



Advent and Christmas Worship Opportunities

- Nov. 27 - **Sunday Worship**
8:45 and 11:00 AM
- Dec. 4 - **Sunday Worship**
8:45 and 11:00 AM
- Dec. 11 - **Sunday Worship**
8:45 and 11:00 AM
Christmas at Greystone, 6:00 PM,
Christmas Music Program
(child care available)
- Dec. 14 - **Children's Nativity**, 6:45 PM
- Dec. 18 - **Sunday Worship**
8:45 and 11:00 AM
Service of Remembrance,
6:00 PM, Gathering Room
- Dec. 20 - **Living Nativity**
6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 PM
- Dec. 21 - **Living Nativity**
6:30, 7:00 and 7:30 PM
- Dec. 24 - **Christmas Eve Service**,
5:30 PM, A Service of Light
- Dec. 25 - **Joint Worship**, 10:30 AM

Wednesday Nights in November

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 these questions as well as a pastor's heart. We welcome his expertise and insight. This study will meet in the West Wing.

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 this group in the Gathering Room.

Raising the Bar

Fall is finally here! The weather has finally cooled down, leaves are changing and as we enter November we find ourselves reflecting on all for which we are thankful. One of the things for which I continue to be very thankful is the way Greystone gives financially to the mission and ministries of this congregation.

In 2015, we entered October with a budget deficit of over \$60,000. Since then the church has responded in ways that exemplify your generous spirit and love for what is happening in and through Greystone. In 2016, we entered October with a deficit of just over \$3,500. That is a huge improvement and your generosity this year is on pace to match last year's record of over \$956,000 in gifts. But there is more room to grow.

This year I want us as Greystone to raise the bar to a level never seen in this church's history: Surpass one million dollars in gifts in 2016. By the time this newsletter goes to print, the October financials will not yet be known so this will leave us only November and December to raise the bar of giving. I truly believe it can be done.

Your gifts have already brought dreams for missions and ministry to life. Yet, God is still dreaming for Greystone and there is more work to be done. I believe we can raise the bar as individuals and families by increasing our giving even 1 or 2 percent over the next two months to help reach the milestone of \$1 million in gifts.

I truly am grateful for all you do to support the missions and ministries of Greystone. Together, let's raise the bar and allow God's Spirit to take Greystone to places never before seen. - Sean

Missions Team Update

Greystone has been really busy these past few weeks. The Missions Team just wanted to give you a few updates and offer some possibilities for you to get involved.

- Thanks to an outpouring of generosity from Greystone members, we needed a van, a truck and a trailer to carry all the food and water that was donated immediately following the recent flooding. These items were delivered to Conetoe Chapel Missionary Baptist Church on October 17 to be shared in that community. The Missions Team will be researching and learning how our congregation can be a part of rebuilding efforts in the future.
- Our garden is undergoing a transition. North Raleigh Ministries has been very grateful for the 128 pounds of produce we donated, and the garden provides a great teaching experience for our preschoolers. We are currently investigating options for garden maintenance.
- Save The Date: **Stop Hunger Now** is planned for Super Bowl Sunday morning. This is an all-church event that was rewarding and fun when we participated two years ago. We will keep you informed as plans evolve.
- The Wyatt's have welcomed their 100th guest to Welcome House. 129 refugees from around the world have been their guests since opening one year ago. Several church members donated furniture this month to set up a new apartment for an arriving refugee family.
- A Swahili speaking Baptist Church is being started at Cedar Point. The fellowship has been meeting for about a month and has over 30 adults for worship each Sunday. This congregation is quickly outgrowing its current space in an apartment and will be moving to a nearby church on November 6. We celebrate this development and are looking for ways to formally support this new church. Please pray specifically for the pastor, Reverend Felix Iyoko, his wife Nicole and their family that they would understand God's peace as they enter this exciting time.

We are blessed to have these opportunities to express our understanding of how to follow Jesus. We continue to welcome the stranger, comfort the homeless and feed the hungry. May God continue to allow us to be in mission to others.

