



The CONNECTION

Eight Days.

We set aside eight days from Palm Sunday through Resurrection Sunday to consider what most believe to be the greatest week in human history ... to solemnly focus upon what our Savior endured for you and for me. John Piper says it best in saying, "Fix your gaze steadily on him, as he loves you to the uttermost."

A tremendous lineup is planned for our Holy Week. I urge you and encourage you to make plans now to be a part of everything you can as we transition from Palm Sunday's shouts of "Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord," leading to Good Friday's shouts to "Crucify Him!" to Easter Sunday's proclamation that "He is Risen! The Lord is risen, indeed!" I look forward to sharing these eight days with you. Oh, what a Savior! *Blessings, Pastor Teresa*

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| Day 1: Palm Sunday, April 14 | <p>"Blessed Redeemer" Cantata, 10:00 a.m.</p> <p>Prayers and Praise Service, 5:30 p.m. with activities for Youth and Children.</p> |
| Day 2: Monday, April 15 | <p>Luncheon and Devotion @ Noon: "Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they do." (Luke 23:34)
<i>Devotion shared by Robyn Robbins from the Last Words of Christ.</i></p> |
| Day 3: Tuesday, April 16 | <p>Luncheon and Devotion @ Noon: "I thirst." (John 19:28)
<i>Devotion shared by Ann Hart from the Last Words of Christ.</i></p> |
| Day 4: Wednesday, April 17 | <p>Luncheon and Devotion @ Noon: "Father, into your hands I commend my spirit." (Luke 23:46)
<i>Devotion shared by Jim Kinney from the Last Words of Christ.</i></p> <p>No Wednesday night activities.</p> |
| Day 5: Thursday, April 18
Maundy Thursday | <p>Luncheon and Devotion @ Noon: "Truly, I say to you, today you will be with me in Paradise." (Luke 23:43)
<i>Devotion shared by Carolyn Johnson from the Last Words of Christ.</i></p> <p>Maundy Thursday Service of Worship observing the Last Supper, 5:30 p.m.</p> |
| Day 6: Friday, April 19
Good Friday | <p>Luncheon and Devotion @ Noon: "It is finished." (John 19:30)
<i>Devotion shared by Curt Anderson from the Last Words of Christ.</i></p> |
| Day 7: Saturday, April 20 | <p>Family Fun Day, 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.</p> |
| Day 8: Sunday, April 21 | <p>Christ is Risen!
Sunday School at 9:00 a.m., Worship Celebration at 10:00 a.m.</p> |

FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God

APRIL 7

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

(Greeters) Priscilla Bird/Doris Spears/Madison Bullard
(Ushers) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard
NURSERY:-Suzanne Harden

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES: **NEED VOLUNTEER**

PRAYERS & PRAISE SERVICE 5:30 P.M.

APRIL 14 PALM SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
EASTER CANTATA 10:00 A.M.

(Greeters) Carol Kinney/Gayla Miskell/Caleb Bullard
(Ushers) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard
NURSERY:-Suzanne Harden

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES: CHARM RUSSLER

PRAYERS & PRAISE SERVICE 5:30 P.M.

APRIL 21 EASTER SUNDAY

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

(Greeters) Kaylan Alvarado/Kimberly Lambert/Olivia Bullard
(Ushers) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard
NURSERY:-Suzanne Harden

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES: ALLEN BRACKIN

NO EVENING SERVICES

APRIL 28

SUNDAY SCHOOL 9:00 A.M.
WORSHIP SERVICE 10:00 A.M.

(Greeters) Pam Pilcher/Cornelia Cooper/Addison Godwin
(Ushers) Bill Hart/Allen Brackin/Jim Kinney/Mike Johnson

K1 KIDZ— Patty Johnson
PRE-SCHOOL—Mary Bullard
NURSERY:-Suzanne Harden

COFFEE NOOK NIBBLES: FRANCES FOSTER

PRAYERS & PRAISE SERVICE 5:30 P.M.

APRIL MISSION




EGGS AND CANDY FOR OUR FAMILY FUN DAY!

On April 20th, Greystone United Methodist Church will be hosting a community-wide Family Fun Day with eggs and prizes! We need our Church Family to please bring plastic eggs and candy this month to help in this fun-filled day! Thank you!



