

believe in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

# WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN

1w20 Rickwood Rd., Florence, AL 256)766-3841

[www.Westminsterpcusa.net](http://www.Westminsterpcusa.net)

February

2025

"Life belongs to the living, and he who lives must be prepared for changes," Johann Wolfgang von Goethe.

We often say that change is inevitable. Change is upon us as a church and there are many changes on the horizon for our country as well. We can resist change or embrace. As with most things, our attitude makes all the difference.

I, for one, don't really like change--even if it is good change. Whenever we get a new car, I am always in a state of flux for weeks. I get in a state trying to learn the new sound system, how to put on the cruise or where the windshield wipers are.

As Westminster moves through the next few months, we may will embrace a new pastor. Whatever happens with a new pastor, we will face change as each of us faces health issues, joys and disappointments. While it is a challenge, the best way to handle change is to think on the words of Hebrews 13:8, "No matter what changes around us, Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today and forever! Susan



February

**Bailey**

**White 15th**



believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life. John 3:16

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son so that whosoever

For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten

Son so that whosoever

# FIRST SNOWFALL

2025

O'Neal Bridge



January brought snow all across Alabama, which made for some beautiful photos!



This is a picture taken on the beautiful campus of the Presbyterian Children's Home in Talladega



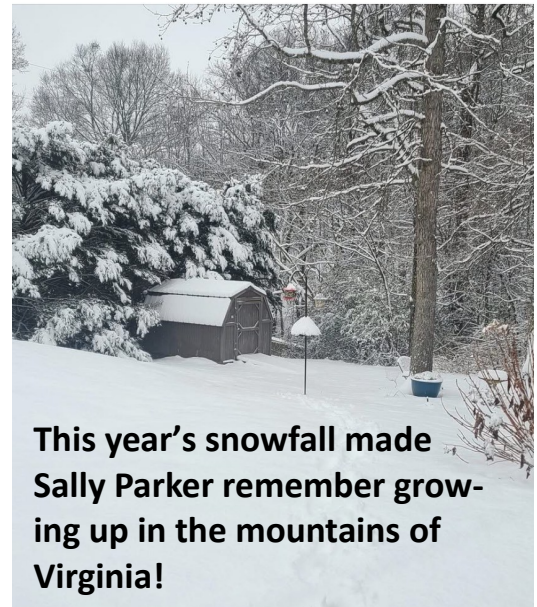




**Paul & Susan's cold flamingo statue at their home on Elk River!**



**Phillip & Alonda Crosslin's home in the woods of Greenhill, AL,  
Alonda's son Tanner recently moved from Baton Rouge to Mobile where they got approx. 7 " of snow!**



**This year's snowfall made Sally Parker remember growing up in the mountains of Virginia!**



**Alonda's daughter Kyndall & her roommate had fun playing in the snow on the campus of Auburn!**







**IMMEDIATE:**

Charles Anderson, John Bruninga, Vicki Burbank & Pam Methein (nieces of Brenda Gray & Joe Littrell), Grace Carter, Joyce Horton, Bessie Salter, Mary George Williams, Paula Stone (sister of Marsha Bullock), Don Sylvester, Jeremy Sylvester, Char Terry, Nick Winn V

**AT HOME:**

Carole James

**MORNINGVIEW VILLAGE SR LIVING:**

Dot Solomon

**PASTORAL SEARCH COMMITTEE**



The beautiful flowers were placed by Brad Moody in honor of his dad,  
Bob's 88th birthday



## Westminster Reaches Out

*Do all the good you can, By all the means you can  
In all the ways you can, At all times you can,  
To all people you can, As long as ever you can.*

Attributed to John Wesley

One of the ways Westminster does good is by receiving special offerings. The following list of special offering shows the breath of the good we were able to help with.

