



Come As You Are!

“Come as you are; it’s not just a dress code.” Greystone member Amber Sawyers shared these words with me during a recent conversation, and they have stuck with me.

Now it should go without saying but I will say it anyway, I want you to join us for worship and never want what you wear to be a hindrance. During the hot summer month of July, the worship leadership will be dressing more casually. Think less suits and ties and more slacks and short sleeve shirts. Some feel we should do this more often while others like dressing up in their Sunday bests. Regardless of what you prefer to wear on Sunday morning, I hope you will come as you are.

But “Come as you are; it’s not just a dress code” is really much deeper than the surface level of clothes. To “come as you are” is to be welcomed, invited to be fully present, just as you currently are; welcomed and invited to be fully present and surrounded by the presence of God during worship.

If you think your life is a wreck, come as you are. If you feel depressed, come as you are. If you are ready to sing praises of gratitude, come as you are. If you aren’t sure if your questions about God and faith will be accepted, come as you are. If you feel like an outsider, come as you are. If you are filled with joy, come as you are. If the church has hurt you in the past, come as you are. Whatever the circumstances of your life, whether you can verbalize all that you feel and think or not, whatever, whoever, however, with all the wonder and messiness and complex realities of life: Come as you are; it’s not just a dress code!

I think Amber’s phrase has stuck with me because it rings of the gospel in ways that both challenge and encourage me. Like the gospel, I don’t know who will hear and receive this invitation. But I know Christ extends it and so we too must extend this invitation as Christ’s church. Come as you are; it’s not just a dress code. See you this Sunday and beyond. Sean

Sunday, July 3, 2016 - Joint Service and Covered Dish Breakfast

Sunday, July 3 is going to be a great day at Greystone! Our schedule will be a little different, and there are several opportunities for you to participate. Here are just a few notes about our plans for that upcoming Sunday morning.

- **Fellowship:** We will have a **covered dish breakfast** in the Fellowship Hall starting at 9:30. Bring a dish, bought or homemade, to share with your friends.
- **Education:** At 10:00 we will gather for an **all church Sunday School** in the Fellowship Hall.
- **Worship:** We will have a **joint worship service at 11 AM**. Because of other activities scheduled for this morning we will not have an 8:45 worship service.
- **Missions:** **Bring a beach towel to worship to donate.** Towels will be shipped to Arkansas for use by the mission teams that will be serving this summer.

Vacation Bible School is August 4 - 7 and we need your help.

VBS is the highlight of the summer for many of our children and you can help make it great. We need decorators, crafters, Bible story teachers, recreation leaders, baby rockers, snack makers and so much more. Whatever your talent or gift, we can use you. At VBS our children will learn about listening to God, so we invite you to open your heart to how God may be inviting you to be involved in VBS this summer. Please let April Alston know how you are planning to help this year.



Deacon Biographies

In the June newsletter and on bulletin inserts for the last few Sundays, we have published the biographies of each of our Deacon nominees for 2016. Please take time to read these biographies and be prepared to vote on them, Sunday, 7/10/16, at the end of the worship service.

Update from Constitution and Bylaws

Thank you to all who showed up and participated in the work session on May 18th. Our team is grateful for the feedback and the work to update our team structure is ongoing. Please be in prayer for our team as we work to synthesize the suggestions with the goal of bringing recommendations in the months to come.



Dates to Remember in July:

- July 3 - Joint Worship Service and Covered Dish Breakfast**
- July 4 - Church office closed.**
- July 6 - Children - Movies at North Hills**
- July 13 - Youth to Note in the Pocket**
- July 15 - Arch McFadyen Scholarship deadline**
- July 16-22 - Arkansas Mission Trip**
- July 18 - Hymn Festival, Campbell University Buies Creek, NC**
- July 18-20 - Oasis Worship Conference**
- July 18-23 - Unidiversity Youth Camp**
- July 24 - Leadership Council Meeting and Lunch**
- July 27 - Buddy Break Training**
- July 30 - Senior Adult Trip**