April



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3 Youth at The Harbor 4:45pm Family Night Supper 5:15pm Pursuit of Holiness" 6pm Bible Studies 6pm Choir 7pm	4 Love In Action 5:15pm	5 Girl Scouts 6-8pm Ladies Retreat to Mobile for Priscilla Shirer	6 Ladies Retreat to Mobile for Priscilla Shirer
7 Lent V Sunday School 9am Morning Worship 10am Prayers & Praise 5:30pm	8 Women's Bible Study 9am A.R.M.E.D. 6:30pm	9 Faith Circle 9:30am Cheerful Hearts 5-6:30pm	10 Family Night Supper 5:15pm Bible Study 6pm Bible Studies & Kids Activities 6pm Choir 7pm	11	12 Girl Scouts 6-8pm	13
14 Palm Sunday Sunday School 9am Easter Cantata 10am Prayers & Praise 5:30pm	15 Holy Week Women's Bible Study 9am Lunch & Devotionals 12pm	16 Holy Week Lunch & Devotionals 12pm	17 Holy Week Lunch & Devotionals 12pm	18 Holy Week Lunch & Devotionals 12pm Maundy Thursday Service 5:30pm	19 Holy Week Lunch & Devotionals 12pm Good Friday	20 Family Day Picnic & Easter Egg Hunt 10am-1pm
21 Easter Sunday School 9am Morning Worship 10am No Evening Service	22 Easter Monday Women's Bible Study 9am Grace/Love Circle 6pm Office Closed	23	24 Family Night Supper 5:15pm Bible Study 6pm Bible Studies & Kids Activities 6pm	25	26 Olivia Adkins's Wedding Rehearsal 5pm	27 Olivia Adkins's Wedding 4:30pm
28 Sunday School 9am Morning Worship 10am Prayers & Praise 5:30pm	29 Women's Bible Study 9am Finance Meeting 6pm	30				



Greystone welcomes and invites you to use the facilities, however please make sure to leave, each room as well or better than you found it for the next great event!

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FELLOWSHIP MINISTRY

Strong Community Life Matters to God



Attention: Graduates!

On Mother's Day, May 12th, Greystone UMC will be honoring our College, High School and K-5 graduates during our worship hour! If you are a graduate or graduated this past December, please let us know by calling the church office as soon as possible! (334-794-6725)

MR. & MRS. CHRIS ADKINS

**REQUEST THE HONOR OF YOUR PRESENCE AT THE
MARRIAGE OF THEIR DAUGHTER**

Olivia Suzanne

to

Christopher Chamoun

Jackson

APRIL *27* 2019

4:30 P.M.

GREYSTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
4401 FORTNER STREET
DOTHAN, ALABAMA

RECEPTION TO FOLLOW AT WINDMILL STATION

Anderson Sightler and Family Communion-Rail Offering for April



On Sunday, April 7, the Greystone family will have the opportunity to financially assist Anderson Sightler and family with needs resulting from Anderson's cancerous diagnosis of a spinal tumor in January of this year. As a result of this diagnosis, Anderson and his family have been required to relocate to Jacksonville, FL for extensive pediatric radiation treatments to be administered 5 days each week for six full weeks. This treatment began on Monday, March 25th and will continue through April into May. As you can imagine, the financial burden is heavy on top of the emotional and physical weariness already suffered since January. Please make plans to make a special love offering to Anderson's family when you come forward to embrace the sacrament of Holy Communion. Anderson is the 18-month old great nephew of Ann and Bill Hart. Please keep this extended family in your precious thoughts and prayers.

(April/May Address for the Sightlers: Sarah and Justin Sightler, 6650 Corporate Center Parkway #304, Jacksonville, FL, 32216)

INSTRUCT MINISTRY

Spiritual and Relational Health Matter to God



Fellowship Lunch

May 5th

Bring your favorite side dish & enjoy the fellowship after the morning Worship Service & eat some lunch. The church provides the chicken & beverages.



Christian Women United Circle Ministry Groups

Donation for Love In Action: Deoderant
Donation for Wesley Place: Bingo Prizes

C.W.U.

June 4th at 12 p.m. at church

FAITH CIRCLE

April 9th at 9:30 a.m.

Grace-Love Circle

April 22nd at Mama Rosa's at 6 p.m.

Priscilla Shirer

Breathe
making room for sabbath

Lifeway

Monday Morning Bible Study

Robyn Robbins is leading "Breathe" Women's Bible Study on Mondays at 9 a.m. One of the greatest challenges among women in our culture is taking time to cease from all the activities and just breathe. We are in bondage to busyness. We constantly strive to complete the limitless to-do lists that hinder us from experiencing all that God has for us. By neglecting time for tranquility, serenity, and repose, we limit our Christlikeness and miss out on some of God's greatest gifts. In the Old Testament, Sabbath was given to the Israelites as a gift, and it is still a gift to us today. If you are weary, worn out, and exhausted, then the concept of Sabbath will change your life. (Lifeway.com)

Young Adult Sunday School at Greystone



Join us on Sunday mornings at 9 a.m. for the Young Adult Sunday School Class! Mike Johnson is teaching "God of Armor" by Priscilla Shirer. If you are a Young Adult, consider this great Sunday School Class!

