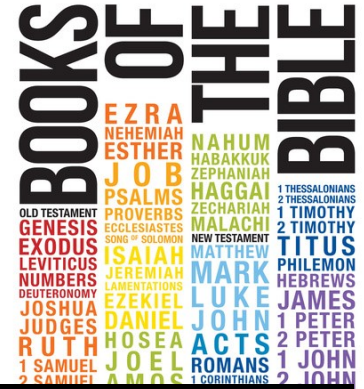
SUNDAY EVENINGs

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



Sunday, December 17th will be a Sunday you will not want to miss Church at Greystone! The children are performing during the Morning Worship Service, and boy do they have a show for us! See you Sunday, December 17th at 10am at Greystone! After the Service we will have our Church Christmas Fellowship Lunch and a Special Birthday Party for Jesus!!!

Join us Sundays

9am Sunday School; 10am 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

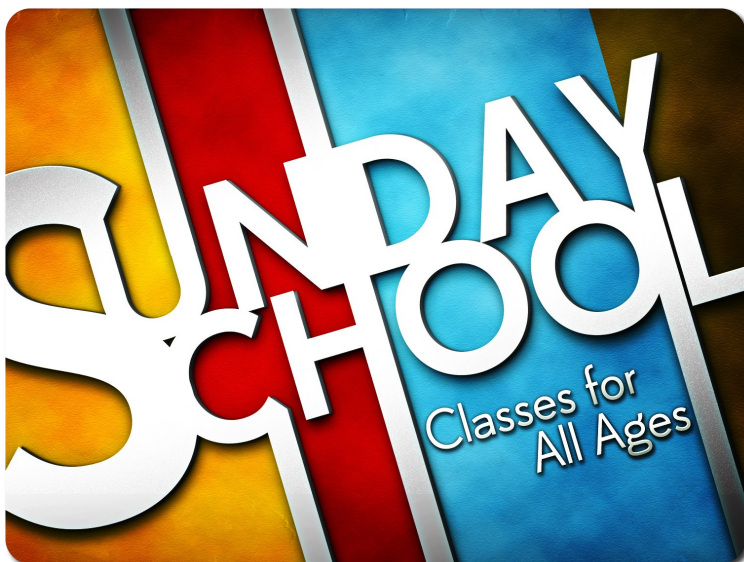
Dave Oltmans is leading a Bible Study at 6pm on Wednesdays. This Bible Study will be a topical study of the resurrection and the Bible will be the textbook.

Women's Bible Study



Robyn Robbins will be leading a Women's Bible Study at 9am on Mondays beginning in January. "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"



Now you can Listen to Greystone on Spotify! You can scan the code to the left or follow the URL below. Are you watching us, liking us, and following us on Social Media? Like, Follow, Watch, & NOW LISTEN TO Greystone on Spotify!



Listen to us on Spotify

<https://open.spotify.com/user/greystoneworship>



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

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

Faith Promise Donations for 2017

Dothan District UMC Habitat for Humanity Project	\$2,000.00
The Harbor Church in Dothan, Serving the Homeless	\$500.00
Honeysuckle Middle School Mission, Serving at Risk Youth	\$1,000.00
Love In Action Ministry, Samaritan Medical Clinic Outreach	\$500.00
Go International, Partnership Support for Larry Cochran	\$1,000.00
Cattle For Christ International, Ministry Expense	\$1,000.00
Davis Rhodes, Mission Support in Africa	\$1,000.00
Tom & Teresa Wilson, Mission to the World in Japan	\$1,000.00
Wilma Grandez, School & Feeding Stations in Peru	\$1,000.00
Ivan Paz, Church Planting in Honduras	\$1,000.00
Kenny Pitts, Mission Trip to Peru	\$750.00
Curt Anderson, Mission Trip to Peru	\$750.00
Bob Willis, Mission Trip to Peru	<u>\$750.00</u>
Total	\$12,250.00

Thank you all for your support in doing God's work!

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

Wed. Dec. 6 following the Family Night Supper volunteers will gather to wrap presents for the Cheerful Hearts Christmas Party. All gifts for each of the "adoptive" recipients should be delivered to the Church prior to this event. Sunday, Dec. 3 is the ideal time to bring gifts. Each item should have the participants name on it and the items should be bagged together. Thank you for your generosity and willingness to participant in this ministry of compassion! What a tremendous blessing you are in the name of Christ to those in need of His love.

"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

Cheerful Hearts



The Cheerful Hearts Ministry Annual Christmas Banquet is scheduled for Wednesday, Dec. 13th. Our guests will arrive at 5:00 and the Church family is invited to attend and enjoy the evening and meal which will be served around 5:30. Reservations should be made and the meal is \$4 per person. Volunteers will be needed to serve the meal and clean up following. Santa will arrive around 6:15 to deliver the gifts for our "adopted" friends. The evening is always a delight filled with holiday music, laughter, smiles, and excitement. A number of people have already volunteered to create centerpieces for the tables to help add a festive flare. Plan to join us this year as we share together in the joy of the Christmas spirit sharing the Love of Jesus.

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



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."

