

Welcome to Greystone Baptist Church

**December 28, 2014
10:30 a.m.**

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www.greystonechurch.org

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



Christmas 2014

First Sunday of Christmas

December 28, 2014

10:30 a.m.

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch. Isaiah 62:1

Prelude Pam Weis

*Carol *Good Christian Friends, Rejoice*
Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Give ye heed to what we say: News! News! Jesus Christ is born today.
Ox and ass before Him bow, and He is in the manger now:
Christ is born today, Christ is born today!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye hear of endless bliss: Joy! Joy! Jesus Christ was born for this.
He has opened heaven's door, and we are blest forevermore.
Christ was born for this, Christ was born for this!

Good Christian friends, rejoice with heart and soul and voice!
Now ye need not fear the grave: Peace! Peace! Jesus Christ was born to save;
Calls you one and calls you all, to gain His everlasting hall.
Christ was born to save, Christ was born to save!

Parent and Child Dedication Sean Allen and April Alston

*A Time of Greeting

Worship Chime Pam Weis

Welcome Amanda Atkin

*Carol Medley #281 *What Child Is This?*
(stanzas 1 & 2)
#279 *Infant Holy, Infant Lowly*
(stanza 1)
#284 *The Birthday of a King*
(stanzas 1 & 2)
Children please come forward during last stanza.

Children's Sermon Todd Lesley

Scripture Psalm 148 Sean Allen

Pastoral Prayer

*Carol Medley #261 *Away in a Manger*
(stanzas 1 & 3)
#275 *Sing We Now of Christmas*
(stanzas 1 - 3)

*Offertory Prayer Annie Hardison-Moody

Offertory Cynthia Griesedieck

Looking ahead this week . . .

Monday, December 29th

6:30 p.m. AA Women's Group - West Wing, Room 1

8:00 p.m. AA Co-Ed Group - West Wing, Room 2

Tuesday, December 30th

6:30 p.m. AA Women's Group - West Wing, Room 2

Friday, January 2nd

8:00 p.m. AA Group - West Wing, Room 2

Sunday, January 4th

8:45 a.m. Worship

9:45 a.m. Sunday School / Orientation

11:00 a.m. Worship

6:00 p.m. Grace Tones Ensemble

The church office is closed for the holidays this week and will reopen Monday, January 5th.



Team Meetings this Week

Jan. 4 Missions Team, 5:00 p.m., The Parlor

Welcome Guests December 28, 2014

Please complete this form, tear it off and place it in the offering plate.

Circle title: Mr. Mrs. Dr. Ms. Miss

Circle one: Adult Youth Child

Name _____

Address _____

City _____

State _____ Zip _____

Email: _____

Phone (home) _____

First time guest _____ repeat guest _____

Children's names and ages: _____

I would like more information on:

- How to become a Christian
- How to become a member
- Sunday School / Bible Study
- College ministry Youth ministry
- Children's ministry Preschool ministry
- Music ministry
- Arranging a visit in my home
- I would like to receive the newsletter.

Wednesday Night Live

**Supper Reservation for
5:00 - 6:00 p.m., January 7, 2015**

Name _____

Temporary Permanent

Cancel this week only

Adult plate \$5.00 Child \$3.00

Adult menu: Kids menu:

Black eyed pea gumbo, Hotdog
BBQ sandwich, potatoes,
scalloped potatoes, green beans
green beans, assorted cupcakes
assorted desserts

Place this tear off in the offering plate or email your reservation to the church office at: office@greystonechurch.org. Reservations or cancellations are important and need to be received by **noon Monday, 1/5/15**. Thank you.



