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It has been my pleasure and honor to be your pastor for the past 3 years. I am thankful for the grace and love you have shown to my family and me. For providing us with a beautiful home to in. For loving my children and nurturing them in the faith. For the ways that you have helped me grow in my own faith and ministry. Above all, I am thankful for your faith and dedication to the Lord Jesus Christ and the call God has placed upon you for ministry.

I look back over these 3 short years with gratitude for what God has done through you. We have welcomed people into the membership of the church, led people to Jesus Christ, and shared in their baptisms. Just think of how you've been a part of changing their story for eternity! At the same time, we have shared other solemn moments together. We mourn the loss of those saints of God who have gone before us to glory, even as we faithfully celebrate their place in the church triumphant. I continue to be thankful for their witness while I pray for the families and friends they left behind.

We have worshipped, celebrated, and served together. Over a third of our time together has involved nimbly adjusting our methods as we navigated the COVID-19 pandemic. I could not be prouder of the way that our church rose to the challenge. Even in times of difficulty and grief, you proved yourselves to be a nimble and unified congregation. We have been able to quickly adjust to best serve our community and commit to innovative changes, all while keeping our calling at the forefront. These are gifts in this congregation. Nurture them and they will bloom.

It has been a joy to witness the outreach and evangelism ministries of our church. From the Thrift Store to community outreach, from partnering with Promise of Hope to our local schools, our church has spread the gospel far and wide. We shared the love of Christ in local neighborhoods and places overseas. I could go on and on, noting our wonderful staff, gifted leaders, amazing children and youth ministries, strong teaching in our Sunday School classes, prayerful spirit, and inspiring worship. God has been at work in immeasurable ways. I am confident that, in time, God will continue to reveal the treasures in the time I was blessed to share with you.

My family and I will miss seeing you each week. We take comfort in knowing that we will always remain connected through our baptism and through the ways that God has quilted our lives together through the years.

At times like this, I find myself with more words to say than I have time to say them. I will just have to trust that God can use these few words to convey the love I have for you in Jesus Christ. I love you. Thank you.

It's time to turn the page. Not long from now, the Morrows will be Albany-bound, and you will have the joy of welcoming the Donnans as your parsonage family. I will no longer be your pastor, but I hope to always be your friend. In 2018, the pastoral baton was handed to me. On June 16th, I hand it to Bro. David. You will be blessed by his leadership and love. He will be the one you turn to for pastoral care, guidance, funerals, and weddings, among the other wonderful things that he has to offer. Love him and his family well. I pray that your new chapter will prove my favorite verse to be true: "[God] is able to do immeasurably more than we can ask or imagine...." Ephesians 3:20.

With joy in Christ,

Bro. Jim



WORSHIP UPDATE

Beginning this Sunday, May 30th, our 9 AM and 11 AM services will both take place inside our church sanctuary. At the 11 AM hour, we continue to provide socially distant seating in our social hall with a live feed of our service. You can also invite people to join us live online at 11 AM.



2021 5 Day Bible Reading Program

Week 22: May 30th – June 5th

- 1 Chron. 22 - 25; Ps. 78; Romans 5
- 1 Kings 1; 1 Chr. 26 – 28; Romans 6
- 1 Kings 2; 1 Chr. 29; Romans 7
- 1 Kings 3; 2 Chr. 1; Ps. 42; Romans 8
- 1 Kings 4; Prov. 1 - 2; Ps. 43; Romans 9

Week 23: June 6th – June 12th

- Proverbs 3 – 5; Romans 10
- Proverbs 6 – 7; Ps. 7; Romans 11
- Proverbs 8 – 10; Psalm 144; Romans 12
- Proverbs 11 – 13; Psalm 8; Romans 13
- Proverbs 14 - 15; Romans 14



Thank you very much for the prayer quilt. Each time I see it I think of all the prayers that have been lifted up in my behalf. Please keep me in your prayers.

Pam Dasher



We would like to congratulate the following college graduates, and we also want to wish them success in their future!

December 2020 Graduates:

Cade Flournoy graduated in December 2020 from Ogeechee Tech for HVAC. He is currently working on his family's farm.

