



## YOUR 2015 ADVENT BOOKLET

You should have already received your booklet in the mail which contains all of the *worship services* and *programs* as well as *Advent devotionals* for each day of the season. We encourage you and your family to use this guide in your home during the weeks of Advent as you worship and reflect together. The devotionals were written by those in our own congregation and are filled with stories of personal reflection and inspiration.

While this mailed copy will be yours to use wherever you wish, there will be other copies at church for use during weekly worship times and other seasonal programs during December. This means that you will not need to bring your personal copy each week.



### Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities in December

- Dec. 6 - **Sunday Worship**  
8:45 and 11:00 AM
- Dec. 13 - **Sunday Worship**  
8:45 and 11:00 AM  
*What Sweeter Music*, 6:00 PM,  
Christmas Music Program  
(child care available)
- Dec. 16 - **Children's Nativity**, 6:45 PM
- Dec. 17 - **Living Nativity**  
6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 PM
- Dec. 18 - **Living Nativity**  
6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 PM
- Dec. 20 - **Sunday Worship**  
8:45 and 11:00 AM  
**Service of Remembrance**,  
6:00 PM, Gathering Room
- Dec. 24 - **Christmas Eve Service**,  
5:30 PM, A Service of Light
- Dec. 27 - **Joint Worship**, 10:30 AM  
10:00 AM Fellowship Time,  
Gathering Room



### THE LIVING NATIVITY

**December 17 & 18 | 6:30, 7:00 & 7:30 PM**

Join us for this retelling of Christ's birth,  
on the front lawn of the church.

## What Sweeter Music

**AN EVENING OF MUSIC**  
**December 13 | 6:00 PM**

*\*Childcare provided*

Featuring the Music Ministries  
- including Adult Ensembles, Children's Choir,  
Handbells and other instrumentalists, with narrators

### 2015 Contributions

If you wish to have tax credit for contributions in 2015, please note that they should be left at the office, in the drop box outside the office, or mailed to the office postmarked no later than **December 31**. If you plan or would like to make a contribution in the form of stock, please remember, any stock contributions for 2015 must be received by Greystone in Greystone's account by **December 31** to be counted as a 2015 contribution. Contact the church office or the financial secretary, [finance@greystonechurch.org](mailto:finance@greystonechurch.org), for the information you will need to complete the transfer of stock to Greystone.

Greystone is currently going through a transition in the financial secretary position. The Budget Team chose to contract with Trinity Concepts to fill our financial secretary needs in the middle of November. We appreciate your patience as they learn about Greystone. You can still contact the financial secretary by phone or email ([finance@greystonechurch.org](mailto:finance@greystonechurch.org)) if you have any questions.

## December Birthdays



- 1 Greta McMillan, Alan Oudjit
- 2 Stephen Hollingsworth, Cierra Sellers
- 3 Kim Craig, David Alston
- 5 Eileen Trawick, Sylvia Gouilding, Kathy Deming, Laura Kanai
- 6 Sheila Brewer, Mark Franz
- 7 Travis Eason
- 9 Lindsay Baker
- 10 Will Moody
- 11 Nicole Moorefield
- 13 Ellen Sineath, Greg Beard
- 14 Brian Top, Rory Kleinhans
- 15 Katie Dillinger, Steve Jones, Sallie Mueller
- 16 Mitch Daughtry, Rachel Clark, Georgia King, Emma Muncie
- 17 Donna Naeser, Jennifer Phillips, Hannah Taylor
- 18 Steve Rose, Chris Allen, Heather Gardner
- 19 Brittany Morton, Bryant Morton
- 20 Larry Poirier, June Millikan, Tana Grace Alston
- 21 Cheryl Grimes, Jenna Ostendorff, Taylor Pardue, Zachary Dreitzler
- 22 Wayne Smith, Baxter Ogden, Anderson Burris
- 23 Barry Jones, Jane Cregger, Blair Andrew, Sam Craig, Lauren Ammons
- 24 Joy Griffin
- 25 Barbara Crabb
- 26 John Clark, Leigh Ammons
- 27 Madeline Griffith, Lisha Stewart, Andrew Mabe
- 28 Archie McFadyen
- 29 Martha Eames, Brooks Long
- 30 Sandra Hunt
- 31 Mike Newton