Growing Greystone Through Prayer

Concerns

- ◆ Ken Mitchell, recent surgery
- ◆ Arnold Lawson, upcoming surgery
- ◆ Joe LeNoir, III, broken bone in hand
- ◆ Debbie Reynolds, recent surgery
- ◆ Joe LeNoir, health concerns
- ◆ Ellen Staley, health concerns
- ◆ Zane Wood, recent knee surgery
- ◆ Alice Dickens, health concerns
- ◆ Sylvia Lawson, health concerns
- ◆ Pat Day, broken right foot
- ◆ Sue Newton, recent surgery
- ◆ Vercie Eller, health concerns
- ◆ Ken Mitchell's brother, Sam Mitchell, hospice
- ◆ Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson, health concerns
- ◆ Lee Ann Spahr, health concerns
- ◆ Steve Holden, health concerns
- ◆ Hazel Perdue's niece, Sandra Warnick, health concerns
- ◆ Evelyn Harper, back problems
- ◆ Rubye Light, Gene Light's mother, health concerns
- ◆ Cindy Vestal, health concerns

- ◆ Todd Lesley's sister, Karyn, health concerns
- ◆ Jan Ballard's brother, Stanley Pegram, health concerns
- ◆ Donna and Bill Judd's great niece, Brooklyn Milisits, health concerns

Residential communities/Health Care Facilities

- Cypress (Rosewood):*** John Lawrence
- Magnolia Glen:*** Nancy Godwin
- Rex Nursing Care:*** Louise Abernathy
- Springmoor (Stewart Health Center):*** Mary Evelyn Divers, Martha Eames, Mildred Garrett, Sallie Greene, Madeline Griffith, Iris Hilliard, Juanita Register, Vi Rigney, Grace Smith

Sympathy

- ◆ Todd Muncie and family on the death of his father, Thomas Muncie, 12/11/14
- ◆ Pepper Choplin and family on the death of his uncle, Joe Willie Choplin, 12/17/14
- ◆ Pete Cregger and family on the death of his brother in law, Bill Langford, 12/18/14
- ◆ Chris King and family on the death of his father, Ed King, 12/19/14
- ◆ Carla LeNoir and family on the death of her father, Carl Shaw, Jr., 12/19/14
- ◆ Tammie Wood and family on the death of her uncle, George Harris King, 12/22/14

To our Church Family and especially the Generations Sunday School Class:

We thank you so much for your thoughts, prayers and support during Steve's illness and recovery. You are appreciated. We are so blessed to have you in our lives. God Bless you!

Steve and Brenda Holden



***Response**

Doxology

(tune: *Veni Emmanuel*)

Praise God from whom all bles - - sings flow.
 Praise Him, all creatures here - - below.
 Praise Him above, ye heav - - nly host.
 Praise Father, Son, and Ho - - ly ghost.
 Rejoice! Rejoice! Emmanuel. Shall come to thee, O Is - - rael.

Scripture Reading Luke 2:22-40 April Alston

Reader: May God add understanding to the reading of our lesson.

Response: Thanks be to God!

Sermon "Bucket List" Allan Smith

Discipline of Silence
 "The misery, suffering, poverty, loneliness, helplessness, and guilt mean something quite different in the eyes of God from what they mean in the judgment of man, that God will approach where men turn away."
 - Dietrich Bonhoeffer

*Carol Medley #250 *O Little Town of Bethlehem*
(stanzas 1 & 4)

#251 *It Came Upon the Midnight Clear*
(stanzas 1 & 3)

#267 *I Heard the Bells on Christmas Day*
(stanzas 1, 3 & 5)

*Passing of the Peace
 Leader: The peace of Christ be with you!
People: And also with you.

*Closing Chorus 247 *Let's Worship and Adore Him*
 Let's worship and adore Him, Let's worship and adore Him,
 Let's worship and adore Him, Christ the Lord.

*Benediction Allan Smith

Postlude Pam Weis

**Please stand as you are able.*

The carnations placed at the front of the Sanctuary are in honor of Martha Eames's 92nd birthday on December 29th and Virginia Creamer's 90th birthday on January 3rd.

Deacon of the week Annie Hardison-Moody
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First Time Guests - We extend a warm welcome to all guests. Information packets are available in the back of the sanctuary. Please pick one up.

Activity Bags for the children are located in the basket in the back of the sanctuary. Each bag contains a clipboard, paper, pencils, etc. Please return the bags to the basket at the end of the service.



