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July 2015

July Food Drive: Hunger Takes no Vacation

The Mission Team has agreed with Urban Ministries to join Urban Ministries' 52 Week Food Drive Campaign. Greystone Baptist's involvement in this drive was highlighted the 3rd week of June. During this week our church's name was on the pantry door and our logo was on the Urban Ministries' website. We will collect food donations throughout the month of July. Each week will have a theme and we would ask you to donate each week with your thoughtful donations.

Week One: June 29th – July 5th: **Best of Breakfast** – Donate your favorite breakfast cereals - Hot or Cold (low sugar preferred). You might also donate 100% fruit or vegetable drinks, without added sugar, in jugs or single serve boxes. Bring your donations and place in receptacles in the hallway outside the sanctuary on Sunday, July 5th.

Week Two: July 6th – July 12th: **Super Soups** – Donate your favorite soups. Please select reduced sodium, fat or light/healthy versions. Bring your donations and place in receptacles in the hallway outside the sanctuary on Sunday, July 12th.

Week Three: July 13th – July 19th: Great Grains – Donate:

- Pasta of any type (whole grain preferred)
- Brown Rice (Bag/instant/microwave)
- Dried Beans (all types)
- Whole grain crackers
- Microwave popcorn (low-salt, 95% fat free)

Bring your donations and place in receptacles in the hallway outside the sanctuary on Sunday, July 19th.

Week Four: July 20th – July 26th: **Popular Proteins** – Donate your favorite proteins: Canned Beans (Lentils, Chickpeas, Kidney Beans, Black Beans, Refried Beans), Nuts (Almonds, Walnuts, Peanuts, Cashews, Pecans, etc.), Peanut Butter, Almond Butter. Bring your donations and place in receptacles in the hallway outside the sanctuary on Sunday, July 26th.

Note: Please know that if you are out of town on any one of these Sundays, you can still bring your donations for any week and place in the hallway outside the sanctuary.

July 5, 2015 - Covered Dish Breakfast A Celebration of Community

Bring a breakfast dish to share on Sunday, July 5. We will gather together in the Fellowship Hall for breakfast/brunch at 9:30 AM. We are looking for everything from home cooked casseroles to biscuits to doughnuts to fruit salad. Bring your family and share in the rich fellowship of our church community. There will be Sunday School for Children, Preschoolers and Babies at 10:00 AM. Youth and Adults will have a joint Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall following breakfast. On this holiday weekend we will gather for worship at 11:00 AM (no 8:45 worship.)

Schedule for Sunday, July 5:

8:45: No Worship Service, please join us at 11:00

9:30: Covered Dish Breakfast

10:00: Sunday School for Children, Preschoolers and Babies

11:00: Worship and Communion

Sabbatical: Renewal and Wonder

Below you will find some helpful information pertaining to our pastor's sabbatical program.

What is a sabbatical? The primary purpose of a sabbatical is to foster an experience of pastoral renewal. Sean has chosen to focus his time away on wondering and dreaming about the future of Greystone through reflection on his time as pastor and in dialogue with other mentors and ministers.

Through an extended season of intentional reading, writing, prayer, and creative exploration, Sean hopes to deepen his own spiritual reservoir in order to serve Greystone most faithfully.

What are the dates for the sabbatical? Sean's last Sunday preaching will be June 28. He will resume his normal schedule the week of August 10. His time away will include vacation with family on the front and back ends of the sabbatical.

Who will be covering for Sean during his time away? The members of Greystone have done a wonderful job in the prayerful discernment of calling the current ministerial team. The ministers will each have one or two opportunities to fill the pulpit while Sean is away on sabbatical. Should a need or concern arise, contact one of the ministers or call the On-Call Number, (919) 817-8975, and they will provide pastoral care and support.

How can we pray for our pastor during this time? We can pray for our pastor's spiritual and vocational growth. We can also pray that he will be open to the many ways the Spirit might illumine his heart and mind with fresh insight and practice for ministry. Also pray for Jamie and the Allen children, especially during the times when Sean is away from family. Together let us pray that God will bless this season of growth for Pastor Sean and the Greystone family.