July Birthdays



- 1 Stan Tisinger, Amy Vandersip, Charlie Vestal
- 2 John Schmidt, Kim Eshleman
- 4 Eunice Bland, Bill Goulding, Joanna Perry, Logan Cockerham
- 5 Ramona Taylor
- 7 Evan Dawson, Owen Dawson, Annie Hardison-Moody, John Turlington
- 8 Sandra Paul, Genice Nix, Pattie Austin, Sophia Moody
- 9 Susan Burnette, Pam Ouzts
- 12 Gene Light, Laura Robinson, Silvana Mallah, Eli Grimes, Finn Kleinhans, Sumner Eshleman
- 13 Kala Cash
- 14 Laura Fleming
- 15 Martha Castleberry, Sallie Greene, Pat Boone, Tracy Smith, Samantha Kanai
- 16 Jean Brown, Randy Willis, Emily Robinson
- 17 Jeff Register, Brian Hollingsworth
- 18 Greg Morton
- 19 Vergie Baxley, Shirley Ditt, Katie Craig
- 20 Ken Mitchell, Jean Moorefield, Edwin Steiner
- 21 Randy Birth, Teresa Carraway
- 22 Emmett Baldrige, Abby Baker, Chase Calder
- 23 Tim Hendrix, Megan Daugherty
- 25 Mary Taylor, Lou Ostendorff
- 26 Mary Fran Perkinson, Amber Sawyers
- 27 Jack Beauchaine, Jennifer Cockerham, Eddy Ng
- 28 Dixie Bennett, Charlie Spahr, Neville Nelson
- 29 Debbie Wyse, Matt Wallace
- 30 Donna Judd, Wendy Fox
- 31 Megan Wilder



90+ Birthdays in July

- July 15.....Martha Castleberry
 July 19..... Vergie Baxley

Flowers of Blessing – The Flowers of Blessing Team could use more volunteers to arrange and deliver flowers on Monday mornings. If interested in helping with this ministry, contact Charlie Spahr at charliespahr@nc.rr.com.



Growing Greystone Through Prayer



Praise

- The birth of Avery Elise Mikeal, 6/11/16 to parents Peter and Heather Mikeal, grandmother, Debbie Mikeal

Concerns

- Sylvia Cash, upcoming surgery
- Joyce Beauchaine, health concerns
- Martha Castleberry, health concerns
- Elaine Hansen, recent surgery
- Kyle Dilday's mother, Jean Dilday, health concerns
- Priscilla Crumpler, health concerns
- Jill Pike's aunt, Goldia Hildreth, health concerns
- Sylvia Goulding, health concerns
- Linda McDaniel's mother, Sadie Glover, health concerns
- Joan Murphy's cousin, Bill Williams, health concerns
- Joyce Beauchaine's brother, Glenn Hill, health concerns
- Andy Hunt's mother, Jo Hunt, health concerns
- Jenna Perry's grandfather, health concerns
- Teresa Dilday's father, John Powell, health concerns
- Sue Blow, health concerns
- Roger Gardner, health concerns
- Cindy Vestal, health concerns
- Sandra Hunt's niece, Anna Grace Huey, health concerns
- Joe LeNoir's mother, Patti LeNoir, health concerns
- Elizabeth Santana's cousin, Allison Thomas, health concerns
- Amanda Thompson, daughter-in-law of Dottie Thompson, health concerns

Residential / Health Care Facilities

Cypress (Rosewood): John Lawrence
Rex Nursing Care: Louise Abernathy, Nancy Godwin
Springmoor (SHC): Vergie Baxley, Mary Evelyn Divers, Martha Eames, Mildred Garrett, Sallie Greene, Albert Meiburg, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register

Sympathy

- Linda Hollingsworth's family and the Jones family on the recent death of her second cousin

Prayers for the Church at Work

The Greystone adults on the Arkansas Mission trip July 16 - 22.

The Greystone adults and youth attending Unidiversity Youth Camp July 18 - 23.