- \* **ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING:** \$665 remitted to the Presbytery to help end hunger, repair after disaster, and promote self-development of all people.
- \* **PEACEMAKING:** \$183.75 remitted to the Presbytery to use in addressing conflict and injustice across the world.
- \* **PENTECOST:** \$1,376.00 was received. Sixty percent of this was remitted to the Presbytery and forty percent was kept locally to be used by Safeplace. This offering is to support young people and inspire them to share their faith, ideas and unique gifts with the world.
- \* **JOY GIFT:** \$230 remitted to the Presbytery to support our leaders past, present, and future.
- \* **PRESBYTERIAN HOME FOR CHILDREN:** \$2,725.00 to further their mission to care for at-risk children, youth, and mothers.

Westminster delivered Meals on Wheels on January 22 and 24. Joe Littrell and Brenda Gray, and Bill & Nancy Valentine delivered 28 meals.

God Bless you all for your generosity!



*“Hope is like a bird that senses the dawn and carefully starts to sing while it is still dark.”*







# MONTREAT

## COLLEGE RETREAT



**Kyndall Crosslin, along with her UKIRK group from the First Presbyterian of Auburn attended the winter college retreat at the Montreat Presbyterian College in Asheville, NC.**

**Bob Howard's "Bug" got a new pew!**







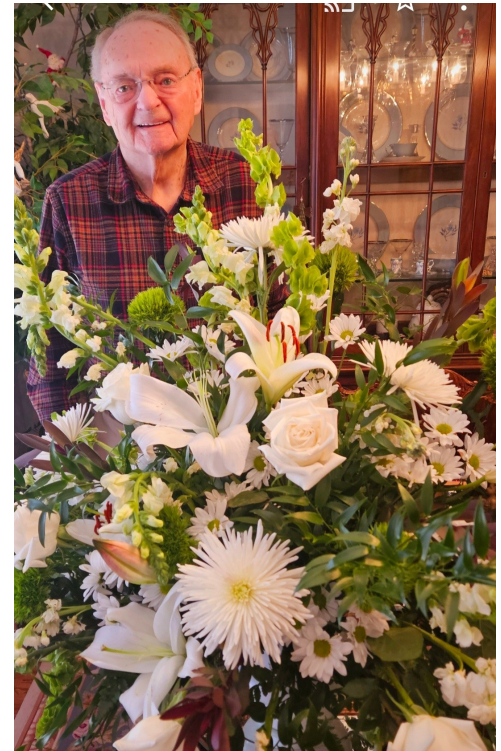
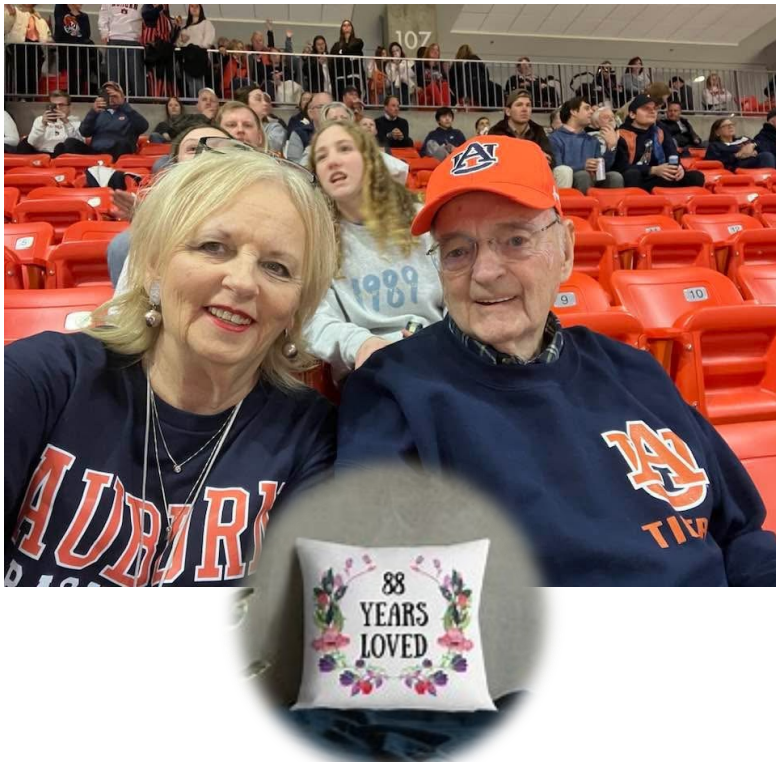
**Happy 23rd birthday to Lenore Favenesi's nephew, Jake Brown! He is pictured here with his mom, Denise Favenesi McCall, celebrating with a meal at The Acre Restaurant in Auburn, AL.**