### December 90+ years Birthdays

- Dec. 13..... Ellen Sineath  
 Dec. 27..... Madeline Griffith  
 Dec. 29..... Martha Eames

### December 50+ years Anniversaries

- Dec. 3..... Mac and Grace Parnell



### Senior Adult-Sponsored Christmas Trip, 12/17/15

We are going to Meadow, NC to enjoy the country buffet at the restaurant there, see the lights and shop at the candy store! We will leave the church at 5:15 PM for dinner at 6:30 PM. Costs will be for your meal, if you choose to ride the train and for candy. The sign-up sheet is on the table by the Lost and Found. Contact Louise Estes with questions, [louise0411@gmail.com](mailto:louise0411@gmail.com).

## Growing Greystone Through Prayer



### Praise

- David and Regena Peebles' daughter, Laurel Huntingford, good test results

### Concerns

- Geraldine Mangum, health concerns
- Annette McSpadden's step-father, Bill Coughlin, health concerns
- Mac Parnell, health concerns
- Betty Cornwell, health concerns
- Jeannie Jordan, wife of Wayne Jordan, health concerns
- Lee Ann Spahr, recent surgery
- Roger Gardner, health concerns
- Amanda Thompson, daughter-in-law of Dottie Thompson, health concerns
- Cindy Vestal, health concerns

### Sympathy

- Wilton Moody's family on the death of his mom, Othela Moody, 11/21/15
- Lisa Kurowski's family on the death of her father, Wesley M. Kurowski, ret. Col, USAF, 11/14/15
- Kemp Sherron's family on the death of his father, J. K. Sherron, 11/3/15
- Roger Nix's family on the death of his brother, Gary Nix, 10/31/15

### 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, Albert Meiburg, Juanita Register, Grace Smith

**Number for on call Minister:**  
**919-817-8975**



### Buddy Break News

A big "Thank You" to those who have pledged gift cards and toys to our Buddy Break families so we can give them a very special Christmas Party, December 5. It has become an annual event that they (and we) look forward to. Another special Thank You to Kerry & Barbara Crabb who cleaned out, painted and organized our closet! We are signing up SS classes/groups now for our 2016 volunteer lunches so please let Nancy Register know if you/your class is willing to help next year. For more information about these activities or Buddy Break in general, email us at [buddybreak@greystonechurch.org](mailto:buddybreak@greystonechurch.org).

## Growing Greystone Through Stewardship (through 10/31/15)



2015 General Fund..... \$1,116,102.00  
 YTD General Fund needed ..... \$930,085.00  
 YTD Operating Receipts..... \$727,768.00  
 YTD Operating Expenses..... \$793,821.00

### Growing Greystone Through Worship

#### November 1

8:45 Worship.....145  
 11:00 Worship.....173

#### November 8

8:45 Worship.....102  
 11:00 Worship.....222

#### November 15

8:45 Worship.....97  
 11:00 Worship.....208

#### November 22

8:45 Worship.....85  
 11:00 Worship.....186



### Christmas Shoeboxes for Hope

This is Greystone's 16th year providing shoeboxes filled with gifts for Hope Elementary School children and gift cards for their dedicated school staff. Sign up will be on Sundays following worship through Dec. 6th. Wrapped shoeboxes should be brought to church on Sunday, December 13th for the dedication service. Contact Pam Ouzts at [pouzts@cisco.com](mailto:pouzts@cisco.com), 919-931-9507 or Joy Griffin at [joy.croom@yahoo.com](mailto:joy.croom@yahoo.com), 919-757-7247 with questions or to sign up.

### Warmth for Wake Workday

Saturday, January 9, 8:30 AM until...? We will be at

Everette's Tree Service, 7044 Wildlife Trail Road in Raleigh. Please come help split, chop, load and deliver firewood for needy Wake County families. Bring gloves, hard toe shoes and safety glasses. We will work until no later than 3:30 PM. Trucks are especially needed. Work as long as you can. Contact Greg Byrd with questions at 919-422-6716.