On call Minister: 919-817-8975

Growing Greystone Through Stewardship (through 5/31/16)



2016 General Fund.....	\$989,817.00
YTD General Fund needed	\$412,423.75
YTD Operating Receipts	\$367,512.36
YTD Operating Expenses.....	\$352,154.78

Growing Greystone Through Worship

June 5	
8:45 Worship.....	60
11:00 Worship.....	191
June 12	
8:45 Worship.....	82
11:00 Worship.....	109
June 19	
8:45 Worship.....	89
11:00 Worship.....	147
June 26	
8:45 Worship.....	62
11:00 Worship.....	183



Senior Adult Sponsored Trip

Come take part in a time of reflection on our North Carolina history as we tour the International Civil Rights Center and Museum in Greensboro, NC, on Saturday, July 30, 2016. This was the site of the sit-ins that were an important non-violent catalyst to the civil rights movement in 1960. We will have a meal in Greensboro before returning to Raleigh. Sign up right away on the list at the lost and found table. Admission to the museum is \$12 for adults, \$10 dollars for seniors. Contact Louise Estes with any questions, 919-847-1820, louise0411@gmail.com.



July 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 July schedule is:
 7/3 - El Rodeo,
 7/10 - Bonefish Grill
 7/17 - Kanki
 7/24 - Nantucket Grill
 7/31 - Bahama Breeze



Unidiversity Youth Camp

Unidiversity Youth Camp will take place July 18-23 at the University of Tennessee.



This year's theme will be "Refocus" as we reflect on how Jesus calls us to turn from the ways of the world and towards a life of discipleship. Please plan to join us for a fantastic week of worship, Bible study, and recreation with 400 other students. The cost of the trip is \$350. If you are interested in going but have not signed up, please contact Allan Smith at allan.smith@greystonechurch.org. As always, scholarships are available.

College Fellowship and Discussion

All college students are invited to a viewing of *The Hunting Ground* followed by some discussion. It will be held in the youth room on Tuesday, July 19 at 7:00 PM. Food will be provided.

Stay Connected this Summer

The youth are continuing to meet for Bible study, missions, and fellowship activities during the summer. Look for more information through the normal communication methods or contact Allan for more details.



Youth to Note In the Pocket

The youth are going to help with Note in the Pocket on July 13, 9:30 AM - 1:00 PM. We will meet at the church at 9:30 AM. There is a permission form that needs to be signed. Please contact Allan if you need a form. Also, bring money for lunch after we are done.

Arch McFadyen Scholarship

Just a reminder that applications are **due by 7/15/15** and should be returned to: Greystone Baptist Church, 7509 Lead Mine Road, Raleigh, NC 27615, ATTN: Allan Smith. Applications are available in the church office or on the church web site at <http://greystonechurch.org/?p=1699>.



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.



We are having a great time in summer camp! Three more weeks to go if you are looking for some summer fun for your preschoolers! God is doing great things here. Our enrollment for the coming school year is up and the five day program has been very well received. Our classes for next year are almost full. We would appreciate your continued prayers of support for us and for you to tell your friends with preschool aged children about our program!

Meet me at the movies.

Join us at the North Hills theater Wednesday, July 6 at 9:40 AM, for the 10:00 AM showing of the movie, *HOME*. Tickets are \$1.00 each. Let April know if you are coming so we can look for you.



Vacation Bible School August 4 - 7

On line sign up will be available soon. Contact April Alston with questions or for more information, by emailing to: april.alston@greystonechurch.org.



Calling all crafters and decorators. Help make VBS come alive for our children. Join us on July 6 and 13 at 6:00 PM to make VBS decorations. Childcare is available.



Dear Greystone Family, I am so grateful for the opportunity to have worked with the Food Ministry for the last 12 years. It would take more words than you care to read of just how much this has meant to myself and Gary and the multiple blessings we have received. The top of the list are the wonderful relationships we have formed with all ages who have supported the ministry by attending the meals and/or working by our side. We always had amazing volunteers who made it all possible and the fun we shared will be memories for a lifetime. Thank you for the support that never wavered and the thoughtful gifts we will really enjoy. I will miss many things about preparing meals for Greystone and will always appreciate the opportunity and support I have enjoyed. I can say that there was never a time that I didn't love what I do. Blessings to all, Linda Hollingsworth



Take Note | from the Music Ministries

Summer Choir - Through the months of summer the Adult Choir will meet on Wednesday nights at their summer rehearsal time of 6:30 - 7:30 pm. Child Care is available. This is a great time to sing with the choir who have an earlier and lighter weekly schedule. Contact Mike Eller if interested or just show up on Wednesday night.