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 Sunday at Greystone!

Greystone UMC Children News

GREYSTONE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH
INVITES EVERYONE TO COME AND ENJOY

FAMILY FUN DAY

APRIL 20th – 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

INFLATABLES
GAMES
EASTER EGG HUNTS
ARTS/CRAFTS
LUNCH
AND MORE!
ALL FREE OF CHARGE!



WE LOOK FORWARD TO SEEING YOU!

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Greystone UMC Youth News

Have you ever wondered what it would be like to be hungry? I'm not talking about satisfying a craving. I mean, how would it be to be truly hungry and not know where your next meal is coming from? Patty can tell you that I am not pleasant to be around in the mornings until I have had something to eat. I am spoiled and take for granted that I will have food available when I am ready for it. We are a blessed people and, I have to admit, most of the time I eat because it is time, not because I'm hungry.

Our youth and children are about to embark on a journey to discover what hunger really is. On Sunday night, April 7, we will begin a study on hunger. This study is presented by World Vision and is designed to prepare us for a weekend retreat called "The 30-Hour Famine" in May where, for 30 hours, we'll skip meals to raise funds that will help feed hungry children around the world. You will hear more about this in the May Connection and through other church communications.

It seems like I am always saying "thank you" to our church family and this month is no different. Patty and I, on behalf of the children and youth, thank you for your generous support of our recent St. Patty's Day Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser. We collected over \$1,100.00. This will go a long way toward helping our youth and children attend camps this summer.

What a thrill it was to be able to participate in the Girl Scouts Service a few weeks ago by sharing a Stick Ministry presentation for our church family and guests. We are busy practicing new dramas and have added three more members to the ministry! They are working hard to learn our older routines as well as catching up with the newer ones. We plan to present again in April with a song that is sure to bless everyone.

Finally, on April 3, the youth and children will travel to the Harbor Church to deliver the canned goods and cash that you all so freely gave during our Souper Bowl of Caring Food Drive. While we are there, we will participate in their worship service and help serve a meal to the less fortunate in attendance. We will leave the church at 4:45 and return around 7:15. Greystone will have our normal Wednesday night meal and Bible Study but any adults that would like to go with us are welcome. Just meet us at the church by 4:45.

- ⇒ Sunday School at 9:00 am with Mrs. Patti Walker.
- ⇒ Wednesday Night Stick Ministry practice.
- ⇒ Sunday Night Bible Study for youth and children.



SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference

It's the Easter Parade...no, actually it's the **Cheerful Hearts' Easter Party** and the annual fish fry. Our guests from the four SpectraCare adult group homes are so excited! Easter, A Fish Fry, and Bingo...what a day it will be. Set up should be easy for this event, but kitchen help and clean up help are always needed. The volunteers who greet and serve are a special blessing as well. Plan to share this special day with some really special friends. The donation requests for our menu items will be in the Common Ground (entrance area) and in our S.S. classes. It has been a while since we have collected the \$1 toiletry items as our party favors, so if that is something you would like to do we would surely put them to good use. We will be looking for some inexpensive prizes for our Bingo winners as well.

The date? TUESDAY, APRIL 9, 5:00-6:30. Hope to see you there as we share the love of Christ and fellowship together in fun and serving.

Report from the Vision team of Greystone United Methodist Church

The vision of Greystone UMC is not ours -- it belongs to Christ. Our mission is to carry out His vision. We are reminded often in scripture to set goals: "run the race *set before us*." (Heb. 12:1 Set by God.) "Press toward the mark of the high calling of Christ." (Philippians 3:14) Our present Church Mission Statement reads: "Living out our heritage of reaching each new generation for Christ." It is a challenge to be active, to be moving in the direction of *THE GOAL* set before us.

Just as each of us has a spiritual growth goal, so our Faith Family has a growth goal. If we as individuals are growing spiritually, pursuing holiness, then surely that will be reflected and evidenced in our Faith Family's spiritual growth in the coming months.

Our vision team will be looking forward to lead our Faith Family forward in reaching our community for Christ. Just as Christ was asked, "who is my neighbor" so we should ask, "who is our community?" This day and age we are a transit people. People will go where they feel welcome, where their needs are met, and where they feel useful. As Greystone United Methodists, our "Open Hearts" will be challenged this year to be active in our welcoming and inviting of the individuals of our community: all people, of all ages, and all backgrounds. We will be challenged as individual members to take the initiative to see people in our community as people who need God and see our Church as a place of fellowship and worship where they can meet Him and grow in His love and understanding of His grace.