November Birthdays



- 1 Cathy Smith, Kay Meyer, Chris Vandersip
- 2 Sarah Lannom, Jonathan Perkinson, Carson Sellers,
- 3 Sandra Baxley, Pepper Choplin
- 4 Bill Robinson, Erin Choplin, Ben Cox
- 6 Hazel Perdue, Harrison Sherron, Gabriel Mallah, Sara Gray Lesley
- 7 Joanne Thompson, Bob Millikan, Noah Robinson, Nicholas Dreitzler
- 8 Darrell Staley, Todd Gentry, Brianna Brice
- 9 Marcia Ostendorff, Mark Calder, Pam Webb, Henry Wilder, Caitlyn Willis
- 10 Virginia Villalobos, Bridgette Birth, Sarah Hunt
- 11 Alice Dickens, Bill Turner, Terry Nobles
- 12 Sandra Wilson, Maria Morton, Jamie Mabe, Will Fleming
- 13 Caralie Brown, Allyson Hawley
- 14 Donna Tunstall, Cecil Settle, Kristi Glover
- 15 Jim Womble, Carol Allen, Mary Sherron, Stephanie Milam, Robyn Sawyers
- 16 Mel Dickens, Pat Long
- 17 AnaRita Eason, Louisa Steiner
- 19 Barbara McGehee, Patricia Taylor, Eve Conner, Kerry Crabb
- 20 Paul Kruer
- 22 Laura Kirkham
- 23 John Lawrence
- 24 Grace Parnell, Perisa Nikaeen
- 25 Pete Cregger, David Turner
- 26 Skip Mays, Natalie Herrmann, Keri Ashurst
- 27 Needham Ward
- 28 Doug Cole
- 29 Missy Brookshire, Cassie Stewart
- 30 Margaret Hilton, Fred Conner, Becky Thompson



90+ Birthdays in November

- Nov. 6.....Hazel Perdue
 Nov. 13.....Caralie Brown
 Nov. 23.....John Lawrence



50+ Anniversaries in November

- Nov. 9..... Tom and Dora Pickles

Growing Greystone Through Prayer



Praise

Grayson Carter Lyman, born 10/9/16 to parents Vikki and Matthew Lyman, and grandparents, Dottie and Terry Thompson.

Hospital

- Dan Nichols, Rex
- Vercie Eller, Rex Rehab
- Pat Boone's mother, Mary Boone, The Oaks at Mayview

Concerns

- Dottie Thompson's daughter-in-law, Amanda Thompson, recent surgery
- Margaret Thomas, health concerns
- Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson, health concerns
- Louise Estes' brother, Mike Jones, health concerns
- Doris Jernigan, health concerns
- Loretta Miller, health concerns
- Sylvia Lawson, recent surgery
- 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
- Priscilla Crumpler, health concerns
- Sylvia Goulding, health concerns
- Joan Murphy's friends, Pat Stokes, Kenneth and Josie Corse, health concerns, and her friend Edna Isham on the death of her husband
- Roger Gardner, health concerns
- Joan Murphy's friend Bryan Dawson on the death of his daughter
- Cindy Vestal, health concerns

Residential / Health Care Facilities

Cypress (Rosewood): John Lawrence

Rex Nursing Care: Nancy Godwin

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

Sympathy

Mildred Garrett's family on her death, 10/10/16

On call Minister-919-817-8975



To the Greystone Church Family,
 Thank you for the many cards, prayers and words of support on the recent death of my mother. Thank you for the flowers from the Flower Ministry. Mom enjoyed attending Greystone when she lived there. Chris and I are blessed to be in a caring church family.
 Love in Christ, Patti Austin

Growing Greystone Through Stewardship (through 9/30/16)



2016 General Fund.....	\$989,817.00
YTD General Fund needed	\$742,362.75
YTD Operating Receipts	\$662,960.99
YTD Operating Expenses.....	\$674,749.39

Growing Greystone Through Worship

October 2	
8:45 Worship.....	78
11:00 Worship.....	165
October 9	
8:45 Worship.....	79
11:00 Worship.....	161
October 16	
8:45 Worship.....	71
11:00 Worship.....	147
October 23	
8:45 Worship.....	76
11:00 Worship.....	173
October 30	
8:45 Worship.....	66
11:00 Worship.....	171

Welcome to our New Member



Seth Steiner
 Joined October 23, 2016



Thanksgiving Food Collection

This Thanksgiving season, as we contemplate the many things for which we are thankful, let us remember our neighbors. We will be collecting food for some of the refugee families at Cedar Point and for Urban Ministries. If you would like to support our ministry partnership with Cedar Point please consider donating these specific items that have been requested: bags of rice, cooking oil or grocery store gift cards for \$15 - \$25. All other non-perishable items will be delivered to Urban Ministries. Please bring your donations of non-perishable food or gift cards to one of the worship services on Sunday, November 20.
 Thank you, Worship Team



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.



Fall is a wonderful time to be at preschool! Our children still notice the changing seasons with joy and amazement. Our preschoolers will be learning about the wonderful world God created as the leaves change and the weather cools. Their teachers will talk with them about what it means to be thankful and about ways we can say "thank you" to God. And we'll practice sharing as we collect food to donate to the food bank. Please continue to keep this ministry in your prayers. Thank you for all your support!



Passport Camp

Children grades 3-5, plan now to join us for Passport Kids (July 3-6). This year we are going to Montreat, North Carolina. Reserve your spot now for \$75.00. Payments received by November 25 are guaranteed a spot at this year's camp. See April Alston for more details.



