

Full Speed Ahead

Roald Dahl is best known for his children's fiction. Who doesn't love *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory* or *James and the Giant Peach*? But did you know he also wrote adult novels?

Here is a wonderful quote from his book *My Uncle Oswald*: "...if you are interested in something, no matter what it is, go at it at full speed ahead. Embrace it with both arms, hug it, love it and above all become passionate about it. Lukewarm is no good. Hot is no good either. White hot and passionate is the only thing to be."

Dahl's words are reminiscent of Revelation 3:16, "So, because you are lukewarm, and neither cold nor hot, I am about to spit you out of my mouth."

What wonderful and challenging words to start the New Year – if you are interested in something, go at it full speed

ahead. Don't be lukewarm – about your faith, about how you love, about how you live. Burn white hot! Go full speed ahead!

Greystone, you ended last year at full speed. Your presence in worship helped make our services sacred and meaningful. Your service to each other and the community both in action and giving helped bear the light and love of Christ to all. Your generous year-end gifts ensured that our receipts exceeded our expenses for 2014. Thank you so much for all that you do! It is proof we are going full speed ahead and I know we can keep that momentum going as we start 2015.

At the start of the New Year, may God's Spirit sustain our energy and momentum. And may we continue to live, love and learn with a white-hot faith and passion that bears witness of God's love for the world. Happy New Year! Full Speed Ahead!

Sean

Welcome! To Our New Member



Dottie Thompson
Joined November 30, 2014

Save the Dates:

Jan. 25 -Leadership Council Meeting and Lunch

12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall

You may bring your own lunch or you can place an order with Amanda or the church office (919-847-1333) from the Jason's Deli menu and your lunch will be at the meeting for you. Deadline for orders is 10:15 AM, 1/25/15.

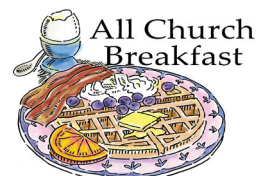
January Bible Study 2015 Wednesday Nights in January

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! We will end our study with an eye towards our Chili Cook-off. A wonderful time of creativity and fellowship. Dust off those recipes and get those pots cooking!



To celebrate community and good food we invite you to our annual Chili Cook-off, Saturday, 1/31/15 at 5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall.

9:30 AM,
February 1
Fellowship
Hall



Warmth for Wake Workday

When: Saturday, January 17, 8:30 AM until.....

Where: Everett's Tree Service, 7044 Wildlife Trail Road in Raleigh.

Please come help split, chop, load and deliver firewood for needy Wake County families. Bring gloves, hard toe shoes and safety glasses.

We will work until the wood or families run out (no later than 3:30 PM.) Trucks are especially needed. Work as long as you can. Contact Greg Byrd with questions at 919-422-6716.



SOUPER BOWL OF CARING February 1

Please remember to bring at least one can of soup and \$1 to worship to help fight hunger in our community. All donations will go to North Raleigh Ministries.

January Birthdays



- 1 Cathy Gunter, Donnie Moorefield, Dottie Thompson, Joy Millikan, Katie Perkinson
- 2 Cindi Vaughn, David Ammons
- 3 Virginia Creamer, Duane Long, Greg Byrd, Brian Tickle
- 4 Lee Ann Spahr, Glenn Ferris, Thomas Pendergrass, Jamie Brookshire
- 5 Allan Smith
- 6 Chris Washington, Lisa Nikaeen
- 7 Colby Robinson
- 8 John Meyer
- 9 Cynthia Griesedieck
- 10 Charlie Hilliard
- 11 Gary Hollingsworth
- 12 Joe LeNoir
- 13 Kayla Jastrow
- 14 David O'Neal, Trish Boone
- 15 Hannah Allen
- 16 Jeanne Andrus, Susan Foster, Matt Birth
- 17 Jewitt Thompson
- 18 Rick Perkinson
- 19 Allison Calder, Michelle Fogwell, Megan Perry
- 20 Cheyenne Ennemoser, Aaron Ng
- 21 Greg Wallace, Spencer Noble, Megan Muncie, Michaela Steele
- 22 Jack Hughens, Jeanette Ware, Durwood Johnson, Bob Penny, Sean Allen, Ashleigh Jarrell
- 23 Graham King
- 24 Helen Tugwell, John Jenkins, Anne Pickles, Raymond Byrd
- 25 Roy Pickles, Wendy Top, Wesley Wilder
- 26 Ernest Carraway
- 27 Jeb Brookshire, Virginia Neihaus
- 28 Courtney O'Donoghue, Caroline Morton
- 29 Dave Tunstall, Kathy Nobles, Matt Brawner
- 30 Michael Kanai, Andy Hunt, Stephen Herman
- 31 Mark Stewart, Joan Nelson, Ben Grant, Elliette Kleinhans



