

Winter Bible Study

Question: What kind of man was Boaz before he got married?

Answer: Ruthless

My apologies for the bad pun. (Really you should blame Jeb Brookshire. He sent me that joke a couple of weeks ago.) As many of you know, Ruth and Boaz's story is the whole of the book of Ruth, one of the five "little scrolls" known as the Megillot.

For our Winter Bible Study, Dr. Tony Cartledge will be walking through the five books of the Megillot: The Song of Songs (or The Song of Solomon), Ruth, Lamentations, Ecclesiastes, and Esther. These books of the Hebrew Bible and Christian Old Testament are often read less by Protestants yet are still a wonderfully rich resource for growing in our understanding of God's presence.

In our worship on January 29th, Dr. Cartledge took us through a portion of Lamentations with his proclaiming, opening our eyes to how the "man of constant sorrows" could still have hope in the midst of trials and tribulation. The hope felt by the author of Lamentations comes not from the promise of a life free of difficulty relative to one's faithfulness. Rather hope comes from the promise of God's presence through all of the trials of life; both those that are connected to our own decisions and those that just happen to us.

The other four books of the Megillot are similarly filled with radiant pictures of the wonder and sustaining presence of God in our lives and in the world. Every Wednesday night in February, Dr. Cartledge will be our docent walking us through the stories of the remaining four little scrolls.

In addition to teaching Old Testament, writing and ministry classes at Campbell University Divinity School, Dr. Cartledge writes a weekly Sunday School curriculum called *Nurturing Faith* and is a Contributing Editor for the national news journal *Baptists Today*. Below is the schedule for our study:

- Feb. 1: Ecclesiastes: Is That All There Is?
- Feb. 8: Ruth: An Odd Road to a Happy Ending
- Feb. 15: Esther: A New Hope
- Feb. 22: Song of Songs: Sex, Love, and Parchment Scrolls

I hope you will plan on being present on Wednesday nights in February, 6:30 pm in the Sanctuary. If it also fits your schedule, consider making a reservation to eat with us before the Winter Bible Study. See you then!

Sean

Welcome to our New Members



Dave and Gretchen Phillips,
Gus and Anneliese
Joined December 25, 2016

"Letting Go And Taking Hold"

Join us for a weekend retreat on February 10 - 11. We will gather here at Greystone for a time of learning and reflection led by Mark Tidsworth. The theme of our retreat will be "Letting Go and Taking Hold".

Disciples of Jesus Christ embrace a strong belief in transformation. We trust that God is on the move, bringing the kingdom to earth as it is in heaven. We, as Christian disciples, are included in God's transformational work, becoming new creations. Invigorated disciples find themselves caught up letting go of what was, while embracing what is becoming. Mark your calendars and set aside some time in the new year for investing in your growth and discovering your gifts.

A few words about our leader, Reverend Mark Tidsworth. An ongoing curiosity about the life of faith and the human condition drives Mark to consistent exploration of the next step in the Christian journey. Mark has served as a pastor, new church developer, interim pastor, therapist, and pastoral counseling center director. Mark is a trusted and experienced leader, and we are excited to welcome him to Greystone for a weekend.

Cost for the retreat is \$35. It is open to men and women. We will gather on Friday at 6:30 PM and on Saturday at 9:00 AM. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Amanda, amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org.

February Calendar



Buddy Break

Saturday, 2/4/17, 9:30 AM

Joint Worship and Rise Against the Hunger

Sunday, 2/5/17, 8:45 Worship Service and Rise Against the Hunger after service in the Fellowship Hall

Spiritual Enrichment Retreat

Friday, 2/10/17 & Saturday, 2/11/17

Habitat Workday

Saturday, 2/18/17

Youth - Hurricanes Game

Sunday, 2/26/17, 2:00 PM

February Birthdays



- 1 Bruce Foster, Mike Sellers
- 2 Lihua Zhao
- 3 Bill King, Whitney Pearce, Walter Isenhour
- 4 Logan Robinson
- 6 Carmen Robinson, Karah Eller, Samuel Eller
- 7 Becky Dean, Nancy Register, Bill Brewer
- 8 Lilian Grant, Sara Register
- 9 Roger Gardner, Stacy Pardue, Hunter Ouzts
- 10 Matt Gellatly
- 11 Debbie Mikeal, Susan Bennett, Jay Sherron
- 12 Evelyn Harper, Beth Allen, Lori Harrelson, Jillian Brookshire
- 13 Daryl Tunstall
- 14 Ken Kirkham, Johnathan Eshleman, Megan Daniels
- 15 Brenda Oglesby, Charlene Wallace, Brandon Daniels
- 16 Rick Chamblee, Hope Motahari
- 17 Larry Lewis, Cindy turner, Rachael Turnbo
- 18 Dustin Tuttle, Sam Griesedieck, Samuel Brown, Max Allen
- 19 Libby Moore, Chuck Harrelson, Katie O'Neal
- 20 Nell Panten, Jerry Chiles, Cheryl Muncie, Jennifer Turnbo, Anna Claire Riggins
- 21 Henry Kidd, Julia Glover, Walt Kennedy, Tracey Duncan
- 22 Erich Brewer, Deborah Motahari, Becca Thompson
- 23 Priscilla Crumpler, Rachel Kirkham
- 24 Lorri Heilig, William Brewer
- 25 Joe Cockerham, Adam Nix
- 26 Steve Wheeler
- 27 Aiden Mabe
- 28 Dottie Mitchell, Airen Murray
- 29 Chris Hamrick



