GBC Staying in touch... Happenings within our community of faith Steve's Corner

Blessed New Year Grace! We are in Epiphany! The word refers to the showings- forth of God in Jesus! This Sunday I will preach on On Mark 1:1-13. The title is The Beginning of the Gospel: The Baptizer and the Baptism. Each of the three years of the Common Lectionary we share with many Christians features a gospel. This is the year for Mark. Each of the four gospel writers begin their gospel differently. When did the Jesus Story begin? Matthew traces the Jesus story back to Abraham, Luke back to Adam, John, as we saw last week, back to the dawn of Creation. Mark, beginning his action oriented gospel, plunges in at the **River Jordan!** We will look at Jesus' baptism and call as the son of God — and at ours !

Calendar

No meetings or services this week.

Contact us at gracestatesville@gmail.com or visit us at www.gracestatesville.org. Steve can be reached at 704-591-0192 or shoe1948@yahoo.com

REMEMBER IN PRAYER

Our friends on homebound: Tressie Starrette, Barbara Robinson, Mary Jean Grose.

Those issues close to us: Gay's sister, Brenda, Jamie Stewart, Gina and Bryan, Chad West family, Irene Shoemaker, Jordan Love, Vera Webster, Nancy Milstead, Tim Alexander, Spencer Cox, Virginia Carter, The African Baptist Churches of Zimbabwe, Parlier family, Linda Sample, Karen Marlowe, Casey Leslie, caregivers, and healthcare workers, homeless children, our nations immigrants.

Those facing tough times, those who are mentally ill, those who are affected by violence, those who are incarcerated.

In our community and in our world, children who are a part of the Guardian ad Litem program, local law enforcement officers and fire fighters.

Those in the military: Molly Murphy, Greg West, Josh Wingfield, James Pulliam, Mark Staley, Adam Ivey, Austin Frutig, Anthony Corcoran Mary Jane Johnson, Caleb Sisk, Brian Saxton, Jacob Taylor and Ethan Dowden, 30th Brigade.

NEW PRAYER REQUESTS Celebrations: Birthdays

3 - Silas Donavan West

- 5 Chris Shuford
- 8 Georgia Theriot
- 12 -Tipton and Ezra Tosco
 - 13 Carole Hendrix
- 16 Worth E Williams II

Concerns: Racial Healing.

Our Nation.

Joe Byers family.

Jon and Kimberly are recovering as are the children.

David's brother Gray and his wife Kathy both have Covid. January Birthdays and Anniversaries

1 - Aubrey Shoemaker 1 - Stephen Chesnut 3 - Silas Donavan West 5 - Chris Shuford 8 - Georgia Theriot 12 -Tipton and Ezra Tosco 13 - Carole Hendrix 16 - Worth E Williams II 18 – Jon Christian Comer 19 – Clay McDougall 23 - Paxton West 26 - Bryan Starrette 26 - Wes Johnson 27 - Harlan West 28 - Madysen West

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Budget

Needed year to date: \$102,771.76 Received year to date: \$93,116.17 **UNDER** budget: \$9655.59 Weekly needs: \$1976.38



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SPECIAL PRAYERS FOR OUR NATION AND THE WORLD

PARENTS WITH CHILDREN HOME FROM SCHOOLS.

TEACHERS AND CHILDREN LOOKING TO THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR.

ANTICIPATORY GRIEF.

LEADERS TO HAVE UNCOMMON WISDOM.

CORPORATE LEADER.S

HEALTHCARE PROVIDERS.

THOSE WITHOUT INCOME.

HIGH RISK GROUPS.

OTHER COUNTRIES.

SMALL LOCAL BUSINESSES.

ANYBODY IN CHARGE OF A GROUP OF PEOPLE.

FACILITY RESIDENTS WITH NO FAMILY VISITS.

THOSE WITH ANXIETY ISSUES.

THOSE WHO HAVE ALREADY LOST LOVED ONES DUE TO THE VIRUS.

STILL BEING MINDFUL OF THE WORLD EVEN AFTER THIS ISSUE HAS PASSED.