

Growing in Gratitude

Greystone Baptist Church is an amazing place! With so much going on in our community, it is easy to forget what a wonderful year it has been. Here are some highlights:

- Each Sunday, worship leadership from our choir and new music minister open our hearts to God's presence.
- The Preschool and Children's ministry is the fastest growing ministry in our church and the energy level (and volume!) on Wednesdays and Sundays definitely reflect the change.
- Our Student Ministry took two trips this summer: a mission trip to Greenville, SC and Unidiversity Youth Camp. Those efforts and more are helping build a much-needed sense of community.
- The Women's Retreat in March was a huge success and part of our ongoing efforts to provide spiritual formation and development opportunities for all.

Missions continue to be at the center of Greystone's identity. Here are a few highlights from our missional efforts thus far in 2015:

- The Welcome Home Project helped resettle three refugee families from different parts of the world. We expect to welcome a fourth family in December.
- Greystone partnered with 9 other Baptist churches to build a home through Habitat for Humanity.
- Every week church members tutor K-12 grade students in the Cedar Point community.

That is just a snapshot! None of it would be possible without the financial stewardship and faithfulness of you, the members of Greystone Baptist Church. Thank you for your participation thus far this year. There is still time to fulfill your 2015 pledge or begin participating in God's ministry at Greystone through regular giving. If you want to make a stock contribution, please contact the financial secretary or the church office for the necessary information.

Together we will continue to grow in our faithful efforts bring God's kingdom on earth as it is in heaven.

Growing in Gratitude is Greystone's stewardship campaign and challenge for the 2015-2016 year. While we have much to be grateful for, we believe there is more to be done. In order to achieve this goal, we need each and every family and member "**Growing in Gratitude**" through their financial stewardship.

Leading up to Pledge Sunday on November 22nd, the Stewardship Team asks you to prayerfully discern how you will **grow in gratitude** and participate in the mission and ministry of Greystone. On the back of this letter is a chart to help you see how you can share in the ministry of Greystone. If you are not currently giving regularly, we hope you will start this faithful practice by giving regularly at any level. If you give regularly, please consider moving your pledge to a higher percentage (3.5%, 5%, 7.5% or 10%).

Enclosed is a pledge card. Prayerfully consider how God is inviting you to share in the mission and ministry of Greystone through your financial stewardship. Bring the pledge card to worship on November 22nd when we will covenant with God and each other to support the ministries of Greystone. If you cannot attend worship on the 22nd, please use the enclosed envelope to mail your pledge or drop it by the church office. You can also click on the Stewardship 2016 link on our website (www.greystonechurch.org) to fill out a pledge card which will be emailed to our financial secretary.

Remember, **Growing in Gratitude** is how will we move closer to God's dream for Greystone and each of our lives. Thank you sharing in that effort this year and beyond!

Gratefully,

The Stewardship Team

Greystone Suggested Giving Guidelines

Annual Household Income	Percentage of Annual Household Income							
	3.5%		5.0%		7.5%		10.0%	
	\$/Month	\$/Week	\$/Month	\$/Week	\$/Month	\$/Week	\$/Month	\$/Week
\$40,000	\$117	\$27	\$167	\$38	\$250	\$58	\$333	\$77
\$60,000	\$175	\$40	\$250	\$58	\$375	\$87	\$500	\$115
\$80,000	\$233	\$54	\$333	\$77	\$500	\$115	\$667	\$154
\$100,000	\$292	\$67	\$417	\$96	\$625	\$144	\$833	\$192
\$125,000	\$365	\$84	\$521	\$120	\$781	\$180	\$1,042	\$240
\$150,000	\$438	\$101	\$625	\$144	\$938	\$216	\$1,250	\$288
\$175,000	\$510	\$118	\$729	\$168	\$1,094	\$252	\$1,458	\$337
\$200,000	\$583	\$135	\$833	\$192	\$1,250	\$288	\$1,667	\$385
\$250,000	\$729	\$168	\$1,042	\$240	\$1,563	\$361	\$2,083	\$481
\$300,000	\$1,021	\$236	\$1,458	\$337	\$2,188	\$505	\$2,917	\$673