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| 4 | 8:45 am
9:45
11:00 | Morning Worship
Sunday School/Orientation
Morning Worship |
| 5 | | <i>Office closed for Labor Day</i> |
| | 6:30 pm
8:00 | AA Women's Group, West Wing Rm. 1
AA Co-ed Group, West Wing Rm. 2 |
| 6 | 6:30 pm | AA Women's Group, West Wing Rm. 2 |
| 7 | 5:30 pm
6:00
6:00
6:15
6:20
6:45
7:15 | Wednesday Night Live Dinner, Fellowship Hall
Children - WAM! (Worship Arts and Music)
Youth Group, Youth Bldg.
Prayer
Adult Study, West Wing
Children - Mission Study. West Wing LL
Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room |
| 9 | 8:00 pm | AA Group, West Wing Rm. 2 |
| 10 | 9:30 am | Buddy Break, Fellowship Hall, Youth Bldg. |

"Every Member a Minister"

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Sunday, September 4, 2016

Sixteenth Sunday after Pentecost
8:45 AM and 11:00 AM Worship

Welcome

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning and we want you to know that you are always welcome. Regardless of who you are, where you come from, what you do professionally or in your spare time, there is always a place for you here at Greystone.

You can give us a record of your visit by filling out the blue Friendship Pads as they are passed down the pews during the service. This will give us a chance to connect with you and help you learn more about Greystone. You can also ask one of the Ministers or Ushers who will direct you to information about our church, or I invite you visit our website: www.greystonechurch.org.

Worship Care is available in our preschool area for babies to five-year-olds during both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. If you would like to place your children in Worship Care, please stop by the check-in desk to register and drop off your children. We also have activity bags available for children of all ages. They are located in the basket near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

I hope you find Greystone to be a vibrant, diverse community of faith. Our members come from a wide-range of spiritual backgrounds and life experiences. All of them care deeply for each other and the world around them. At Greystone, we believe "Every Member is a Minister." I pray your worship with us today leads you further down the path of God's calling upon your life.

Welcome to Greystone Baptist Church!



Sean O. Allen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

UPCOMING STUDIES ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS THIS FALL - MEETS AT 6:20 PM IN THE WEST WING
Please join us on Wednesday Nights starting September 7 for a time of prayer and Bible study. Our Pastor will lead a series entitled, "What Do We Believe?" This study will reflect on biblical and theological issues that church members have struggled with through the ages. Bring your Bibles and your questions and your beliefs. But most of all bring an open heart ready to explore.

Also joining us in September will be Natalie Aho. Natalie has spent over twelve years as a professional in communications and another four years as an educator. She is employed as a communications specialist for Baptist News Global, Alabama Cooperative Baptist Fellowship, and the Center for Healthy Churches. As a minister, writer, mother, wife and friend, she will lead us in a series of conversations about how we listen, watch and read the news as people of faith. Karl Barth once said, "The Pastor and the Faithful . . . still need - according to my old formulation - the Bible and the newspaper." How do we faithfully balance being informed but not overwhelmed, thoughtful but not provoked, compassionate and not cynical? Come and hear from someone who lives this struggle every day. Consider bringing a friend.

Study Schedule: Sept 7 - What Do We Believe: Inspiration of the Bible; Sept 14 - What Do We Believe: Creation/Original Sin; Sept 21 - Natalie Aho; Sept 28 - Natalie Aho; Oct 5 - What Do We Believe: Atonement; Oct 12 - What Do We Believe: End Times; Oct 19 - What Do We Believe: Heaven and Hell

YOUTH FALL BEACH RETREAT, OCTOBER 7-9 - Join approximately 300 students from across the state of North Carolina for the CBF NC Fall Youth Beach Retreat. The theme of the retreat is *Beloved Community* based on Philippians 2:1-4. The cost of the retreat is \$120.00 and an **early bird discount is available if paperwork and money are turned in by September 12**, making the total cost \$90.00.

A NOTE OF THANKS - Thank you to my church family for all the prayers, cards, calls and food during my two recent health issues. - Joyce Beauchaine

(Announcements continued on back of prayer list)

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SAVE THE ON-CALL NUMBER - 919-817-8975 - One of the ministers at Greystone is on call every week should an urgent or emergent situation arise. The number is 919-817-8975. Please save this number in your phone so you will have it when it is needed. It is the best and fastest way to reach a minister outside of the church's regular office hours to notify us of unexpected emergent circumstances or deaths. The phone number also receives text messages should you wish to communicate information in that manner. Thank you for helping keep all of us informed about what is happening in our Greystone family.

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 2016 - The church office will be closed for Labor Day.

READ AND FEED WEDNESDAY DINNERS - This was so much fun last year that the Missions Team has decided to commit to another year. *Read and Feed* partners with local schools to identify children who need reading help. Using modified RV's, volunteers go to these children's neighborhoods in mobile classrooms once a week. Children are fed dinner and work with tutors for an hour in the early evening. We will work again with the mobile classroom that serves children from Lynn Road Elementary. We are looking for 13 teams (3 or 4 people on a team). Each team would provide dinner two or three times during the school year for 24 children. It is an opportunity to spend two or three afternoons during the upcoming school year working with fellow church members to feed children who often have trouble learning because there is no food in their homes. Meals can be homemade or purchased. If you need help forming a team, please contact Amanda.