*Carole-James*  
**We LOVE YOU**







**Bob Moody celebrated his 88th birthday at the Auburn vs. Tennessee basketball game with his daughter Babs. The two of them traveled afterwards to visit his grandson, David's family.**



**Paul & Susan Parker celebrated their 44th anniversary at the Marriott 360 Grille!**



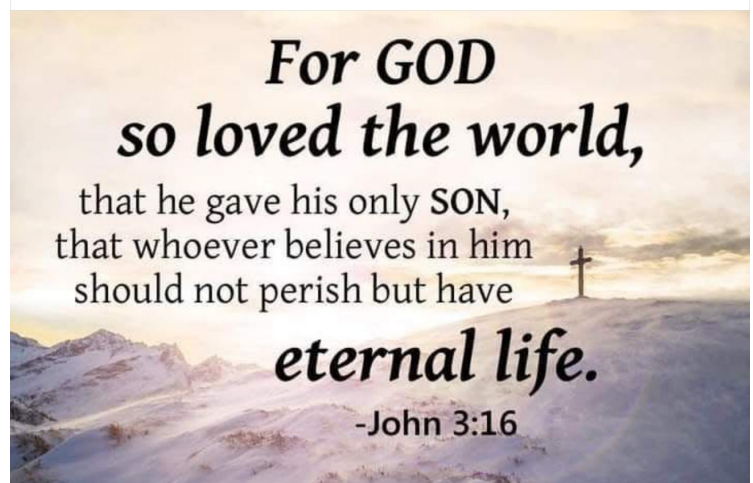




Picture this, Jesus asks you to grab the first piece of pottery in your house, so you go and grab a random piece that has some cracks in it. You bring it back to Jesus, He looks at it and says "I'll fix it better than it once was". He takes it and completely fills in the cracks and makes it look brand new. Brand new shape, brand new color, brand new pottery. We are Clay, He is the Potter. He shapes us according to His Plan. Sometimes we will have cracks in our lives, but they will be filled in. When our cracks are filled in, we are made to look new and better than ever. Trust and See that God is making you into a beautiful piece of pottery even through the cracks of life. Our lives aren't broken pieces of pottery, if it feels that way, place it in His Hands. Let Him remold and reshape your life the way He has intended. Don't let others or the world try and reshape you, it will cause cracks. Instead, let Him be the Potter of your life and mold your plans, your steps, your ways, and your purposes of life the way He has already made. "But now, O Lord, you are our Father; we are the clay, and you are our potter; we are all the work of your hand." Isaiah 64:8



To me this is the most inclusive, and empowering verse in the Bible. It doesn't matter who you know, where you live, or how old you are, it includes you. No one can take it away from you. No one can deny you from receiving it. It's yours for the asking. Give God the glory for all the good in your life, and have a Blessed day...





Happy  
**29<sup>th</sup>**  
Birthday!

