

The Importance of Practice

Former NBA All-Star point guard Allen Iverson was once asked by a reporter, "Could you be clear about your practicing habits since we can't see you in practice?" Iverson proceeded to rant about practice and concluded with the familiar and often quoted line, "...we're talkin' about practice man, we're not even talkin' about the game, the *actual game*, when it matters. We're talkin' about practice."

The Barna Group recently released a study entitled "The State of the Church 2016." In the survey, 73% of those interviewed identified as Christian. The second largest group was those who identified as having no faith (20%).

As surprising as it might be to some of you that nearly 75% of those surveyed identified as Christian, it was another number that stood out to me: 31%. Only 31% percent of those who identified as Christian fit what Barna defined as "Practicing Christians." Barna defines a "Practicing Christian" as someone who attends a religious service once a month. Once a month, that's it.

The life of faith, following Christ, loving God and neighbor; this life has to amount to more than once-a-month practice. The life of faith is not an every once in a while event in which we get ourselves psyched up to compete and participate. It is a way of life that is grounded in consistent and regular practice.

We practice when we worship on Sundays and also when we pray and read the Scriptures every day of the week at home. We practice when we show up to church to help with a mission endeavor and also when we extend hospitality and grace to strangers and enemies in our everyday lives. We practice and we practice and we practice knowing that the practice is what shapes us, not for an actual game but for the transformation of the world.

Practice shows the world who we are and whose we are. Practice is how we participate in God's redemptive work. Practice matters and must happen more than once a month.

Sean

Studies on Wednesday Nights this Fall - 6:20 PM in the West Wing

Please join us on Wednesday Nights in October for a time of prayer and Bible study as we continue the series entitled, "What Do We Believe?" Led by our pastor, this study reflects on biblical and theological issues that church members have struggled with through the ages. Bring your Bibles, your questions and your beliefs. But most of all bring an open heart ready to explore.

Study Schedule: Oct 5 – What Do We Believe: Atonement; Oct 12 – What Do We Believe: End Times; Oct 19 – What Do We Believe: Heaven and Hell

In November we will offer two studies. Dr. Stephen Jolly a pastor and sociologist will lead a discussion of race and religion. What does a faithful and prayerful response to the questions of race in our society look like? What biblical witness should guide our response to this serious problem in our community? Dr. Jolly brings both an academic discipline to the question as well as a pastor's heart. We welcome his expertise and insight.

Also in November, there will be a book study sponsored by Books on the Corner. They will host a discussion of Sarah Gray's memoir, "A Life Everlasting: The Extraordinary Story of One Boy's Gift to Medical Science." Truly this mother's journey from grief to gratitude is a compelling and thoughtful gift this Thanksgiving season.



Join us on Wednesday, October 26 for our annual Trunk or Treat festivities. This event is open to our community, so please invite friends. You can help by hosting a trunk, running a game station or being part of the hospitality team. To help with this event, sign up in Sunday School, in the hallway by the sanctuary, or contact the church office. Candy collection will begin October 9.

This year we will have an early-bird Trunk or Treat for children with sensory issues. At 5:30 we welcome children with sensory issues, their parents, and siblings to join us for a less chaotic time to enjoy our traditional Trunk or Treat. Dinner will be available for these families at 5:30 as well. Please invite family and friends who might benefit from this experience. Dinner and Trunk or Treat festivities for all others will begin at 6:00. Everyone is welcome to stay until we close at 7:30.

We are looking forward to serving our community in this way and hope that you will help us welcome our friends in this way. If you would like to be a 'buddy' during the early-bird session, please contact April Alston or Nancy Register.

Wednesday Night Dinners in October

October 5: Bar-B-Q, fried chicken, slaw, boiled potatoes, hushpuppies, roll

October 12: Roasted pork loin with raspberry chipotle sauce (on the side), green beans, potatoes, roll