July Birthdays



- Stan Tisinger, Amy Vandersip, Charlie Vestal
- 2 John Schmidt, Kim Eshleman
- 4 Eunice Bland, Bill Goulding, Joanna Perry, Logan Cockerham
- 5 Ramona Taylor
- 7 John Turlington, Annie Hardison-Moody, Evan Dawson
- 8 Sandra Paul, Genice Nix, Patti Austin, Sophia Moody
- 9 Susan Burnette, Pam Ouzts
- 12 Gene Light, Laura Robinson, Eli Grimes, Finnigan Kleinhans, Sumner Eshleman
- 13 Kala Cash
- 14 Laura Fleming
- 15 Martha Castleberry, Sallie Greene, Pat Boone, Tracy Smith, Samantha Kanai
- 16 Jean Brown, Randy Willis, Emily Robinson
- 17 Jeff Register, Brian Hollingsworth
- 18 Greg Morton
- 19 Vergie Baxley, Shirley Ditt, Katie Craig
- 20 Ken Mitchell, Jean Moorefield
- 21 Randy Birth, Teresa Carraway
- 22 Emmett Baldridge, Abby Baker, Chase Calder
- 23 Tim Hendrix, Megan Daugherty
- 25 Mary Taylor, Lou Ostendorff
- 26 Mary Fran Perkinson, Amber Sawyers
- 27 Jack Beauchaine, Jennifer Cockerham, Eddy Ng
- 28 Dixie Bennett, Charlie Spahr, Nelson Neville
- 29 Billie Parker, Debbie Wyse, Matt Wallace
- 30 Donna Judd, Wendy Fox
- 31 Megan Wilder



July 19......Vergie Baxley



The church office will be closed on Thursday, July 2nd in observance of Independence Day.

Growing Greystone Through Prayer

Concerns



- ♦ Nina and Doug Cole's daughter, Becki Moore, health concerns
- ◆ Elaine Hansen's mother, Jan Estep, recent fall
- ♦ Vercie Eller, recent surgery
- ♦ Steve Holden, recent surgery
- ♦ Jack Hughens, health concerns
- ♦ Mary Fran Perkinson, recent surgery
- ◆ Roger Gardner, health concerns
- ◆ Jerry Blankenship, recovering from recent surgery
- ◆ Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson, health concerns
- Mike Ogden's mother, Louise Ogden, health concerns
- ♦ Bill Taylor, recovering from surgery
- ♦ Vergie Baxley, health concerns
- ◆ Amanda Thompson, daughter-in-law of Dottie Thompson, health concerns
- ◆ Hazel Perdue's sister, Reda Southall, and niece, Sandra Warnick, health concerns
- Marc and Kim Wyatt and their ministry to internationals
- ♦ Cindy Vestal, health concerns
- ♦ Evelyn Harper, back problems
- ◆ Rubye Light, Gene Light's mother, health concerns

Residential / Health Care Facilities

Cypress (Rosewood): John Lawrence *Rex Nursing Care:* Louise Abernathy, Nancy Godwin

Springmoor (Stewart Health Center): Vergie Baxley, Mary Evelyn Divers, Martha Eames, Mildred Garrett, Sallie Greene, Madeline Griffith, Juanita Register, Grace

Smith

Sympathy

- ◆ Amanda Atkin's family on the death of her great aunt, Aline Moore, 6/7/15
- ◆ Anne Mueller's family on the death of her father, Guy Cutler, 5/25/2015

I am overwhelmed with gratitude for all the ways my Greystone family has reached out to me after the recent death of my dad. The way in which I have felt completely lifted up in prayer, embraced in your arms of comfort and surrounded by your love and kindness has carried me through this difficult time. Thank you for being God's love and light to me. Cathy Byman

I would like to thank everyone for their prayers for my Mom. Her surgery was very successful. The surgeon believes he removed all of the cancerous tissue. Mom is making an excellent recovery.

Thanks. Jeff Joyner

Growing Greystone Through Stewardship (through 5/31/15)



2015 General Fund	\$1,116,102.00
YTD General Fund needed	1 \$465,042.00
YTD Operating Receipts	\$363,848.00
YTD Operating Expenses.	\$417,905.00

Growing Greystone Through Worship

May 31

may 51	
8:45 Worship	78
11:00 Worship	
June 7	
8:45 Worship	104
11:00 Worship	
June 14	
8:45 Worship	94
11:00 Worship	182
June 21	
8:45 Worship	93
11:00 Worship	
June 28	
8:45 Worship	84
11:00 Worship	



After our Mission team returned from Belize at the beginning of June, we received the following thank you note from Reverend Manuel Cowo:

Hi Bros. Sisters in Christ

On behalf of the Santa Elena Baptist Church and the Santa Elena Baptist Primary School I express our sincere gratitude for your friendship and your contributions to our School.