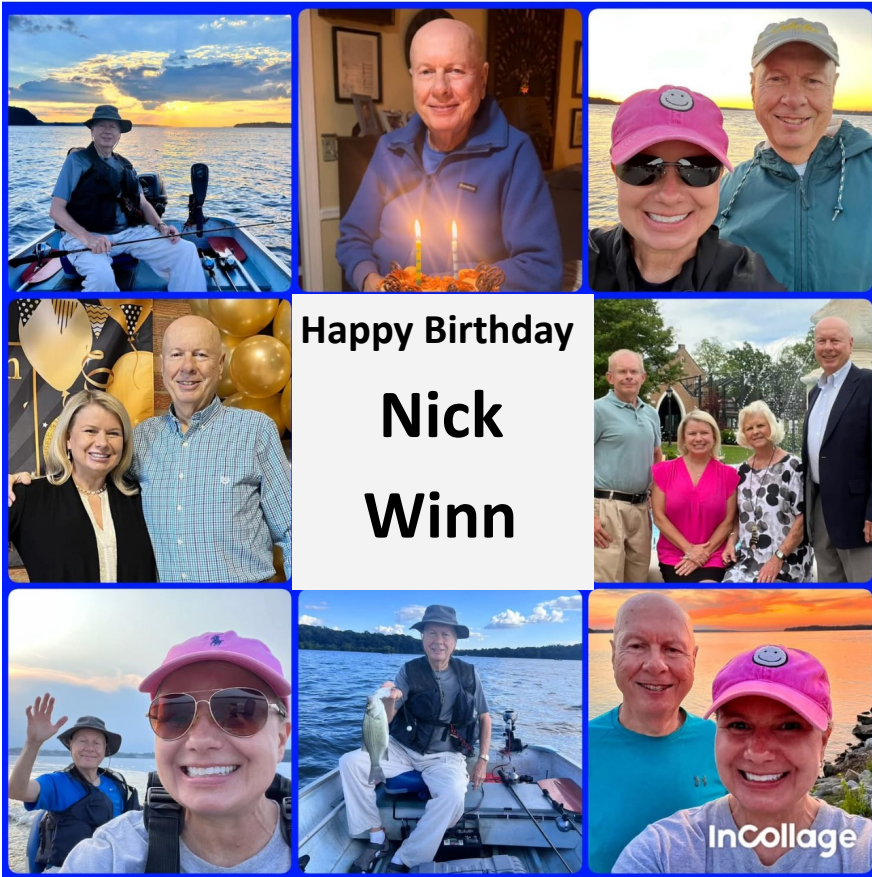


Happy Birthday to  
Alonda Crosslin's  
son, Tanner!

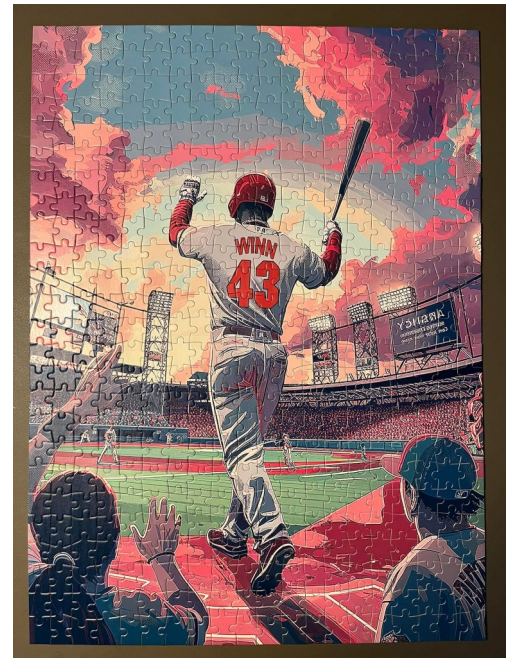
MQ & Sally Parker's son, Jimmy  
celebrated his birthday on Jan 3rd.  
Soon afterwards on Jan 11, their  
granddaughter, Faith celebrated  
her birthday!







Happy Birthday  
**Nick  
 Winn**



Nick was gifted a unique puzzle that depicted his love of baseball. He played Sr ball from ages 55-62. The jersey has his name and birth year on it!



