

## A Fresh Start

The poet and Novelist Rainer Maria Rilke once said, "And now we welcome the new year, full of things that have never been." What a lovely thought for 2017.

Often we face a new year and think about how we will better ourselves: read more and watch less television; exercise more and eat less dessert; go to church more and sleep in on Sundays less. Those are all good things to do to better one's self.

Rilke's words encourage us to dig deeper than just bettering ourselves. Life can be more than simply making a slightly better version of what we were the previous year. We can do better than downloading the latest, improved version of our lives.

Rilke words invite us to live a new year with a depth of passion and intentionality. What lies before us in a new year and each day is limitless potential of all that has never been. It is an invitation to create, to share and to bring into the world, your world, all that has never been. The possibilities are endless and the opportunities abundant.

I believe this is what God desires for us every year and every day. God desires for us to join God's dream for justice and peace and love and mercy: all things that yet to happen to us and those around us until we share and practice them, until with the help of God's Spirit, we bring them into being.

As Greystone enters a new calendar year, what things will she do this year that has never been? And what about you? The possibilities are endless and the opportunities abundant.

*Sean*

## Wednesday Night Live

Wednesday Night Live begins in the new year on January 11. Join us for Bible study and fellowship! As you make your resolutions for the coming year, we hope that you will consider diving a little deeper into faith and study. A great way to do this is to participate in a Wednesday night adult study.

### January

**Leading Bible Study with Preschoolers and Children** - Emily Carter Cox, a child and family therapist with the UNC Department of Psychiatry, Raleigh Campus, will join us in January to talk about child development and children's understanding at different ages. She will discuss specifically how to share some of our most beloved yet problematic Bible stories when working and learning with children.

**Cultivating and Strengthening Resilience** - Our very own Becky Sansbury will lead us in a conversation of practices that can help us stabilize and move forward even during times of crisis. Becky is an author and nationally recognized speaker. We look forward not only to her insights but also her care and compassion in this study. Consider bringing a friend who might need a bit of support and encouragement.

### February

**Winter Bible Study: The Megillot** - Join us for a Bible study based on the "little books" of the Old Testament - Ruth, Esther, Song of Songs, Lamentations, and Ecclesiastes. Dr. Tony Cartledge will lead our study. Tony has taught Old Testament, writing, and ministry courses at Campbell University Divinity School since 2007. He has published hundreds of articles and several books as sole author (*Vows in the Old Testament and the Ancient Near East*; *1 & 2 Samuel*; *Intrigued, How I Love to Proclaim It*; *Tall Tales and Deep Truths*; *Sessions with Genesis*; and *Sessions with Samuel*). He is co-author of *A Whole New World: Life after Bethany* and *Job: Into the Fire, Out of the Ashes*, and *I'm in Cells: The Captivating Story of Bob Barker and the Bob Barker Company*. In addition to his teaching responsibilities at Campbell, Cartledge writes a weekly Sunday School curriculum called *Nurturing Faith* and is Contributing Editor for the national news journal *Baptists Today*. You will not want to miss this study.

## 2016 Contributions

If you wish to have tax credit for contributions in 2016, please note that they should be left at the office, in the drop box outside 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 2016 must be received by Greystone in Greystone's account by December 31 to be counted as a 2016 contribution.

Contact the church office, [office@greystonechurch.org](mailto:office@greystonechurch.org) or the financial secretary, [finance@greystonechurch.org](mailto:finance@greystonechurch.org) for the information you will need to complete the transfer of stock to Greystone.

## January Calendar



### Joint New Year's Day Service

Sunday, 1/1/17, 11:00 AM

No 8:45 service.

Sunday School/Orientation will be as normally scheduled.

### Wednesday January 4, 2017

No Wednesday night activities and no adult choir rehearsal.

### Wednesday Night Live Resumes

Wednesday, 1/11/17, 5:30 PM

### Buddy Break

Saturday, 1/14/17, 9:30 AM

### Habitat Workday

Saturday, 1/21/17

### Fellowship Breakfast

Sunday, 1/22/17, 9:30 AM

Fellowship Hall

### Crock Pot Cook-Off and Dessert Contest

Saturday, January 28, 5:30 PM

Fellowship Hall

## January Birthdays



- 1 Cathy Gunter, Donnie Moorefield, Dottie Thompson, Joy Millikan, Jenny Nathan, Katie Perkinson
- 2 Henry Wells, David Ammons
- 3 Virginia Creamer, Duane Long, Greg Byrd, Brian Tickle
- 4 Lee Ann Spahr, Glenn Ferris, Thomas Pendergrass, Jamie Brookshire
- 5 Allan Smith, Michael Worley
- 6 Robin Wells, Chris Washington, Lisa Nikaeen
- 7 Alex Tatum
- 8 John Meyer
- 9 Cynthia Griesedieck, Walker Alston
- 10 Charlie Hilliard
- 11 Gary Hollingsworth
- 12 Joe LeNoir
- 13 Kayla Jastrow
- 14 David O'Neal, Trish Boone
- 15 Caleb Kleven, Hannah Allen
- 16 Jeanne Andrus, Susan Foster, Matt Birth
- 17 Jewitt Thompson
- 18 Rick Perkinson
- 19 Joe Langston, Allison Calder, Michelle Fogwell, Megan Perry
- 20 Cheyenne Ennemoser, Aaron Ng
- 21 Greg Wallace, Megan Muncie, Michaela Steele
- 22 Jack Hughens, Durwood Johnson, Bob Penny, Sean Allen
- 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 Niehaus
- 28 Courtney O'Donoghue, Caroline Morton
- 29 Dave Tunstall, Kathy Nobles, Matt Brawner
- 30 Michael Kanai, Andy Hunt, Stephen Herman
- 31 Joan Nelson, Mark Stewart, Ben Grant, Elliette Kleinhans