WORLD RELIGION STUDY - On September 11 the Edge Sunday School Class will begin a study of major world religions - Islam, Hinduism, Buddhism, Judaism, and Christianity. We'll use Adam Hamilton's book *Christianity and World Religions* as a guide. If you're not already in a Sunday school class, please come join us! This study will go through the end of December, but feel free to drop in any time. We meet in the corner room across from Books on the Corner in the Youth Building.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 11, HERITAGE ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY - Come celebrate Greystone's 32nd anniversary during either 8:45 or 11:00 worship service. Our guest preacher will be the Executive Director of the Raleigh Baptist Association and Greystone member, Dr. Roger Nix. Following 11:00 worship, we hope you will stay and share in the Pot Luck Luncheon in Fellowship Hall. BBQ and chicken will be provided; please bring a side or dessert (homemade or store bought) to share. Pot Lucks are a fun and tasty way to share fellowship with each other. We hope you will bring your favorite dish, but if you can't or don't cook, please come and join us for lunch. Serving utensils will be provided. Sign-up sheets for attendance are located in the hallway outside the sanctuary and in adult Sunday School classrooms. You may also email your reservation to: office@greystonechurch.org or call 919-847-1333.

WORSHIP CARE NEEDS YOU! We currently have 12 empty Worship Care positions available. For only six Sundays a year, you could give a wonderful gift of service to the parents and children of our church family. Contact Jamie Mabe, grebjam@gmail.com or April Alston, april.alston@greystonechurch.org to sign up.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

✠ Please rise in body or spirit

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8:45 and 11:00 AM

PRELUDE

"PRAISE BE TO GOD"
Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

arr. Powers, Kumler

WELCOME

Mike Eller

HYMN

COME AWAY FROM RUSH AND HURRY

BEACH SPRING

Come away from rush and hurry to the stillness of God's peace;
from our vain ambition's worry, come to Christ to find release.
Come away from noise and clamor, life's demands and frenzied pace;
come to join the people gathered here to seek and find God's face.

In the pastures of God's goodness we lie down to rest our soul.
From the waters of God's mercy we drink deeply, are made whole.
At the table of God's presence all the saints are richly fed.
With the oil of God's anointing into service we are led.

Come, then, children, with your burdens - life's confusions, fears and pain.
Leave them at the cross of Jesus; take instead His Kingdom's reign.
Bring your thirsts, for He will quench them - He alone will satisfy.
All our longings find attainment when to self we gladly die.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 139:1-6

Amanda Atkin

✠ HYMN 3

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY
All Stanzas

NICAEA

(Children come forward during the last stanza)

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Missy Brookshire

[8:45] WORSHIP REFLECTION "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"
Lee Ann Spahr, Organ

LOBE DEN HERREN

[11:00] ANTHEM "PRAISE TO THE LORD, THE ALMIGHTY"
Adult Choir arr. Wilberg, Harlan

SCRIPTURE READING Jeremiah 18:1-11 Allan Smith

PASTORAL PRAYER

⊕ HYMN 654 CHANGE MY HEART, O GOD

⊕ OFFERTORY PRAYER Louise Estes

OFFERTORY "RIDGECREST (HOLY GROUND)"
Pam Weis, Piano arr. Martin

[from Joe Martin] "This original melody was written in honor of a cherished site in my own spiritual journey. Ridgecrest is a retreat center in the mountains of North Carolina where I have spent many meaningful days. It may not be Iona, but to me it is holy ground."

⊕ RESPONSE 8 COME, THOU ALMIGHTY KING ITALIAN HYMN

**To Thee, great One in Three, eternal praises be, hence evermore;
Thy sovereign majesty may we in glory see,
and to eternity love and adore.**

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 April Alston

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
Response: Thanks be to God.

SERMON "CHOICES" Sean Allen

DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE

The more common vices today are likely to be spiritual: preoccupation, hyperactivity, a failure even to heed the natural rhythms of the body and the sense, distractedness, an instrumentalizing of people and time and activity.

- MICHAEL NOVAK

⊕ HYMN 390 SPIRIT OF GOD, DESCEND UPON MY HEART MORECAMBE

A minister will be at the front during this time to welcome any prayer need or decision you would like to share - whether it is to publicly profess faith in Christ or to join the Greystone church family. Respond as God's Spirit leads.

⊕ PASSING THE PEACE

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you.
People: And also with you.

CELEBRATING COMMUNITY Sean Allen

⊕ SENDING SONG 450 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS CRUCIFER

**Lift high the cross; the love of Christ proclaim,
till all the world adore His sacred name.**

BENEDICTION Sean Allen

POSTLUDE "HOLY, HOLY, HOLY"
Lee Ann Spahr, Organ arr. Dykes, Kirkland

The sanctuary flowers are provided by Ron and Joanne Thompson in celebration of their 46th wedding anniversary today, and in memory of their parents.

WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY

LOUISE ESTES (919-847-1820; louise0411@gmail.com) is serving as Deacon of the Week this morning. Louise joined in November of 2010 and is a member of the Women's Fellowship class. In addition to being a Deacon, Louise serves on the Teller Team, the Wednesday Night Food Services Team and for the past year, chaired the Senior Adults Team.

MISSY BROOKSHIRE is married to Jeb. They joined in September of 2012 and are members of the Young Adults class. Missy serves on the Ordinances Team and chairs the Student Ministry Leadership Team.