90+ Birthdays in February

Feb. 7..... Becky Dean
Feb. 12.....Evelyn Harper

On behalf of Lee Kidd's family, thank you for the many prayers, calls, and cards received during this difficult time of loss. A special thanks to those who assisted with the service. Your generosity and love is touching lives. "We always thank God for all of you.... We remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ." 1 Thessalonians 1:2-3.

In Christ, Henry and Andrea Kidd

Growing Greystone Through Prayer



Praise

- Laura Bailey Cregger, born 1/17/17 to parents, James and Elizabeth, grandparents, Pete and Jane Cregger
- Dan Nichols, home from the hospital

Hospital

- Caralie Brown, Rex
- Fran Black, The Oaks at Mayview

Concerns

- Roger Gardner, health concerns
- Ken Mitchell, recent surgery
- Tim Hendrix's brother, Benny Hendrix, health concerns
- Sylvia Goulding, health concerns
- Joan Murphy's friend, Wesley Jacobs, health concerns
- Debbie Mikeal's mother, Jean Finch, health concerns
- Natalie Fleming, GBC preschool student, health concerns
- Boyer Daugherty, recent procedure
- Sam Killingsworth, grandson of Lou and Marcia Ostendorff, health concerns
- Vercie Eller, health concerns
- Bonnie Raddatz's daughter, Noel, health concerns
- Arnold Lawson, health concerns
- Tim Hendrix's father, Edward Hendrix, health concerns
- Dottie Thompson's daughter-in-law, Amanda Thompson, health concerns
- Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson, health concerns
- Nina Cole's friend, Wendy Kuehn, health concerns
- Michael Kellogg, Jr., health concerns
- Priscilla Crumpler, health concerns

Residential / Health Care Facilities

Rex Nursing Care: Nancy Godwin
Springmoor (SHC): Vergie Baxley, Lib Daniels, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register

Sympathy

- Roby Sawyers' family on the death of his father, Walton Blake Sawyers, 1/15/17
- Martha Eames' family on her death, 12/31/16
- Lee Kidd's family on his recent death
- Jeff Walter's family on the death of his aunt, Marge Walker, 12/16/16

On call Minister-919-817-8975

Growing Greystone Through Stewardship (through 12/31/16)



2016 General Fund..... \$989,817.00
YTD General Fund needed \$989,817.00
YTD Operating Receipts..... \$934,674.72
YTD Operating Expenses..... \$933,102.00

Growing Greystone Through Worship

December 25

10:30 Worship.....115

January 1

11:00 Worship.....155

January 8

No Service due to inclement weather

January 15

8:45 Worship.....80
11:00 Worship.....143

January 22

8:45 Worship.....81
11:00 Worship.....183

January 29

8:45 Worship.....95
11:00 Worship.....190

Rise Against the Hunger!



On Super Bowl Sunday Americans will eat more than 1.23 billion chicken wings, 14,500 tons of chips and 4 million pizzas, in addition to the 325.5 million gallons of beer that will be consumed. For some it is a day of gluttony, for Greystone it is a day of service. On Sunday, February 5, we will gather together to package 40,000 meals to be distributed throughout the world. Plan to come to church on the first Sunday of February for a morning of "working worship". We will have one worship service at 8:45 AM and then go to the fellowship hall to package meals. Wear comfortable clothes and comfortable shoes. Consider inviting a friend.



Buddy Break is getting off to a great start in 2017 as we continue to grow. Please consider starting your year by joining our ministry. You can help by:

- sharing a talent
- providing a lunch for our volunteers
- becoming a family liaison
- being a buddy to a VIP or sibling

For more information, email buddybreak@greystonechurch.org.



Take Note from the Music Ministries



Segue Youth Choir Festival

Feb. 11 (Sat.) at Campbell University, Buies Creek — Student Choirs from all over our region will gather for one day of singing and fellowship which culminates in an after-noon concert. Our own Student Choir will be taking part in this annual event. The event is held at Campbell University in the beautiful Butler Chapel. Friends and family are welcome to come and enjoy the final concert that afternoon (6:30PM). The Student Choir will sing in morning worship on that following morning, Feb. 12.