Will Sheffield graduated in December 2020 from Georgia College & State University with a degree in Environmental Science. He is currently employed with Great Southern Wood Preserving in Jesup.

Ally Smith graduated in December 2020 from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Marketing.

May 2021 Graduates:

Aubrey Ray Sheffield graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Elementary & Special Education. She will begin her teaching career as a Pre-K teacher at Glennville Elementary School this coming up school year.

Hunter Smith graduated from Georgia Southern University with a degree in Mechanical Engineering. He is currently employed with Gulfstream.

Emily Threlkeld graduated from the University of Georgia with a B.S. in Psychology and a B.A. in International Affairs, along with a Global Studies Certificate. She will be working with Teach for America, which is a non-profit organization that works towards decreasing educational inequality, and she has been placed in Hawaii.

Clarissa Vejnar graduated from Ogeechee Technical College for Cosmetology. She plans to work for a salon and further her education in business.

Jake Woolard graduated from Sewanee: University of the South with a degree in Economics and a minor in Math and Business. He will be attending graduate school at the University of Georgia for Business Analytics.

Summer 2021 Graduate:

Blake Durrence will be graduating from Georgia Tech in the summer with a degree in Civil Engineering.

Remembering You on Your Special Day!



May 30 – June 5

- 1 Melissa Phillips-Fisher
- 3 Bobby Cary



May 30 – June 5

- 2 Richard & Judith Cabbage
- Danny & Elaine Strickland
- 3 Lee & Cindy Sheffield
- 4 Gene & Teresa Banks

If we do not have your family's birthdays and anniversaries, please call the Church office at 654-2587.

Prayer Concerns

CRISIS

•✠ Jack Smith Family
 •Jqn Jones
 •Sherrie Persons
 ✠ Lester Waters Family
 Pat Daniel
 Julie Blocker
 Kaycee O'Neal
 Wendell Johnson
 J.R. Crumpler
 Eddie Banks
 Angela Folsom

•Ricky Wilson
 •Ann Marie Everett
 •Debbie Waters
 ✠ R.L. Love Family
 Cecilia Daniel
 Lloyd Jones
 Danette Brannen
 Glenda Johnson
 Cindy Sheffield
 A.J. Harris

•✠ William Anderson Family •✠ Mike Burke Family
 •Deborah Durrence •Lois Sanders
 •Victor Flournoy ✠ Nell Thompson Family
 ✠ Al Hodges Family Betty Barrow
 Ned Banks Matt Keels
 Baby Ava Matthew Anderson
 Sharlene Randall Pam Dasher
 Anna Dean Sapp Richard Kemp
 Kristi Kaiser Bytha Durrence
 Matt Rogers Michael Groover

GENERAL

Kannon Harrell
 Jeanine Lamb
 Randy DerBaum
 Margaret Danner
 Logan Bonin

Mary Todd
 Stanton Browne
 Sonny Morgan
 Charlie & Sheila Tinch

Joy Tyre
 Jesse Bradley
 Connie O'Neal
 Miles DeLoach

Monica Howard
 Michael Browne
 Daniel Richey
 Emerson Todd

MILITARY

Jeric B. Heflin (Deploying)
 Chad Jordan
 Duston Mancel

Angela Belding
 Alex Santacruz

David White
 Justin Dean Coleman

Jeremy Chase
 Tyler Gillette

• New Names / ✠ Hospital

✠ Families of Deceased

Names will remain on the Crisis List for 2 weeks then will be moved to the General List for 2 weeks.
 Once remaining on the General List for 2 weeks they will then be removed unless the church office is otherwise notified.



Glennville United Methodist Church Worship Attendance

	<u>May 16</u>	<u>May 23</u>
9:00 a.m.:	45	31
Children's Church:	7	0
11:00 a.m.:	42	29
*Online:	45	42
Total in Person Attendance:	94	60
Total Attendance:	139	77
Youth Group:	16	0
Upper Elementary:	43	0

**The South Georgia Conference uses a formula to determine the number of online viewers: # confirmed viewers x 2.65 = number to report as attending.*



Dear Church Family,

Over the past several years we have had the wonderful opportunity to provide backpacks of food for a group of needy children at Glennville Elementary School. This year we have provided 45 children with backpacks every weekend while school has been in session. The backpacks supply a variety of food items for the children to eat over the weekend. It cost about \$4000 per year for this ministry. We purchase most of the food at a significant discount through Second Food Harvest in Savannah. Thank you to those who have supported this ministry through their designated donations over the past years and those who have packed and delivered the backpacks each week.