Hymn Festival Reprise at the Oasis Worship Conference, July 18 at 7:00 PM Campbell University (Buies Creek, NC)

For those who missed the Hymn Festival in May, there will be a second opportunity to experience the joy of singing together in a powerful evening of music and hymns. Choirs from all around our region lead this Hymn Festival to kick off the Oasis Worship Conference at Campbell University. Music Ministers and other lay leaders who will be attending the conference will gather in the beautiful Butler Chapel for an evening of worship and music. All are invited to attend this program free of charge. This program will feature Benjamin Harlan on the piano, Jane Holstein on the organ, and the NC Brass Quintet and timpani. Singers from multiple churches all around our region will make up the Festival Choir.

WANTED - Greystone member for the Welcome House Hospitality Team. Welcome House, located at 218 Chamberlain Street in Raleigh, was established in October 2015. It houses refugee families that have recently arrived and do not yet have permanent housing. The hospitality team prepares the house for the arriving family and also visits with the family to help them learn the area and build connections. Key responsibilities include washing linens and cleaning surfaces in the house after move out, visiting with the family, engaging the family in conversation or activities, teaching the use of stove, microwave, shower, etc. We are looking for someone with the ability to communicate in a positive, polite and respectful manner who is interested in helping others. Marc and Kim Wyatt lead the hospitality team. Volunteer orientation is held monthly and the Volunteer Coordinator will be available for any questions or assistance. If you are interested in this position, contact Joanne Thompson at jtdunmm@aol.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

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ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

Buddy Break News - We will soon be starting up our monthly Buddy Break respite care on August 13 with our very popular water day! We are looking for more volunteers to help in a variety of ways. We need help with registration, lunches and entertainment as well as being one on one Buddies. Becoming a Buddy is easy and NOT a commitment to every month. We will offer Buddy Break training on Wednesday, July 27 from 3-5 PM. If interested or for more information, call Nancy Register at 919-219-1438 or email [**buddybreak@greystonechurch.org**](mailto:buddybreak@greystonechurch.org).

People in Service

July 3

Ushers: 11:00 am: Bill Baxley, Hunter Ouzts, Kristen Pickles, Charlie Spahr, Donnie Moorefield, Nicole Moorefield

Worship Care: 11:00 am: April & Brad Walker, Pam Ouzts, Johnny Glover, Kim Craig

Greeters: 11:00 am: Margaret Hilton, Margaret Thomas

Deacon of the Week: Donnie Moorefield

July 10

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

Worship Care: 8:45 am: Heather Choplin, Jamie Allen, Matt & Anna Brawner, Dottie Thompson; **11:00 am:** Nancy Register, Craig Swaim, Donnie & Jean Moorefield, David Alston

Greeters: 8:45 am: Joyce Beauchaine, Berno Kleinhans; **11:00 am:** Pat Burris, Mavis Strickland

Deacon of the Week: Jeb Brookshire

July 17

Ushers: 8:45 am: Wayne & Cathy Smith, Bob & Nell Panten; **11:00 am:** Heather Choplin, Steve Holden, Pete Cregger, Scott Naeser, Joe & Melissa Langston

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

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

Deacon of the Week: Jennifer Walker

July 24

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, Lilian & Brian Grant; **11:00 am:** Elizabeth Santana, Gayla Hollingsworth, Eddy & Amy Ng

Greeters: 8:45 am: Bobby & Peggy Hunter; **11:00 am:** Lu-Ann Lesley, Scott Naeser

Deacon of the Week: Cathy Byman

July 31

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: David & Leigh Ammons, Jamie Mabe, Joy Croom Griffin; **11:00 am:** Lori & Chuck Harrelson, Linda McDaniel, Louise Estes, Genice Nix, Glenn Ferris

Greeters: 8:45 am: Mary Anne Barnes; **11:00 am:** Nell Panten, Dot Thomason

Deacon of the Week: Tim Hendrix