### Solos for Lunch:

Sponsored by the Senior Adult team, this is lunch fellowship for any adult who has no spouse or whose spouse is out of town, etc. No reservation needed. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary after the 11:00 Sunday service. The December schedule is: 12/6 - Outback, 12/13 - La Rancherita, 12/20 - Winston's, 12/27 - Hibernian





**Youth:**

**Upcoming Dates to Remember**

**Dec. 12** - The Youth Christmas Party will be at the home of John and Kay Meyer. Youth will meet at the church at 5:30 PM and go together to the Meyers' home. We will return to the church by 8:30 PM. Bring a \$5.00 gift for the gift exchange.

**Jan. 16-18** - Winter Mountain Weekend Retreat - sign up sheet and details will be coming soon!

**College:**

**College Christmas Party** - Dec. 21, 7:00 PM at the home of Dennis and Ramona Taylor



**Sign-Up Now:**  
**College Mission Trip**

We will travel to Columbia, SC on December 27-31 to assist with Flood Relief Efforts. We will depart at 4 PM on Sunday, December 27 and return at noon on Thursday, December 31. The cost of the trip is \$50 per student. Contact Allan with any questions at [students@greystonechurch.org](mailto:students@greystonechurch.org).



**Wednesday Nights for Adults in December**

Come celebrate Advent! On December 2 and 9 we will all meet in the Fellowship Hall for a time of celebration and crafting. Together, we will make ornaments for our homes and cards to send to loved ones and homebound members. If you don't consider yourself "crafty", no worries. We will have plenty of folks here to help you. Our greatest hope is that we make memories together as we spend time as a church family celebrating the season of Advent.



The world teaches children that Christmas is about Santa and gifts. While we certainly enjoy those traditions, we are grateful for the chance to teach our preschoolers here at Greystone the true meaning behind the holiday. We will spend December singing songs and reading stories about the Baby Jesus. We will tell them about His mother Mary and her husband Joseph, the shepherds, the wise men, the angels and the star - the children LOVE the star! On behalf of all the staff of your Weekday Preschool Ministry, Merry Christmas! May your season be full of peace, hope, joy and love.

**Greystone Children**  
The Media Team will be hosting the **2016 Children's Book Challenge**,



Jan. 3-Feb. 7! Preschool - 5th Grade children are encouraged to participate. Read at least one book from Books on the Corner, write a review and get your name in print! Recognition will be on Feb. 14 at the Books on the Corner Open House. More information will be handed out in children's Sunday School classes during December.



**Children's Nativity**

On Wednesday night, December 16th all children are invited to take part in our Children's Nativity. Children are invited to dress as a shepherd, wise man or angel. After dinner children will get dressed for our impromptu nativity pageant. All are encouraged to participate. Fourth and fifth graders are encouraged to be readers for this event. Please contact April at: [children@greystonechurch.org](mailto:children@greystonechurch.org) if you are interested in reading so that she can send you your part to practice. All children's choirs will meet for practice at 6:00 PM. The Children's Nativity will begin around 6:45 PM in the Fellowship Hall.

**PASSPORT Kids!** - June 29 - July 2  
A camp for children in grades 3 - 5.  
\$75.00 reserves your spot.



**Music Ministries Notes**

**Children's Choirs at Christmas**

**WHAT SWEETER MUSIC PROGRAM**  
**Sunday, Dec. 13 (6:00 PM)**

**Group to sing:**  
Older Children (grades 3-5)

**Notes:** Parents, plan to have your young singers take part in the **Dress Rehearsal** the day before, on Saturday, Dec. 12th (10:00—11:30 AM).

This will be essential to helping them feel prepared to sing with the whole group. Also, their meeting time on the 13th will be 5:00 PM (light snack provided).