How will this happen? God is faithful to offer direction. He will help us change some habits. He will help us revisit and evaluate goals of the past and envision goals for the future. In reading our church-wide 2019 study book, "*Get Their Name*," we were challenged to grow in several specific areas, all of which are in line with the challenge from Christ himself, "Go and make disciples of ALL people teaching them to obey all my commands." (Matthew 28) "Go", an active verb; "make", an active verb; "teach", an active verb. And this calling includes us all. All of us who call on Christ as Savior are "called" and all of us who claim the power of the Holy Spirit to help us grow spiritually should accept our role in "encouraging one another in the faith." As a Faith Family, we are called to be inclusive, to create within our worship time and small groups a culture of hospitality by building relationships and making connections with those who currently feel unconnected.

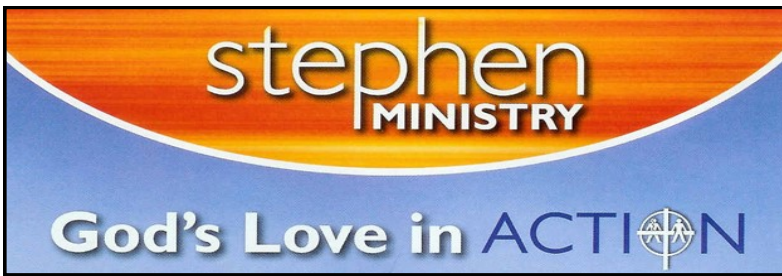
If you have not completed the reading in the study book, Pastor Teresa and I challenge you to do so even now. If you have read it, we challenge you to find specific points to pray over and ask God how you might participate in the spiritual growth of our Greystone Faith Family in the coming year. Share them with your small groups and begin inviting people to join you in worship.

This is an exciting time in the life of our church. There is a freshness sweeping through the Family. There is a renewed desire to be actively moving with God in the coming months. Our Vision Team has been challenged to set some specific goals as well as follow up on previous goals. Specifically, we are already at work preparing to follow through on a Communion rail and kneeling pads for our worship area, considering informative signage both inside and outside our facility, and seeking God's direction for Greystone UMC in the next 3 years as we consider a plan for strengthening our leadership development and mentoring our new members.

As your Vision Team, we are praying for God's guidance and revelation of goals for the coming years. We are praying our eyes to be open to the ways and means of actively reaching Christ's vision of making disciples. We want you to join us in being a moving, active body of believers. Together we want to encourage each other to move with God in carrying out the mission and the vision set before us. Let us begin this year reaching **every** generation for Christ. Ann Hart, Chairperson

SERVE MINISTRY

People Want Their Lives to Matter and Make a Difference



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 Pastor Teresa and/or Bob Willis.



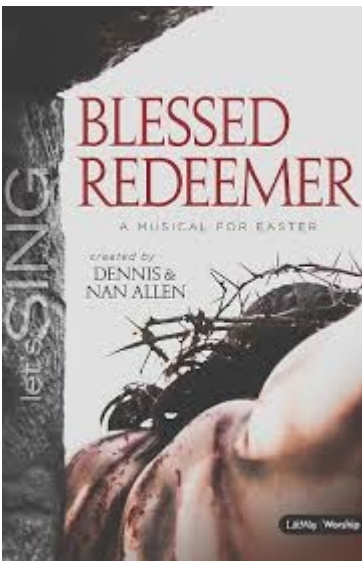
**A.R.M.E.D., Men's Club, meets 2nd Mondays at 6:30pm in the church sanctuary for a meal, fellowship, and planning.
-April 8th at 6:30pm at the church**

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

THANKS MINISTRY

God Inhabits the Praises of His People



Join us on Palm Sunday, April 14th, for the Easter Cantata at 10 a.m.

The Greystone choir will present *Blessed Redeemer* on Palm Sunday, and we would love for you to bring your family and friends! *Blessed Redeemer* is a powerful presentation of the cross, the resurrection, and the lordship of Jesus in our lives as we follow Him.