Thanks for the students chairs, desk, the painting of the walls and shelves. Thanks for the uniforms and for helping the ladies and parents with the sewing. They are still boasting of the bags they made.

Please express our gratitude to all who assisted and made this possible.

Pastor Manny Santa Elena Baptist Church

To learn more about this trip and the work that is ongoing in Belize, be sure to be at our next Church in Conference (8/12/15) to hear a report.



Unidiversity Youth Camp, July 20 - 25

Students from over 20 churches across the Southeast will gather at the University of Tennessee this summer for a week of Bible study, worship, and recreation. During camp, we will be exploring the theme, **It's Complicated**. The cost of the trip is \$300.

Please contact Allan Smith at **students@greystonechurch.org** for more information or with any questions about this trip.

Youth Summer Reading Program

All middle school and high school students are invited to participate in the Greystone Youth Summer Reading Program. Read a book of the Bible and set up a meeting with Allan to talk about it while being treated to coffee or dessert. I look forward to our conversation!

Are You Receiving the Text Blasts?



If any youth, college students or parents are not receiving our emails or text message updates

and would like to, contact Allan at **students@greystonechurch.org** to make sure that the church has your correct contact information.

The student ministry continues to be active this summer. Youth will continue to meet on Wednesdays for Bible study, missions or fellowship activities. College will continue to meet as well. Look for emails and text updates or contact Allan with any questions.

Arch McFadyen Scholarship

Just a reminder that applications are <u>due</u> <u>by 7/15/15</u> and should be returned to: Greystone Baptist Church, 7509 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC 27615, ATTN: Allan Smith. Applications are available in the church office or on the church web site at **www.greystonechurch.org** (click on the "Ministries" tab at the top and select "Youth and College" in the drop down menu. The link for the application will be on the right under "Recent Posts".



Join us for Wonderful Wednesdays this summer.

July 1 - 9:30 a.m. Movies at North Hills choose from "Paddington" or "Turbo" July 8 - Bowling at Buffaloe Lanes on Oak Forest Rd. \$7.99 including shoes. Our lanes will be active from 10 a.m. - 12 noon

July 15 - 9:30 a.m. Movies at Six Forks - "Penguins of Madagascar"

July 22 - Picnic Supper at a local park, location to be announced

July 29 - Beat the heat at Chuck E Cheese

Vacation Bible School is right around the corner. We need your help. We are looking for volunteers to help in the following areas: decorating; registration & welcome team; trail guides (take children from activity to activity and be a helper in the classroom); nursery for the children of VBS workers; snack team; provide meals for VBS workers on Thursday and Friday night.

Please contact April Alston if you can help in any of these ways. We would love for you to join us on this exciting adventure.

As we begin to decorate, we would love some of the following to help us turn our space into an icy expedition: camping/hiking/climbing gear; small tents; artificial Christmas trees; white cotton batting for snow (this will not be returned); any snowy decorations fitting for a mountain climbing expedition. If you are willing to let us borrow any of these, please let April Alston or Amy Davis know. We will need the items by 8/1/15.

Preschool News

Summer camp is in full swing and we are having a blast! We have three weeks of camp in July and one in August, so if you're looking for some summer fun for your preschooler, it's not too late to join us. Looking ahead to fall, we still have a few openings in our regular preschool program - especially in our Toddler class. If you know of someone who may want quality, affordable half-day preschool care, please invite them to call us. We'd love to start the year with full enrollment! Information on our summer camps and our fall program can be found on the church website under the "Preschool" tab.

Welcome to Our New Members



Jeannie Miller Joined on June 14, 2015



Betty Cornwell Joined on June 28, 2015



Kathleen Deming Joined on June 28, 2015



Special thanks to all who provided food for our May Buddy Break Mother's Day Lunch. We had such wonderful feedback from families and volunteers who enjoyed it. We were also able to send each family home with a frozen lasagna meal from those made during Operation In As Much.

Thanks also to the McSpadden family who provided our buddies with lunch in June.