As this school year closes, we have depleted the special giving's for this ministry. If you would like to donate funds to start the 2021-2022 school year, please mark your contribution to go to the Backpack Ministry.

If you are interested in helping pack the backpacks, please contact me at 912-237-0433.

Thank you for all of your support,
Sharon Durrence



Nursing Home Ministry

The following are members or family of members that are residents in nursing homes or assisted living homes. Please take time out of your schedule to pray for, send a card to or visit these loved ones. It will be a blessing to their day as well as yours!

Glennview Nursing Home

Betty Jackson Edsel Thompson Velma Salter

North Springs

Claxton, GA
Shirley Hearn

The Fountains in Cartersville

Cartersville, GA
Richard Flournoy



Congratulations 2021 Graduates!

Listed below are the addresses of this year's Graduates for anyone wishing to send a card to celebrate this wonderful accomplishment.

Ella Anderson
1877 E. Hencart Rd.
Glennville, GA 30427

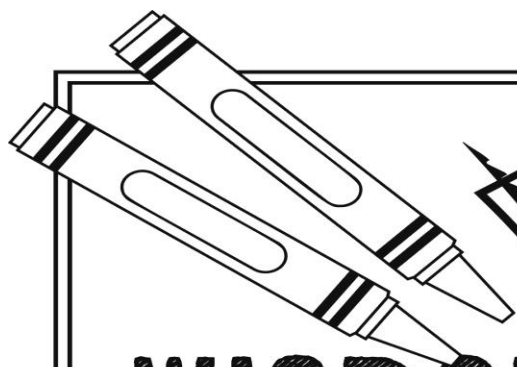
Mallory Groover
524 Pratt Bacon Rd.
Glennville, GA 30427

Alicia Quarles
804 Merganser Circle
Glennville, GA 30427

Thomas Rogers
1557 Hencart Rd.
Glennville, GA 30427

Anthony Ray
2254 John M. Brewton Rd.
Glennville, GA 30427

We thank God for these young people and pray for their success in the paths they have chosen!



PUZZLE

WISDOM FROM THE WORD

God makes a special promise to people who study Scripture.

Directions: Arrange the word list in alphabetical order. Then write the circled letters in order below to complete Joshua 1:8, NIV.



school
paper
wisdom
read
play
learn
grow
pencils
pray
art
student
kids
apple

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“... meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do everything written in it. Then you will be — — — — — and successful.”

JOSHUA 1:8, NIV

Answer: apple, art, grow, kids, learn, paper, pencils, play, pray, read, school, student, wisdom, prosperous

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5 Ways You Can Connect:



1. **Worship.** Join us for worship on Sunday mornings. We have 3 services: 9 AM in the sanctuary and 11AM in the sanctuary with extra seating in the social hall; and 11AM online at www.glennvilleumc.com/worship-online; youtube.com/glennvilleumc; facebook.com/glennvilleumc; and twitter.com/glennvilleumc

2. **5-Day Reading Plan.** Continue to read scripture in community with your brothers and sisters in Christ. Our 5-Day Reading Plan will help you read the entire Bible in a year in only 5 days per week. The reading plan is available on our website and the weekly readings are in The Vessel.

3. **Call a Member.** Call a church member. Check on them and spend some time chatting. Consider calling someone you don't know as well. If you are a member of the church, we can get you a copy of the most up-to-date contact information for our church membership.

4. **Giving.** Your giving matters to God and the church! If you are able, please continue to give. You can give at any of our in-person worship services. You can also mail your tithes and offerings to the church. If you use online banking, you can also instruct your bank to send a check to the church.

5. **Serving the Community.** Jesus said we are the salt of the earth. Salt isn't meant to stay in the shaker, it's meant to be poured out. If you are able, find a way to serve. Help someone who can't get out; write a note to residents in assisted living; assist someone with technology. Find a way to continue making a difference for Christ in our community!