

Raise the Bar

What a gift we have in our Greystone Baptist Church community! With so much going on, it is easy to forget what a wonderful year it has been. Here are some highlights:

- The Advent booklets and devotions were well received and will be part of our Advent worship in 2016.
- We celebrated the professions of faith and baptisms of many older children from our children's ministry.
- The tireless efforts of volunteers help make Greystone's ministry dreams a reality. From the Bereavement Team to the Wednesday Night Food Service Team, it takes every member to make ministry happen.

Missions continue to be at the center of Greystone's identity. Here are some highlights thus far in 2016:

- Our partnership with the Wyatts and Cedar Point Apartments continues to deepen as we come alongside refugee families resettling in this area.
- Greystone partnered with other area Baptist churches to build another home through Habitat for Humanity.
- We are working with Felix and Nicole Iyoko as they respond to God's call to start a Swahili speaking church comprised of residents in and around Cedar Point Apartments.

That is just a snapshot! None of it would be possible without the financial stewardship and faithfulness of you, the members of Greystone Baptist Church. Thank you for your participation thus far this year.

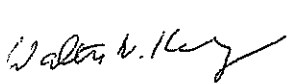
Raise the Bar is Greystone's stewardship campaign and challenge for the 2016-2017 year. While we have much to be grateful for, we believe there is more to be done. In order to achieve this goal, we need each and every family and member to **Raise the Bar** in their stewardship. Part of our campaign is asking members to **Raise the Bar** to achieve a new milestone for Greystone: \$1 Million in gifts for 2016. With roughly six weeks left in 2016, there is still time to fulfill your 2016 pledge or begin participating in God's ministry at Greystone through regular giving. If you want to make a stock contribution, please contact the financial secretary or the church office for the necessary information. Together we will **Raise the Bar** to exceed \$1 million in gifts and expand God's ministry at Greystone.

Leading up to Pledge Sunday on November 20th, the Stewardship Team asks you to prayerfully discern how you will **Raise the Bar** and participate in the ministry of Greystone for 2017. On the back of this letter is a chart to help you see how you can share in all that is happening at Greystone. If you are not currently a regular giver, we hope you will start this faithful practice by giving regularly at any level. If you give regularly, thank you and please consider raising the bar of your pledge to a higher percentage (3.5%, 5%, 7.5% or 10%) for 2017. The easiest way to give regularly is to sign up for automatic bank draft. You can check that option and follow the instructions on the enclosed pledge card or call the office for assistance.

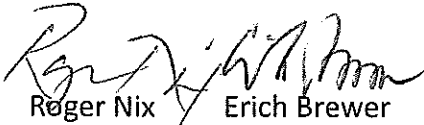
Please prayerfully consider how God is inviting you to share in the mission and ministry of Greystone through your financial stewardship. Bring the pledge card to worship on November 20th when we will covenant with God and each other to support the ministries of Greystone. If you cannot attend worship on the 20th, please use the enclosed envelope to mail your pledge or drop it by the church office. You can also click on the Stewardship 2017 link on our website (www.greystonechurch.org) to fill out a pledge card which will be emailed to our financial secretary.

Raise the Bar to help our congregation move closer to God's dream for Greystone and each of our lives. Thank you for sharing in that effort this year and beyond!

Gratefully, The Stewardship Team



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Greystone Suggested Giving Guidelines

Annual Household Income	Percentage of Annual Household Income							
	3.5%		5.0%		7.5%		10.0%	
	\$/Month	\$/Week	\$/Month	\$/Week	\$/Month	\$/Week	\$/Month	\$/Week
\$40,000	\$117	\$27	\$167	\$38	\$250	\$58	\$333	\$77
\$60,000	\$175	\$40	\$250	\$58	\$375	\$87	\$500	\$115
\$80,000	\$233	\$54	\$333	\$77	\$500	\$115	\$667	\$154
\$100,000	\$292	\$67	\$417	\$96	\$625	\$144	\$833	\$192
\$125,000	\$365	\$84	\$521	\$120	\$781	\$180	\$1,042	\$240
\$150,000	\$438	\$101	\$625	\$144	\$938	\$216	\$1,250	\$288
\$175,000	\$510	\$118	\$729	\$168	\$1,094	\$252	\$1,458	\$337
\$200,000	\$583	\$135	\$833	\$192	\$1,250	\$288	\$1,667	\$385
\$250,000	\$729	\$168	\$1,042	\$240	\$1,563	\$361	\$2,083	\$481
\$300,000	\$1,021	\$236	\$1,458	\$337	\$2,188	\$505	\$2,917	\$673