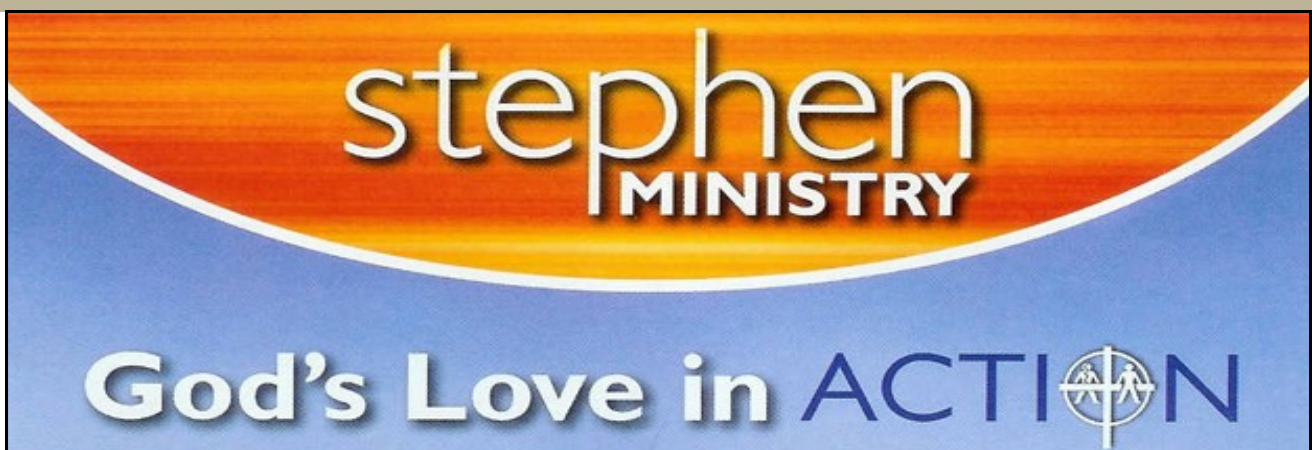
They also believe in carrying out the Great Commission Jesus gives all of His followers in Matthew 28:19-20. Therefore, we go to the nations reaching the lost and unreached people with the Gospel of Jesus Christ, and make disciples.



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 December.**

**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

10:00am Children Performing and Singing for Christmas Cantata

11:15am Church Family Christmas Lunch & Birthday Party for Jesus

5:00pm Caroling at the nursing homes

December 24th ~ Peace

5:00pm Candlelight Christmas Eve Service

District UMC News



Get to know Sara Shaver...

Sara Leitnaker Shaver was born in Los Alamos, New Mexico as the last of six children. Born to a Chemist in a closed city Sara got used to the itinerant life early as her family moved every four years. Tennessee became home and Sara graduated from the University of Tennessee with a Bachelor of Science. She received her Master's of Divinity at Candler School of Theology in 2002.

Sara served as the Director of Christian Education at Dalraida UMC in Montgomery before beginning seminary. She also served Jay UMC in Jay, FL, Trinity UMC in Weoka, AL, Capitol Heights UMC in Montgomery, AL and Monroeville FUMC in Monroeville, AL before serving as the Dothan district superintendent.

Sara has two children Jessica (Joel) and Andrew. All three are lawyers in the Birmingham area. Jessie and Joel have graced Sara with two grandchildren, Ellie and Jack.



Birthdays, Anniversaries And Other Important Stuff

November 2017

Income: \$22,120.34
Expense: \$20,413.71



ATTENDANCE

November 5

Sunday School: 48
Worship: 81

November 12

Sunday School: 43
Worship: 91

November 19

Sunday School: 48
Worship: 75

November 26

Sunday School: 48
Worship: 75

Do you have something that you would like to go into the monthly Connection? Or a suggestion for our newsletter? You can put it in the basket in the Common Ground, or you can email it to me at office@greystonedothan.org



December Birthdays

Mike Davis	12/03
Lawanna Dykes	12/04
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
Saundra McGriff	12/17
Susan Miller	12/19
Pam Pilcher	12/20
Debbie White	12/23
Kenny Pitts	12/24
Frances Foster	12/25
Lamar Miller	12/25
Ronald White	12/25
Jennifer Hamilton	12/25
Glenda Sanders	12/26

Happy Anniversary

DECEMBER ANNIVERSARIES

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

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

PRAYER LIST

Mike Hartzog—Infection in lungs
Mark Robbins—Upcoming tonsillectomy
Josh & Caitlin Parker—Keep in your prayers
Richard White—Keep in your prayers
Shirley Belcher—Answers for tremors she is having
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 stay in rhythm
Gerald McAllister—Prostate Cancer
Nora Joyce McNair—Keep in your prayers
Marge Wood—Recovering from a fall
Wanda Schamp—Keep in your prayers for good health
Kaylan Hatcher—Unspoken
Mr. & Mrs. Shellie Hanks—Keep in your prayers
Debbie Batchelor—Keep in your prayers
Faye Carnley—Recovering from appendectomy
Tim Carnley—Keep in your prayers for back pain
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

Extencicare

Vernon Sears
Margrette Joiner
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
Vi Altman**

*By
Jack & Stephanie Cox*

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**In Memory of
Vi Altman**

*By
Cornelia Cooper*

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**In Memory of
Vi Altman**

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Julia Smith*

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John & Glenda Sanders*

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Vi Altman**

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Buford & Polly Fortson*

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**In Honor of
Frances Foster**

*By
Faith Circle*

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**In Memory of
Vi Altman**

*By
Claude & Doris Cook*

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**In Memory of
Vi Altman**

*By
Southeast Alabama Symphony Association*

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**In Memory of
Vi Altman**

*By
Susan Fischer*

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**In Memory of
Margaret Miller**

*By
Steve & Chase Miller*

Memorials

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**In Memory of
Eva B. Morgan**

*By
Steve & Charles Miller*

*To my Greystone Family,
Thank you so much for your prayers, calls, cards,
and visits. It means so much to belong to such a
caring group of people. I am so grateful for your
prayers.*

*Love,
Frances*



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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