A Time of Dedication
Hudson Daniel Burns

But now thus says the Lord, he who created you, O Jacob, he who formed you, O Israel: Do not fear, for I have redeemed you; I have called you by name, you are mine. When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through the fire you shall not be burned, and the flame shall not consume you...Because you are precious in my sight, and honored, and I love you. – Isaiah 43:1-2 and 4a

We welcome to Greystone this morning Hudson Daniel Burns, son of Clint and Morgan Burns. Through this dedication, the family pledges to raise Hudson in the nurture and admonition of the Lord and Greystone pledges our support in their efforts so that when Hudson reaches an appropriate age he may choose for himself to follow Jesus Christ as Lord. Joining us on this special day are Hudson’s grandparents, Mike and Patti Ogden, Kristine Burns, and Mark Burns and wife Shannon Hooven; great grandmothers, Martha Castleberry and Louise Ogden; uncles and aunts, Tommy and Angie Ogden, Baxter and Sarah Ogden, and Kyle Burns; cousins, Addison and Finley Ogden.

Upcoming Events

- January 7th** - **Wednesday Night Live resumes**
- January 10th** - **Buddy Break**, 10:00 AM, Fellowship Hall, Youth Building
- January 12th** - **Yoga classes start back up**, on Mondays, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
- January 19th** - **Church closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
- January 23rd** - **Youth - Disciple Now**, through Sunday January 25th
- January 31st** - **Annual Chili Cook off**, 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

2014 Contributions

If you wish to have tax credits for contributions for the current year, please note that they should be left at the office or mailed to the office postmarked no later than **December 31**. If you plan or would like to make a contribution in the form of stock, please remember, any stock contributions for 2014 must be received by Greystone or in Greystone's account by **December 31st** to be counted as a 2014 contribution. Contact the church office or the financial secretary, Phil Kraemer, for the information you will need to complete the transfer of stock to Greystone.

Flower Calendar 2015

There are still dates available to sign up to place flowers in the sanctuary for worship in 2015. Please check the calendar located outside the church office and select the date you would like to provide flowers.

Wednesday Night Live resumes January 7th

This year Milton Brasher-Cunningham will be leading our January Bible Study. We will be exploring his book, Keeping the Feast, and thinking about communion, fellowship and the church. As Reverend Brasher-Cunningham knows and tells beautifully in Keeping the Feast, the Kingdom of God is like a restaurant. It isn't a solitary business. You can't have a restaurant, or a church, alone. You need to stand the heat with other people, listen to other people weep, let other people pop fresh strawberries or little pieces of communion bread into your mouth. And doing this takes practice, too. You always need cook for people you don't know, pray for people you don't like, and eat with whoever shows up.

Milton Brasher-Cunningham was born in Texas, grew up in Africa as a Missionary Kid, and lived almost twenty years in the Boston area before moving to Durham, North Carolina, where he lives with his wife, Ginger, and their two Schnauzers. He is an ordained minister, has been a high school English teacher and a professional chef. Don't miss this wonderful study!

PASSPORTkids

Save the date: June 24 - 27, **PASSPORTkids!** is 4 day, 3 night children's camp for children who have completed 3rd - 5th grade filled with fun faith-building programming and hands-on missions education. At camp, kids will discover God's love and practice being followers of Jesus through a jam-packed schedule of Bible studies, missions education, recreation, parties and worship. This year we will be attending **Passport** at Converse College in Spartanburg, SC June 24-27. The cost is \$254 per participant but there are scholarships and discounts available. If you want to join us for this exciting week, please submit a \$50 non-refundable deposit to April Alston by February 1.

D-Now - Our annual Disciple Now retreat will be January 23 - 25, 2015. Please let Allan know if you would like to help out in anyway (hosting students, helping with transportation, providing food, etc) by emailing to: students@greystonechurch.org. Remember that volunteers are not limited to the families of youth.



The Salt and Light SS class invites anyone interested to join them for a 12 week study Life Principles for Following Christ by Rick Shepherd. Study guides are available in the West Wing classroom. The study will begin on January 4. For more information, contact Carla LeNoir at 919-785-0807.