In February, Rick Jordan visited us and wrote a great article about our program for *The Gathering* May/June 2015 CBFNC magazine. If you don't receive the printed magazine, you can read the article from this link:

http://www.cbfnc.org/LinkClick.aspx? fileticket=xXXZSEDAs30% 3d&tabid=195

If you are interested in volunteering with Buddy Break, please email us at: buddybreak@greystonechurch.org.



Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.

Mission Statement

With Christ as the Cornerstone, we will build a church of living stones. where every member is a minister and is equipped to express God's love by word and deed to all people."

Based on 1 Peter 2:5,6

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The August newsletter deadline for submissions is noon, Thursday, 7/23/15.

Senior Adult-Sponsored Trip



Come join us on Saturday, July 25, 2015

for an outing that will include a tour of the Ava Gardner Museum in Smithfield, N.C., lunch at the Holt Lake Bar-B-Que and Seafood Restaurant, and some leisurely shopping at DeWayne's and/or the Carolina Premium Outlets. Admission to the museum is \$8 for (\$7 for those 65 and over.) Lunch will average \$15-20. Shopping costs will depend on your credit card limits! Sign up sheet is on the table in the sanctuary lobby.

informal group, sponsored by the Senior Adult Team is for Sunday lunch fellowship for anyone who does not want to eat alone, or eat leftovers at home! Any adult who has no spouse or whose spouse is out of town, etc. is welcome to join us. No reservation necessary. Meet at the back of the

Sanctuary after the 11:00 Sunday service. You are welcome to join us for the July schedule: 7/5-Peking Garden, 7/12-Applebee's, 7/19-Winston's, 7/26-Outback.

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please unsubscribe at (919) 847-1333.

People in Service July 5

Ushers: 8:45 am: Bill Goulding, Joanne Thompson, Ron Thompson, Jill Pike; 11:00 am: Bill Baxley, Katie Craig, Paul Hansen, Michael Kanai, Hunter Ouzts, Kristen Pickles

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Andy & Sandra Hunt, Johnny Glover, Katie Davenport; 11:00 am: April & Brad Walker, Pam Ouzts, Annie & Will Moody

Greeters: 8:45 am: Monaei Perry; 11:00 am: Margaret Hilton, Margaret Thomas

Deacon of the Week: Carl Dawson

July 12

Ushers: 8:45 am: Tom & Shirley Ditt, Brad & April Walker; 11:00 am: Missy Brookshire, Dorwin Lanham, Ken Mitchell, Charlie Spahr, Kemp Sherron, Jillian Brookshire

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Heather Choplin, Jamie Allen, Matt & Anna Brawner; 11:00 am: Nancy Register, Craig Swaim, Kim Craig, Donnie & Jean Moorefield

Greeters: 8:45 am: Joyce Beauchaine; 11:00 am: Pat Burris, Mavis Strickland

Deacon of the Week: Donnie Moorefield

July 19

Ushers: 8:45 am: Pat Boone, Wayne Smith, Bob & Nell Panten; 11:00 am: Heather Choplin, Steve Holden, Gabriel Mallah, Meredith or Seth Moody, Greg or Lorlen Morton

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Berno & Kim Kleinhans, Sarah & Chris Lannom; 11:00 am: Susan Burnette, AnaRita Eason, Trish Boone, John Clark, Suzanne Best, Eileen Trawick, Jeff Joyner

Greeters: 8:45 am: Bill & Sylvia Goulding; 11:00 am: Arnold and Sylvia Lawson

Deacon of the Week: Becky Sansbury

July 26

Ushers: 8:45 am: Luke Andrew, Bill Judd; 11:00 am: Kerry Crabb, Needham Ward, Tom Ogburn, Wesley Wilder, Dustin & Emily Tuttle

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Jennifer & Brent Walker, Lilian & Brian Grant; 11:00 am: Elizabeth Santana, Gayla Hollingsworth, Eddie & Amy Ng

Greeters: 8:45 am: Bobby and Peggy Hunter; 11:00 am: Donnie & Jean Moorefield

Deacon of the Week: Jeb Brookshire

Mark your calendar:

Solos for Lunch: This



July 5th **Joint Worship Service** and **Covered Dish Breakfast** (details on page 1)







Meeting and Lunch Fellowship Hall July 26th, 12:00