October 19: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, bread

October 26: **Trunk or Treat** - Hot dogs for all ages

October Birthdays



- 1 Don Tickle, Cathy Gellatly
- 2 Heather Choplin, Lance Buchholz, Brian Daugherty, Morgan Burns
- 3 David Peebles, Wayne Thompson, Brittany Adcock, Maggie Carraway
- 4 Pat Day, Wanda Stephens, Dana Mattocks, Davis Wilder
- 5 Faye Rhodes, Teresa Dilday, Sam Craig, Douglas Brown, Hayes Brawner
- 6 Larry Moore, Carla LeNoir, Zack Burnette
- 7 Logan Byman
- 8 Linda Wheeler, Les McSpadden, Todd Muncie, Greg Ogburn, Ford Carraway, Michael Rowe, Thomas Powell
- 9 Ellen Staley, Carrie Franz, Sydney Walker, Adler Mabe
- 10 Rachael Poirier
- 11 Connie Moreadith, Lorlen Morton
- 12 Anna Brawner
- 13 Jim Paul, Cindy Vestal, Ana Hoffmann
- 15 Verina Hawthorne, Claude Bennett, Liz Nichols
- 16 Mary Anne Barnes
- 17 Geraldine Mangum, Bill Judd, Jonathan Steiner, Jenny Anderson
- 18 Fred McGehee, Sealth Womack
- 19 Pam Weis, Anne Johnson, Doug Eason, Ryan Mattocks
- 20 Julie Ogburn, Loreice Jernigan, Caroline Smith
- 21 Phyllis Mayo, Tess King, Elizabeth Burlew, Matt Wertz, Sarah Overby
- 22 Richard White, Matt Hilliard, James Cregger, Laura Hansen, Erin Mueller, Avery Allen
- 23 Toye Eskridge
- 24 Kemp Sherron, Jenna Perry
- 25 Roger Nix
- 28 Matthew Yates, Christian Burris
- 29 Steve Blow, Cody Thompson
- 30 Kenneth Garrett, Deborah Reynolds, Jamie Allen, Olivia Kleven
- 31 Donna Crump, Teri Bellairs



90+ Birthdays in October

Oct. 15..... Verina Hawthorne

50+ Anniversaries in October

Oct. 6..... Jim and Pat Burris
 Oct. 22..... Bobby and Peggy Hunter

Growing Greystone Through Prayer

Praise

Caroline Wilder born 9/8/16 to parents, Wesley and Megan Wilder

Hospital

- Dan Nichols, Rex
- Vercie Eller, Rex

Concerns

- Jean Brown, health concerns
- Louise Estes' brother, Mike Jones, health concerns
- Doris Jernigan, health concerns
- Loretta Miller, health concerns
- Sylvia Lawson, recent surgery
- Jamie Mabe's uncle, Ken Parham, health concerns
- The Whitaker family, health concerns
- Nina Cole's friend, Wendy Kuehn, health concerns
- Michael Kellogg, Jr., health concerns
- Lisa Tunstall's mother, Rebecca Knowles, health concerns
- Sylvia Cash, recovering from surgery
- Priscilla Crumpler, health concerns
- Sylvia Goulding, health concerns
- Joan Murphy's cousin, Bill Williams, and friends, Peggy Clark, Pat Stokes, Bill and Edna Isham and Kenneth and Josie Corse, health concerns
- Roger Gardner, health concerns
- Cindy Vestal, health concerns

Residential / Health Care Facilities

Cypress (Rosewood): John Lawrence

Rex Nursing Care: Nancy Godwin

Springmoor (SHC): Vergie Baxley, Martha Eames, Mildred Garrett, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register

Sympathy

- Patti Austin's family on the death of her mother, Dorothy Pinion, 9/30/16
- Kay Holland's family on the death of her mother, Nola Francine Lilly, 9/12/16
- The Phillips' family on the death of Dave Phillips' mother, Wanda Phillips, 9/8/16
- Cindy Vestal's family on the death of her uncle, James Port, 9/7/16
- The Ward family on the death of Needham's mother, Nannie "Billie" Ward, 8/31/15
- The Kanai family on the death of Michael's stepfather, Carleton, McKita, 8/31/16

On call Minister: 919-817-8975

One of the ministers at Greystone is on call every week should an urgent or emergent situation arise. Outside of the church's regular office hours, the on-call number is the best and fastest way to reach a minister to notify us of unexpected emergent circumstances or deaths. Please save this number in your phone so you will have it when needed. The phone number also receives text messages should you wish to communicate information in that manner.



Growing Greystone Through Stewardship (through 8/31/16)



2016 General Fund.....\$989,817.00
 YTD General Fund needed\$659,878.00
 YTD Operating Receipts.....\$599,803.64
 YTD Operating Expenses.....\$591,876.49

Growing Greystone Through Worship

September 4

8:45 Worship.....63
 11:00 Worship.....159

September 11

8:45 Worship.....76
 11:00 Worship.....228

September 18

8:45 Worship.....70
 11:00 Worship.....148

September 25

8:45 Worship.....79
 11:00 Worship.....171



Are you looking for a new Sunday morning study? If you are interested in a new study on Sunday morning, several of our classes are beginning or will begin new studies.