Christmas Shoeboxes for Hope

This is Greystone's 17th 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 beginning Sunday Nov. 20 through Dec. 11. Wrapped shoeboxes should be brought to church on Sunday, Dec. 18 for the dedication service. Please consider this ministry this year if you have not in the past. We want to show Hope Elementary that we support the special things they are doing and the leaders they are creating. Contact Pam Ouzts at 919-931-9507, pouzts@cisco.com, or Leigh Ammons at 919-637-6881, leammons@aol.com.

Take Note | from the Music Ministries

Christmas at Greystone Sunday, December 11, 6:00 PM

This evening of music and celebration will feature the Music Ministries of GBC. We hope that you and your family will make plans to celebrate the Christ-Child on this night. The program will include narrations, instrumentalists and the GBC choirs including Handbell Choir, Student Choir and Children's Choir. Child care will be available.

Dates to Save in November



Daylight Saving Ends
Sunday, 11/6/16

Fellowship Breakfast
11/6/16, 9:30 AM
Fellowship Hall

Buddy Break Training
11/6/16, 3:30 PM
Rms. 7, 8 & 9, Youth Bldg.

CBF Children's Mission Day
8:45 AM, Saturday, Nov. 12

Buddy Break
9:30 AM, Saturday, Nov. 12
Fellowship Hall, Youth Bldg.

Church in Conference
6:00 PM,
Wednesday, Nov. 16
No adult studies but dinner and other Wednesday night activities as scheduled.



Senior Adult Sponsored Trip
8:30 AM, Saturday, Nov. 19

No Wednesday Night Activities
Wednesday, Nov. 23

Church Office Closed
Thursday, Nov. 24
Happy Thanksgiving



Help Us Minister!

Buddy Break is now into our 4th year and we are continuing to grow rapidly! Unfortunately that has meant that we are having to turn down families every month. Greystone has been amazing in their support of this ministry! We are needing help to meet the growing demand and ask that you consider being a part of our program, if you are not already. This is not necessarily a monthly commitment. Volunteers come when they are able. Also we have jobs for volunteers that are unable or uncomfortable working one on one with a child. We are also looking for help with our annual Christmas Party by providing a small gift for a child or a \$25 Target gift card for a family.



We will have a **Buddy Training** on Sunday November 6 from 3:30-5:30 PM in the Youth Building. For more info or to sign up for these events, email us at buddybreak@greystonechurch.org or call Nancy Register at 919-219-1438.

Ushers Needed

Ushers needed for 8:45 AM service. Male or female; youth or adult. We need two ushers for the 2nd Sunday of each month and one usher for the 4th Sunday of each month. For additional information or to join the team, please contact Julia Glover at 919-614-1227 or jglover1@nc.rr.com.





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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Deadline for the December newsletter is noon, 11/21/16.



Flower Calendar 2017 - The flower calendar for 2017 is now on the easel outside of the church office. Check the sign-up board and select the date you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. A sanctuary arrangement typically starts around \$85.00. Choosing upgrades such as a larger arrangement or use of premium flowers may add to the cost. Watkins Florist has a key to the church and provides free delivery. You are welcome to use your own florist and arrange for delivery if that is a better option for you.

People in Service November 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: Will Moody & Annie Hardison-Moody, Jamie Allen, Heather Choplin; **11:00 am:** Andy Hunt, Sandra Hunt, Johnny Glover, Kim Craig, Joanne Thompson

Greeters: Margaret Hilton, Margaret Thomas

Deacon of the Week: Jennifer Walker

November 13

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: Amy Ng & Eddy Ng, Anna & Matt Brawner; **11:00 am:** Jean & Donnie Moorefield, Lorri Heilig, David Alston, Trish Boone

Greeters: Joyce Beauchaine, Berno Kleinhans

Deacon of the Week: Paul Hansen

November 20

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

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Berno & Kim Kleinhans, Elizabeth Worley, Katie Lindsey; **11:00 am:** Susan Burnette, AnaRita Eason, John Clark, Suzanne Best, Eileen Trawick

Greeters: Bill & Sylvia Goulding, Arnold & Sylvia Lawson

Deacon of the Week: Kim Eshleman

November 27

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: Jennifer & Brent Walker, Brian & Lilian Grant;

11:00 am: April & Brad Walker, Shyla & James Tatum, Gayla Hollingsworth

Greeters: Bobby & Peggy Hunter, Scott Naeser

Deacon of the Week: Ernest Carraway



The Annual Pre-Holiday Shopping Spree is open to all adults and sponsored by the Senior Adult Team. This fun event will be held on Saturday, 11/19/16 with a brunch at the Cracker Barrel near Mebane and shopping all the holiday gift opportunities at the Tanger Outlet Mall. We will depart the Sawmill parking lot at 8:30 a.m. Sign up in the hallway and contact Louise Estes, with any questions, louise0411@gmail.com.



Solos for Lunch, sponsored by the Senior Adult team is 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 November schedule is: 11/6 - Kanki, 11/13 - Outback, 11/20 - Peking Garden, 11/27 - TGI Friday