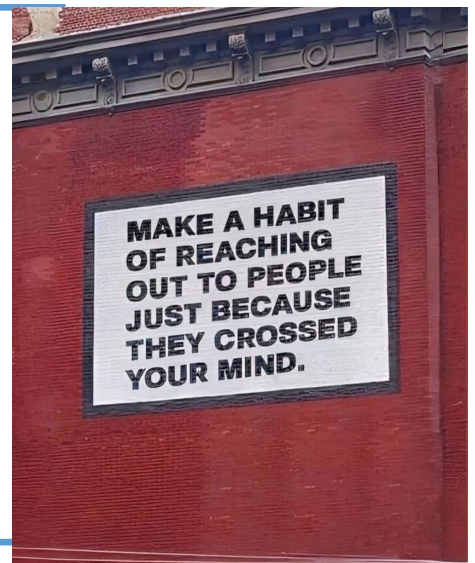
Nick's daughter, Melissa is excited to share her most recent endeavor of creating a children's book series about the adventures of Mr. Al and Ms. Bea. The stories are perfect to entertain children, as well as learning life lessons. They can be ordered on Amazon. Alonda Crosslin has ordered a copy of each book to put in the WPC library in support of Nick & Sue's son in his courageous battle with brain cancer.

*Fellowship Lunch*

**Wed, Feb 26 11:30 Rosie's**



**302 N. Court St.  
 Florence, AL**





## **CHURCH TRIP TO UNA Planetarium and Observatory**

**WHEN:** Thursday, Feb 20 @ 3:00-4:30 pm

**WHAT:** View the "Mystery of the Christmas Star" followed by a Planetarium discussion \$5 per person

**WHERE:** UNA Planetarium, 722 N. Pine St.

**SIGN UP:** In Narthex, text/email/call Alonda Crosslin 256)710-8662 Alondacr@gmail.com



Journey back over 2000 years to Bethlehem as we seek to discover a scientific explanation for the star the wise men followed to find the baby Jesus. This modern retelling of the Christmas story is sure to charm and captivate audiences of all ages!

We need to try to have at least 10-12 signed up to make it worth Dr. Mel Blake's time and effort to reserve this private viewing!



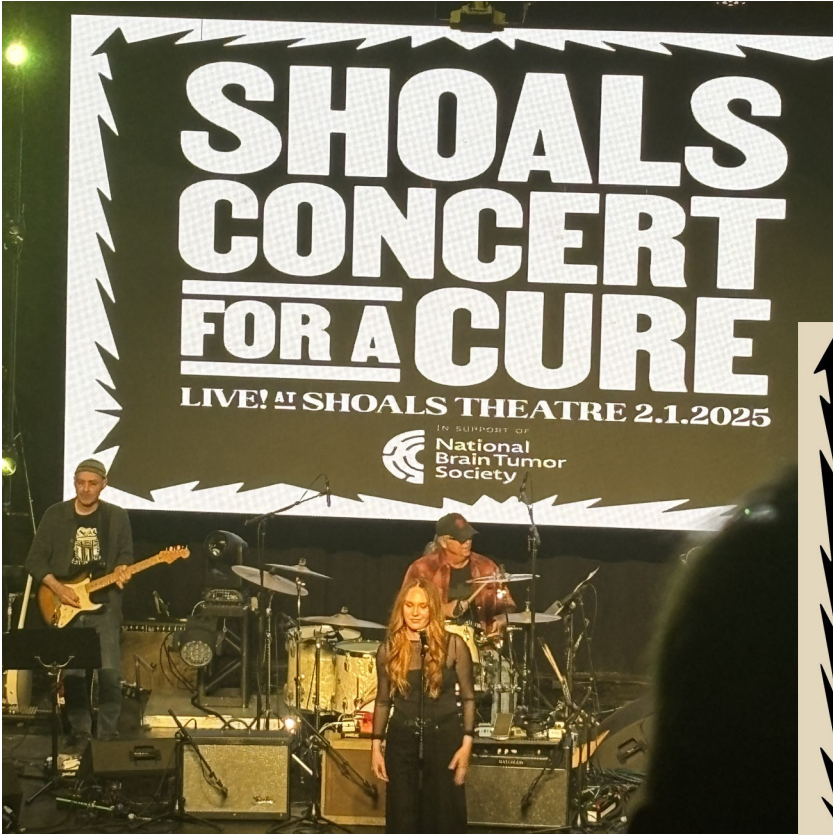
It is very important for visitors and new members to put a name with a face of our church family. Alonda Crosslin & Brad Moody have volunteered to take pictures for a new WPC photo directory. Please come 15 minutes before the service or plan to stay after the service to have your picture taken in the Narthex beginning on February 9th.