- The Insights class led by Brian Perkinson is studying the minor prophets of the Bible. This in-depth reflection on the Old Testament and the prophetic texts are certainly a compelling study at any time but perhaps especially appropriate for the times we live in now.
- Salt and Light will begin a study of the entire Bible from the view point of the Bible as one big story. This Bible tells the grandest, most compelling story of all time: the story of a true God who loves God's children, who established for them a way of salvation and provided a route to eternity.
- The Edge Class has just begun a study of world religions. They are following an Adam Hamilton series and supplementing the study with guest speakers and break out discussions.

Any of these classes would be delighted for you to join them. If you would like more information about a Sunday School class or an upcoming study, please contact Amanda Atkin.



Youth Fall Beach Retreat October 7-9

Please be in prayer for our youth as they join 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.



Youth

Are You on our Email List?

Stay informed of all the youth activities and happenings by subscribing to our weekly email, "**Happenings This Week**." You can subscribe by emailing the church office at office@greystonechurch.org with "Happenings This Week" in your subject line. In the body of your message just say you want to subscribe to the email and include your email address.



Youth & College - link your phone to receive Greystone text blasts:

Youth: text @youth20 to (919) 336-5052.

College: To receive text blasts regarding college ministry activities text @gbcc2014 to (919) 336-5052.

Our new Weekday Preschool year has begun! We're excited about our new five-day schedule. It's still early, but things are running smoothly so far! Steve Rose (Properties) has been invaluable to us, making sure we have everything we need to get off to a great start. Thank you, Steve! This year we have enrolled 65 children. That's 58 families we are able to reach through this ministry. Please continue to keep us in your prayers.



Solos for Lunch

This is a lunch fellowship sponsored by the Senior Adult team for any adult who has no spouse or whose spouse is out of town, etc. There is no reservation needed. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary after the 11:00 Sunday service. The October schedule is: 10/2 - Red Lobster, 10/9 - La Rancherita, 10/16 - Winston's, 10/23 - Chili's, 10/30 - Chow



CBF Children's Missions Day

All 1st - 5th graders are invited to attend CBF Children's Missions Day on Saturday, 11/12/16. Zebulon Baptist Church will serve as our host once again this year. Missions Day is a fun way to learn about and be involved in missions in fun and creative ways. We will leave the church at 8:45 and return by 4:00. The cost is \$15 per student and lunch is provided. Please register with April or Annette by 10/23/16.



A friendly announcement from our nursery

Cold and flu season is fast approaching. Please help keep our babies healthy by limiting your visits to peek in on our adorable little ones. In addition to keeping them healthy, limiting your visits also keeps them happier. Many of our little ones are experiencing separation anxiety from their parents. Visitors coming in and out of the nursery can be upsetting to them even though you mean well. We are asking that only parents, teachers and scheduled nursery care providers enter our preschool and nursery rooms. Thank you for helping us in this way.

Salt and Light Sunday School Class

The Salt and Light Sunday School class will begin a new study in November. *The Story*, by Max Lucado and Randy Frazee, is the story of the Bible, God's great love affair with humanity. Condensed into 31 chapters, *The Story* sweeps you into the unfolding progression of Bible characters and events from Genesis to Revelation. Using the clear, accessible text of the NIV Bible, it allows the stories, poems, and teachings of the Bible to read like a novel. And like any good story, *The Story* is filled with intrigue, drama, conflict, romance, and redemption—and this story's true! If you would like to join the Salt and Light class for this exciting study, please contact Carla Lenoir (cslenoir@aol.com), Kay Meyer (jwmeyer@mindspring.com) or Elaine Hansen (elaine@etemplatesystem.com).



Take Note | from the Music Ministries

Join Our Music Ensembles This Fall!

Worship Arts & Music (WAM!) for Children, Wed. @ 6:00 PM
Adult Choir, Wed. @ 7:15 PM
Grace Tones Ensemble, Sun. @ 4:00 PM
Student Choir, Sun. @ 5:00 PM
Handbell Choir, Sun. @ 6:00 PM

NEW! Instrumental Group

We have started a regular instrumental group that will accompany our Sunday worship services. If you play an instrument, consider joining us in playing for worship about one Sunday each month. Rehearsals will take place on the Wednesday evening prior to the scheduled Sunday. Our next Instrumental Sunday will be on October 23. Contact Mike Eller if interested.