January 90+ years Birthday

Jan. 3 Virginia Creamer

Growing Greystone Through Prayer

Concerns

- ◆ Dick Baine, health concerns
- ◆ Dale O'Neal, health concerns
- ◆ Todd Muncie, recent knee surgery
- ◆ Ken Mitchell, recent surgery
- ◆ Arnold Lawson, upcoming surgery
- ◆ Joe LeNoir, III, broken bone in hand
- ◆ Joe LeNoir, health concerns
- ◆ Ellen Staley, health concerns
- ◆ Zane Wood, recent knee surgery
- ◆ Lee Ann Spahr, 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
- ◆ Steve Holden, health concerns
- ◆ Hazel Perdue's niece, Sandra Warnick, health concerns
- ◆ Evelyn Harper, back problems
- ◆ Ruby Light, Gene Light's mother, health concerns
- ◆ Cindy Vestal, 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): Becky Dean, Mary Evelyn Divers, Martha Eames, Mildred Garrett, Sallie Greene, Madeline Griffith, Iris Hilliard, Juanita Register, Ellen Sineath, 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
- ◆ Family of Viola Rigney on her death, 12/29/14



Growing Greystone Through Stewardship (through 11/30/14)



2014 General Fund..... \$1,136,102.00
 YTD General Fund needed \$1,041,427.00
 YTD Operating Receipts..... \$732,712.00
 YTD Operating Expenses..... \$825,216.00

Growing Greystone Through Worship

November 30

8:45 Worship.....103
 11:00 Worship.....218

December 7

8:45 Worship.....86
 11:00 Worship.....261

December 14

8:45 Worship.....124
 11:00 Worship.....270

December 21

8:45 Worship.....151
 11:00 Worship.....267

December 28

10:30 Worship.....202



Buddy Break

Thank you to all who supported our 2014 Buddy Break Christmas Party. We were able to minister to 15 families with gifts, crafts, food and special time with Santa! Whether you helped take pictures or donated gifts, we appreciate your commitment to this important ministry.

Thank You Greystone!

Dear Friends at Greystone,

Thank you for your concern for our family since the death of my husband and Zack's father, Thurman. The flowers brought beauty to our home during our darkest hours. You provided for our needs in such special and helpful ways. We will forever be grateful. We are so fortunate to be part of a caring church community.

With appreciation, the Burnette family

Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me: This year's Disciple Now retreat will be January 23 - 25, 2015. The theme is "Take Up Your Cross and Follow Me" as we explore the call to discipleship. The cost is \$25. Sign up by January 18 with Allan at students@greystonechurch.org. It is sure to be a fun and reflective weekend as we continue to grow closer together and closer to God.



How Can I Help?: Volunteers are needed for Disciple Now. We need host homes, leaders for the small groups, and people to provide food. We also may need help with transportation during the retreat. Remember that volunteers are not limited to the families of youth. Please let Allan know if you would like to be involved in any way for the retreat by emailing at students@greystonechurch.org.

New Year, Same Schedule: We will continue meeting on Sunday nights for youth from 6:00 - 8:00. Youth Choir will meet from 6:00 - 6:45 in the youth room. Dinner and fellowship will be from 6:45 - 8:00 in the youth room. On Wednesday nights, youth will meet in the youth room from 6:00 - 7:00.

Game On: The youth will again have a Super Bowl Party for the big game on Sunday, February 1. More information to come.

Are You Receiving Emails and/or Text Messages?: If any youth, college students or parents are not receiving our emails or text message updates and would like to, please contact Allan to make sure that the church has your correct contact information at students@greystonechurch.org.



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.



PASSPORTkids.

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.

April Alston



Preschool News

Happy New Year! As hard as it is to imagine, January is the month our Weekday Preschool program begins planning for NEXT year. Registration for the 2015-2016 year will begin on January 26, with registration opening to Greystone members (who are not currently enrolled) on Tuesday, January 27 and to the general public on January 29. Information about our program can be accessed from the church website. We hope that you will help us spread the word about this wonderful ministry of Greystone Baptist Church.

Pam Phillips

Alliance Medical Ministry Need

One of our local partners, Alliance Medical Ministry, is in need of glucometers and test strips so we will be collecting those through the month of January. The two brands they use are Bayer Contour (available at most pharmacies) and ReliOn, (available at Walmart). A collection box will be available in the main foyer. For questions, contact Nancy Register at 919-219-1438. Donations can also be sent directly to Alliance by ordering here: <http://www.alliancemedicalministry.org/wish-list/>

Save the Date
March 6-8, 2015



"Be Still and Know"

Dr. Lynn Brinkley, leader

We will be headed to Caraway Conference Center for a weekend retreat. Cost is \$170.00 (double occupancy) and includes room, meals and materials. Grab a friend and make your reservation. \$50.00 deposit reserves your place.