# Bailey White

& brother Braden put together an amazing concert at the Shoals Theatre to raise money for the National Brain Tumor Society.

WELL DONE!!!!



Paul & Susan Parker, & Alonda Crosslin were in attendance



**JAMES LEBLANC  
ANGELA HACKER  
OUTLAW APOSTLES  
GARY BAKER  
GARY NICHOLS  
TREY NICHOLS  
LENNY LEBLANC  
AND MORE!**

**SHOALS CONCERT FOR A CURE HOUSE BAND:  
JIMMY NUTT / MIKE DILLON / SCOTT TODD / STEVE VICKERY  
MARTY LEWIS / MARIE LEWEY / CINDY WALKER**

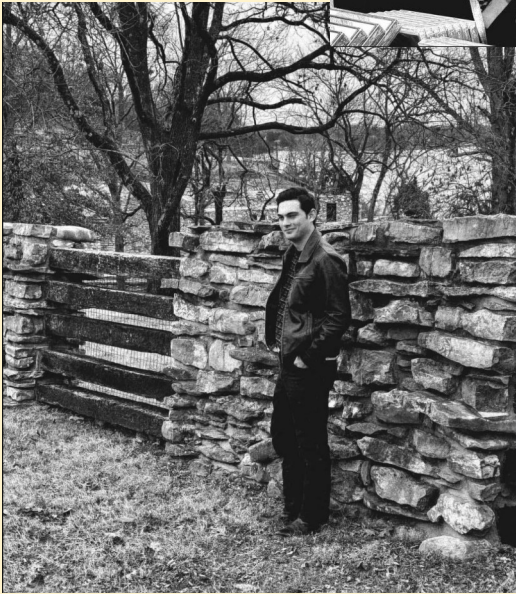
**SCAN FOR  
Donations**

<https://braintumor.org>



# Avery Guinn

Had the privilege of being invited out to Nashville to spend some time with dear friends, and Johny Cash's only woman guitarist, Debbie Horton!





Each Elder has been assigned a Care Group of 4-5 members & regular visitors. If you have a care need please let your Care Leader know so they can keep the congregation informed and assist where possible.

## 2025 Elder Care Teams

### ELAINE BROOKS

Janice McKell  
John & Paula Offutt  
Larry & Connie Ramsey  
Catherine Shea

### ALONDA CROSSLIN

Jean Blair  
Elaine Brooks  
Florence Duncan  
John & Ann Freeman  
Stan & Marsha Bullock

### LENORE FAVENESI

Phillip & Alonda Crosslin  
Joe Littrell  
Sara Reed  
Katie Shea  
Brenda Gray

### SUSAN JOHNSON

Carole James  
Bob Moody  
Bill & Nancy Valentine  
Mary George Williams

### JOE LITRELL

Lacy Offutt  
Lawrence & Sandra Perry  
Nick & Sue Winn  
Brad Moody

### PAULA OFFUTT

John & Kathy Bruninga  
Dan & Barb Hendricks  
Joyce Horton  
Char Terry

### SALLY PARKER

Bob Howard  
Susan Johnson  
Dot Solomon  
Lud & Linda Seme

### LUD SEME

Charles Anderson  
Lenore Favnesi  
M. Q. & Sally Parker  
Bessie Salter  
Bailey White

**JOIN OUR MAILING LIST**

Send your email to:

[Alondacr@gmail.com](mailto:Alondacr@gmail.com) 256-710-8662