Choir Retreat Featuring Dr. Greg Parker

We are grateful to have guest clinician Dr. Greg Parker to come and work with our Adult Choir on Saturday, October 15. Dr. Parker is the Chair of the Department of Music at Washington and Lee University in Lexington, VA and also serves as part-time Music Director at Buena Vista Baptist Church.

Christmas Choir - The Adult Choir is beginning work on learning music for the Christmas season and for the program on the evening of Sunday, December 11. Consider singing with them during this special season and taking part in the program by being in Wed. night rehearsal for the first 30-45 minutes. Rehearsal begins at 7:15 PM and child care is always available. Commitment is minimal but the reward would be great!

Welcome to Our New Members



Steven and Linda Wheeler
Joined 9/11/16



Noah Fisher Robinson
Joined 9/25/16



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

Office Hours:

Monday – Thursday
8:30 a.m. – 4:30 p.m.

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People in Service

October 2

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 and Anjie King; **11:00 am:** Cheryl Grimes, Missy Brookshire, Ginny Liverance, Jamie Mabe, Elizabeth Santana

Greeters: Margaret Hilton, Margaret Thomas

Deacon of the Week: Becky Sansbury

October 9

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

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Kim Eshleman, Sarah Lannom, Johnathan Eshleman, Chris Lannom; **11:00 am:** Jeannie Miller, Kay & John Meyer, Barbara Crabb, Mary Sherron

Greeters: Joyce Beauchaine, Berno Kleinhans

Deacon of the Week: David Ammons

October 16

Ushers: 8:45 am: Mueller family, Andrew & Jamie Mabe; **11:00 am:** Heather Choplin, Steve Holden, Pete Cregger, Johnny Glover, Joe & Melissa Langston

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Cheryl Muncie, Maria Morton, Katie Eller, Dottie Thompson; **11:00 am:** Dustin & Emily Tuttle, Patsy Chiles, Ellen Steiner

Greeters: Bill & Sylvia Goulding, Arnold & Sylvia Lawson

Deacon of the Week: Kerry Crabb

October 23

Ushers: 8:45 am: Luke Andrew, Bill Judd, Tom & Shirley Ditt; **11:00 am:** Kerry Crabb, Dustin & Emily Tuttle, Tom Ogburn, Drew Hunt, Jackson Hollingsworth

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Donna Judd, Nancy register, Dave & Lorri Heilig; **11:00 am:** Joy and Bob Millikan, Greyson & Amy Davis, Joanna Perry

Greeters: Bobby & Peggy Hunter, Scott Naeser

Deacon of the Week: Paul Hansen

October 30

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: James Tatum, Joy Croom Griffin; **11:00 am:** Louise Estes, Linda McDaniel

Greeters: Nell Panten, LuAnn Lesley

Deacon of the Week: Jennifer Walker

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Senior Adult Sponsored Trip, Saturday, 10/22/16

For all adults at Greystone and their friends, this day trip will be to the Old Salem Museum and Gardens in Winston-Salem, NC. One of America's most complete historical attractions, what started as a Moravian village over 250 years ago, includes a lot to see: Farmer's Market, cheese making demos, the Sawtooth Visual Arts Center, historical homes and shops, and the Winkler Bakery. Tickets are \$27. There are AAA, AARP, and active/retired military discounts. Sign up in the hallway.

Clothing Closet NEWS

Thank you so much for your continued contribution of clothing for all ages!



Current needs as we prepare for winter are for warm blankets, travel size shampoo, soaps and backpacks. Please leave donated items in the drop boxes at the preschool entrance. If you would like to work with us in this important ministry on Wednesday mornings or Thursday afternoons, please contact Fred or Barbara McGehee at 919-848-7034 or email to b.mcgehee@earthlink.net.

October Calendar

Youth Fall Beach Retreat

October 7-9

Buddy Break

9:30 AM, October 8

Flood Relief Trip to SC

October 14-16

Choir Retreat

9:00 AM - 1:00 PM, October 15

Senior Adult Sponsored Trip

October 22

Trunk or Treat

6:00 - 7:30 PM, October 26

(5:30 PM start for sensory impaired)

Leadership Council Meeting/Lunch

12:00 PM, October 30