Save the Date:



Belize
MISSION TRIP
Santa Elana, Belize
June 6-13, 2015

We will be offering light construction work, teaching sewing, and helping make school uniforms. Contact Karen Brewer for more information.



Solos for Lunch: This informal group, sponsored by the Senior Adult Team is for Sunday lunch fellowship for anyone who does not want to eat alone, or eat leftovers at home! Any adult who has no spouse or whose spouse is out of town, etc., is welcome to join us. No reservation necessary. Meet at the back of the sanctuary after the 11:00 Sunday service. You are welcome to join us for the January schedule: 1/4-Red Lobster, 1/11-Tomato Pie, 1/18-El Rodeo, 1/25-Bahama Breeze.



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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The February newsletter will go to print 1/26/15. Deadline for submissions is noon, Thursday, 1/22/15.

People in Service

January 4th

Ushers: 8:45 am: Bill Goulding, Joanne

Thompson, Ron Thompson, Jill Pike; **11:00 am:**

Bill Baxley, Katie Craig, Paul Hansen, Michael

Kanai, Hunter Ouzts, Kristen Pickles

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Andy & Sandra Hunt,

Johnny Glover, Katie Davenport; **11:00 am:** April

& Brad Walker, Pam Ouzts, Annie & Will

Moody

Greeters: 8:45 am: Monaei Perry; **11:00 am:**

Margaret Hilton, Margaret Thomas

Deacon of the Week: Tim Hendrix

January 11th

Ushers: 8:45 am: Tom & Shirley Ditt, Brad &

April Walker; **11:00 am:** Ken Mitchell, Kemp

Sherron, Jillian Brookshire, Missy Brookshire,

Dorwin Lanham

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Heather Choplin, Jamie

Allen, Matt & Anna Brawner; **11:00 am:** Nancy

Register, Craig Swaim, Kim Craig, Donnie &

Jean Moorefield

Greeters: 8:45 am: Joyce Beauchaine; **11:00 am:**

Sue Harmon, Mavis Strickland

Deacon of the Week: Bill Baxley

The church office will be closed

January 1, New Year's Day &

January 19, Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

January 18th

Ushers: 8:45 am: Pat Boone, Wayne Smith, Bob

& Nell Panten; **11:00 am:** Gabriel Mallah,

Heather Choplin, Steve Holden, Meredith or Seth

Moody, Greg & Lorlen Morton

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Berno & Kim

Kleinhans, Sarah & Chris Lannom; **11:00 am:**

Susan Burnette, AnaRita Eason, Trish Boone,

John Clark, Suzanne Best, Eileen Trawick, Jeff

Joyner

Greeters: 8:45 am: Bill & Sylvia Goulding; **11:00**

am: Sylvia & Arnold Lawson

Deacon of the Week: Laura Kanai

January 25th

Ushers: 8:45 am: Luke Andrew, Bill Judd; **11:00**

am: Kerry Crabb, Needham Ward, Tom

Ogburn, Wesley Wilder, Dustin & Emily Tuttle

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Jennifer & Brent

Walker, Lillian & Brian Grant; **11:00 am:**

Elizabeth Santana, Gayla Hollingsworth, Eddie &

Amy Ng

Greeters: 8:45 am: Bobby and Peggy Hunter;

11:00 am: Donnie & Jean Moorefield

Deacon of the Week: Angela Rose

Habitat for Humanity

Greystone is volunteering with 9 other Baptist churches to build a home for Habitat for Humanity.

Where: Maybrook Subdivision off Poole Rd. in Raleigh

When: Construction starts February 12 and continues every Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the next 12 weeks.

Everyone is welcome to work any of those days but Greystone has signed up for 3 specific times:

- 1) Saturday, Feb. 14, framing
- 2) Thursday, Friday and Saturday, Mar. 26-28, siding
- 3) Friday, Apr. 17, paint and exterior finish

Please come join in the construction or in making lunch for the crew. Contact Greg Byrd, 919-422-6716 or Johnny Glover, 919-847-8161, for details. You must sign in on the Habitat website to be able to participate!! <http://www.habitatwake.org/volunteer/volunteer-with-us/>



The Greystone Garden Group is pleased to announce it's first harvest! Granted, we gathered only about two pounds of broccoli, but watching those healthy plants grow and flourish was a gift. North Raleigh Ministries gratefully accepted our tiny donation with a promise of more in the future. In January we will start actively recruiting gardeners for the spring season. Please prayerfully consider this rich, wholesome and rewarding service for you or your family. There is something for everyone to do. Even if you just admire others efforts! For more information contact Joanne Thompson, 919-803-5353 or jdunnm@aol.com.