Birthdays, Anniversaries And Other Important Stuff

March 2019

Income: \$20,944.66
Expenses: \$19,554.49



ATTENDANCE

March 3

Sunday School: 46
Worship: 102

March 10

Sunday School: 41
Worship: 116 & 30

March 17

Sunday School: 39
Worship: 94 & 27

March 24

Sunday School: 46
Worship: 89 & 25

March 31

Sunday School: 44
Worship: 82 & 22

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 at office@greystonedothan.org

Newsletter



April Birthdays

<u>Ben Dasinger</u>	<u>4/01</u>
<u>Jonathan Hamilton</u>	<u>4/05</u>
<u>Vernon Sears</u>	<u>4/07</u>
<u>Mary Walsh</u>	<u>4/07</u>
<u>Joseph Benak</u>	<u>4/09</u>
<u>Neil Clark</u>	<u>4/11</u>
<u>Deborah Snell</u>	<u>4/12</u>
<u>Shellie Yeoman</u>	<u>4/17</u>
<u>Curt Anderson</u>	<u>4/21</u>
<u>Katelyn Wooten</u>	<u>4/22</u>
<u>Kathi Dasinger</u>	<u>4/24</u>
<u>Brittany Nolin</u>	<u>4/25</u>
<u>Madison Bullard</u>	<u>4/26</u>
<u>Olivia Bullard</u>	<u>4/26</u>
<u>Margrette Joiner</u>	<u>4/28</u>
<u>Julie Hartley</u>	<u>4/29</u>
<u>Jerrie Hollis</u>	<u>4/29</u>
<u>Carol Kinney</u>	<u>4/30</u>



Happy Anniversary

APRIL ANNIVERSARIES

Ted & Jennifer Hamilton	4/03
Mike & LaLonnie Hartzog	4/25

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

PRAYER LIST

Lindy Sears
Mike Hartzog
Candace Helms
Debbie Batchelor
Lawanna Dykes
Ruth Perdue
Beverly Sanders
Ruth Bryant
Barbara Bird
Anderson Sightler
Judy Hernandez
Patton Shoupe
Bob Schamp
Wanda Schamp

Our Church, Our Community, and Our Country

Katherine Hornsby
Shirley Brackin
Sherry Dean
Jimmy De Loach
Jo Williams
Mary Harding

HOMEBOUND

Polly Fortson (110 Hampshire Street, 36305)
Lois Christensen (5913 Granger Road, Marianna, FL 32446)
Clyde & Billie Cunningham (102 Pearce Street, 36301)
Nora Joyce McNair (2416 W. Main St., 36301)
Gerald & Ann McCallister (PO Box 286, Midland City 36350)
Marge Wood (707 Canterbury Dr., 36305)

NURSING HOME RESIDENTS

<u>Somerset</u>	<u>Extencicare</u>
Myra Shewmake(#102)	Vernon Sears(#513)
<u>Westside Terrace</u>	Margrette Joiner(#532)
Jeanette McCollum(#143)	Sara Williams(#510)
<u>Wesley Place</u>	Billie Rabon(#727)
Janie Arnold	Angelina Walsh
<u>Troy Health & Rehab Center</u>	Richard White(#715)
Jerrie Hollis	

THOSE SERVING OUR COUNTRY.....

SFC Matthew Kingsbury (Alabama)	Private Penny Justice, Army Reservist (Tallahassee) (daughter of Chris & Connie Justice)
Gunny Sgt Michael Monday - USMC (California) (son of Allen & Mary Beth Brackin)	SR Robert Williams (Great Lakes) (grandson of Bob & Wanda Schamp)
Sgt. Chris Moore - USMC (Japan) (nephew of Allen & Mary Beth Brackin)	SPC Justin Outlaw (Afghanistan) (great-grandson of Glenda Sanders)
Cpt. Justin Shaw (Georgia) (grandson of Buford & Polly Fortson)	Petty Officer 2nd Class Mathew Dwayne Wilson (Charleston) (son of Rick & Sue Wilson)
Austin Philpot (Washington) (son of Toby & Veronica Philpot)	Private Cheyenne Anderson (Ft. Leonard Wood) (granddaughter of Curt & Sherry Anderson)
LCPL Dakota (Cody) Justice (North Carolina) (son of Chris & Connie Justice)	Our Military past, present, and future

*****Please update or make additions to our prayer list by contacting the church office.**

Thank you Notes

Thank you Greystone Family for all your love and kindness extended to me through my surgery and recovery. Thanks for the thoughts, prayers, calls, cards, and all of the food. I am truly blessed!

Love,

Sherry Dean



Church Staff

Teresa Seevers

Senior Pastor

Chris Adkins

Worship Leader/Choir Director

Mike Johnson

Youth Director

Suzanne Harden

Nursery

Jennifer Hamilton

Church Administration/IT Tech

Curt Anderson

Congregational Care Pastor

Mark Robbins

Sound Tech

Patty Johnson

Children's Director

Mary Bullard

Pre-K Teacher

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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