Worship Opportunities during Lent

Ash Wednesday Service

Mar. 1 - (6:30 PM) The Lenten season begins in a meaningfully reflective way as we gather for this time of contemplative worship. There will not be any regular children's programs this evening.

Maundy Thursday Service

Apr. 13 - (7:00 PM) Please join us for a family-friendly service in the Sanctuary.

Easter Sunday Worship Service.

Apr. 16 - (8:45 & 11:00 AM) Our Lenten season culminates with the church's celebration of resurrection. Come and worship as we raise our "Alleluias" on Easter Sunday!



CBF Offering for Global Missions

From Bali, Canada, Malaysia and dozens of places in between, you

will find God working and changing lives through CBF ministries. The CBF Offering for Global Missions provides funding for the powerful ministries of more than 130 CBF field personnel.

We will promote this offering during the month of February. As you plan your gift giving, please prayerfully consider how you can give the gift of Christ's love to others here in the US and around the world! Envelopes are available in and around the Sanctuary. Our church goal this year is \$5,000. WITH YOUR GIFT, WE CAN REACH THIS GOAL!

Attention Greystone Family:

This year's **Disciple Now** Retreat will be Friday, March 3 - Sunday, March 5. If you are interested in helping as a host home, leader, or providing food, please contact Allan Smith at 919-847-1333 or allan.smith@greystonechurch.org. More information to come!

Hurricanes vs. Flames

Join us for a trip to PNC arena to watch the Carolina Hurricanes take on the Calgary Flames on Sunday, February 26. We will meet in the Sawmill lot at 2:00 PM for the 3:00 PM game, and we should return to the church by 6:00 PM following the game. Tickets are \$12 for Youth through grade 12 and \$16 for adults. Please sign up with Allan or the church office by Monday, February 20, so that we can plan for transportation and any remaining tickets.



Disciple Now - March 3-5, 2017

This year's retreat will begin at 6 PM on Friday evening and end with the 11:00 worship service on Sunday. Youth grades 6-12 are invited to participate. The theme of the retreat will be "Who Am I?" All teenagers face pressure to be like their peers in a variety of ways. During the retreat, students will identify some of these pressures and reflect on how to respond as a faithful follower of Christ.

The retreat will include worship, service projects, and fellowship. Cost is \$40 per student. An early bird discount is available if all forms and money are turned in by Thursday, February 9 to the church office, making the cost \$30. As always, scholarships are available. Please contact Allan Smith with any questions.

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.

Registration for our 2017-2018 preschool year is underway. Several of our classes are filling up, but we still have openings in many. Please help us reach out to our community by telling your friends and neighbors about our half-day preschool program. For some children in our program, Greystone is the only time they will hear about Jesus. Please pray that our preschool staff will continue to be the hands and feet of God as they minister to these children and families.



Thank you to all who helped make our Crock Pot Cook-off and Dessert Contest a success. All of the entries were delicious. We have a talented congregation.

Especially, thank you to the many who helped serve and clean up after us. Thank you from Children and Fellowship Teams.



Books on the Corner

Are you looking for guidance to address the issue of loss or grief with a child? Check out the newest addition to Books on the Corner, *I Miss My Daddy*, written by Greystone's own Jill Pike. You'll find this insightful book for children, as well as adults, in the Grief and Loss section.

The Media Team

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 February schedule is: 2/5 - El Rodeo, 2/12 - Chili's, 2/19 - Chow, 2/26 - Peking Garden





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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Deadline for the March newsletter is noon Thursday, 2/23/17.

People in Service

February 5 (8:45 joint service)

Ushers: 8:45 am: Bill & Sylvia Goulding, Ron & Joanne Thompson
Worship Care: 8:45 am: Jim & Natalie Hermann, Chris & Anjie King;
Greeters: Margaret Hilton, Margaret Thomas
Deacon of the Week: Jeb Brookshire

February 12

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 & Johnathan Eshleman, Chris & Sarah Lannom;
11:00 am: Jeannie Miller, Kay & John Meyer, Barbara Crabb, Mary Sherron
Greeters: Joyce Beauchaine, Berno Kleinhans
Deacon of the Week: Becky Sansbury

February 19

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

February 26

Ushers: 8:45 am : 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 & Bob Millikan, Greyson & Amy Davis, Joanna Perry
Greeters: Bobby & Peggy Hunter, Scott Naeser
Deacon of the Week: Paul Hansen



Flower Calendar 2017 - The flower calendar for 2017 has plenty of open dates available. Upcoming dates that are open are 2/5/17 and 2/26/17. Check the sign-up board and select a date you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. A sanctuary arrangement starts around \$85.00. Watkins Florist has a key to the church and provides free delivery but you are welcome to use your own florist and arrange for delivery if that is a better option for you.