**CHILDREN'S NATIVITY**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 16 (6:45 PM)**

**Groups to sing:**  
Preschool Choir (age 4) and  
Younger Children (grades K-2)

**Notes:** All Children's Choirs will meet as usual this evening at 6:00 PM for final singing preparation.

**CHRISTMAS EVE**  
**Wednesday, Dec. 24 (5:30 PM)**

**Groups to sing:** All Children!

**Songs:** "Away in a Manger" (2 verses) and "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing" (1 verse)



**Come and Experience**  
**Greystone's Living Nativity!**  
Thursday, Dec. 17 & Friday, Dec. 18  
6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 PM each night

We need shepherds, wise men, angels, costume assistants, greeters and food volunteers, to name a few. This is a wonderful Outreach Ministry for our church and will be an incredible worship experience for you! Sign up sheets will be outside the sanctuary beginning Sunday, November 29th and on Wednesday evenings in the Fellowship Hall. We will be providing childcare for participants with small children. Questions? Call or email Tina Pickles, **919-846-7382**, [fourdills@nc.rr.com](mailto:fourdills@nc.rr.com) or Heather Choplin, **919-676-1188**, [hchoplin@earthlink.net](mailto:hchoplin@earthlink.net).



## 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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**Office Hours:**  
**Monday – Thursday**  
**8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.**

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**Welcome Home Project #4** has a target date of December 12. We will be collecting sundry items from Sunday School classes beginning November 29. There will be a list attached to each class's clipboard, in hopes that our generous spirits will fulfill the list and provide for a refugee family. Thank you, to the congregation, for your continuing support of this important ministry.

**The January newsletter deadline for submissions is 4:30, Thursday, 12/17/15.**

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

### People in Service

#### December 6

**Ushers: 8:45 am:** Bill & Sylvia Goulding, Ron & Joanne Thompson; **11:00 am:** Bill Baxley, Hunter Ouzts, Kristen Pickles, Charlie Spahr, Donnie Moorefield, Nicole Moorefield

**Worship Care: 8:45 am:** Jim & Natalie Herrmann, Chris & Anjie King; **11:00 am:** Cheryl Grimes, Missy Brookshire, Darryl & Lisa Tunstall, Ginny Liverance

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

**Deacon of the Week:** Tim Hendrix

#### December 13

**Ushers: 8:45 am:** Brad & April Walker, Andrew & Jamie Mabe; **11:00 am:** Jeb, Missy & Jillian Brookshire, Dorwin Lanham, Ken Mitchell, Kemp Sherron

**Worship Care: 8:45 am:** Susan Chamblee, Katie Lindsey, Johnathan & Kim Eshleman; **11:00 am:** Jeannie Miller, Barbara Crabb, John & Kay Meyer, Mary Sherron

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

**Deacon of the Week:** Nell Panten

#### December 20

**Ushers: 8:45 am:** Wayne & Cathy Smith, Bob & Nell Panten; **11:00 am:** Heather Choplin, Steve Holden, Pete Cregger, Gabriel Mallah, Greg & Lorlen Morton

**Worship Care: 8:45 am:** Cheryl Muncie, Maria Morton, Lorlen & Greg Morton; **11:00 am:** Liz Nichols, Patsy Chiles, Dustin & Emily Tuttle

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

**Deacon of the Week:** Bill Baxley

#### December 27 - 10:30 Joint Worship Service

**Ushers: 10:30 am:** Kerry Crabb, Dustin & Emily Tuttle, Tom Ogburn, Drew Hunt, Jackson Hollingsworth

**Worship Care: 10:30 am:** Joy & Bob Millikan, Joanna Perry, Amy & Greyson Davis

**Greeters: 10:30 am:** Lu-Ann Lesley, Scott Naeser

**Deacon of the Week:** Laura Kanai

### December Activity Calendar

**Buddy Break Christmas Party**  
Dec. 5, 3:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

**All Church Breakfast**  
Dec. 6, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall

**Youth Christmas Party**  
Dec. 12, meet at church at 5:30 PM

**Senior Adult-Sponsored Trip**  
Dec. 17, Meadow, NC

**College Christmas Party**  
Dec. 21, 7:00 PM, Taylor home

**College Mission Trip**  
Dec. 27-31, Columbia, SC

**Coffee and Doughnuts**  
Dec. 27, 10:00 AM, Gathering Room

**Church Office Closed**  
Christmas Eve through New Years Day  
**Happy Holidays!**



**Save the Date**  
**Women's Day Retreat**  
**March 5, 2016**

**"Paying Attention"**

A NC Museum of Art day retreat for the ladies of Greystone.