### 90+ Birthdays in January

- Jan. 3 ..... Virginia Creamer  
 Jan. 22 ..... Jack Hughens  
 Jan. 24 ..... Helen Tugwell

## Growing Greystone Through Prayer



### Praise

- **Ciro Ronin Castellanos**, born 12/18/16 to parents Carlos and Katie, grandparents, Steve and Angela Rose

### Hospital

- **Dan Nichols**, PruittHealth-Raleigh

### Concerns

- **Dorothy Rutledge**, health concerns
- **Elaine Hansen**, recovering from surgery
- **Sam Killingsworth**, grandson of Lou and Marcia Ostendorff, health concerns
- **Alan Sasser**, 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, recent surgery
- **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
- **Sylvia Goulding**, health concerns

### Residential / Health Care Facilities

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

### Sympathy

- **Jeannie Miller's family** on the death of her mother-in-law, Loretta Miller, 12/16/16
- **Jenna Perry's family** on the death of her grandfather, Robert McDaniel, 12/9/16
- **Henry Kidd's family** on the death of his mother, Esther Kidd, 12/5/16
- **Sandra Hunt's family** on the death of her aunt, Alice Jones, 12/1/16
- **Mary Miller's family** on her death, 12/1/16
- **John Lawrence's family** on his death, 11/30/16

**On call Minister-919-817-8975**

## Growing Greystone Through Stewardship (through 11/30/16)



2016 General Fund.....	\$989,817.00
YTD General Fund needed .....	\$907,332.25
YTD Operating Receipts.....	\$807,691.69
YTD Operating Expenses.....	\$814,963.82

### Growing Greystone Through Worship

#### December 4

8:45 Worship.....	128
11:00 Worship.....	209

#### December 11

8:45 Worship.....	130
11:00 Worship.....	201

#### December 18

8:45 Worship.....	113
11:00 Worship.....	214

## Stop Hunger Now!



On Sunday, February 5, we will gather together to package 40,000 meals to be distributed through out 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.



### Books on the Corner

Are you looking for something interesting to do in the new year? Come check out Greystone's 'Books on the Corner'. We have so many categories of interesting books - Children's, Teens, Biographies, Fiction, The Life of Jesus, Spiritual Living, and more. Come check out a few of them! Books on the Corner is located off the breezeway between the Fellowship Hall and the Youth Building.

The Media Team

**Flower Calendar 2017** - The flower calendar for 2017 is on the easel outside of the church office with plenty of open dates available. In January 1/1, 1/15, 1/22 and 1/29 are all open. Check the sign-up board and select the date you would like to provide flowers for the Sanctuary. A sanctuary arrangement typically 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.





**Sunday Night Youth** will resume on Sunday, January 8. Student Choir will continue to meet at 5:00 PM with Youth Dinner and Fellowship occurring from 6 - 7:30 PM in the Youth Building. We plan to continue meeting in small groups for discussion.

➔ **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](mailto:allan.smith@greystonechurch.org). More information to come!

**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](mailto: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.



We are already looking ahead to our next preschool year, starting in September 2017. Registration for the new year will begin for our currently enrolled families on Monday, January 23rd. Church members who are not currently enrolled in our weekday preschool may register beginning Tuesday, January 24th. Registration opens to the public on Thursday, January 26th. Please share this information with any families you know who may be looking for quality, loving, half-day child care for their preschoolers.



**Passport Camp**

Children grades 3-5, plan now to join us for Passport Kids (July 3-6). Reserve your spot now for \$75.00.

**Crockpot Cook-off & Dessert Contest  
January 28, 5:30 PM  
Fellowship Hall**

Formerly known as the Chili Cook off, this year we are expanding our horizons. We want your best crock pot dish, be it pot roast, mac-n-cheese, soup, stew or chili, we want to taste it. Our kids will be hosting a dessert contest at this time as well. Signup sheets in hallway and on Sunday school clipboards.



**Together for Hope of Arkansas**

began in 2003 as part of the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship's Rural Poverty Initiative. The focus of the ministry has evolved over the years. Literacy and youth leadership development are now the primary focus. Although, work goes on all year using local and regional volunteers, each summer volunteers from several states converge on Helena-West Helena as part of the All Church Challenge (ACC). These two weeks include Swim Camp for kids ages 6-12, Preschool Camp, Stories on Wheels Camp, Construction Projects, and Blessings Ministry. The Swim Camp includes Bible study, music, crafts, a sport, and two swim lessons per day. Preschool Camp offers similar activities. The Stories on Wheels Bus goes to Lakeview, a small isolated town, and has a camp with Bible study, games, and a literacy activity for kids of all ages. A leadership camp for teens is held the first week of ACC and these teens volunteer during the second week. Volunteer opportunities include teaching a sport or swimming, leading crafts, games, or music or being a group leader who shepherds a group of kids through activities. Construction projects are different every year. They have included everything from building a church to building a ramp to roofing a house. Last year work was begun on Freeman Playground, a playground for children of all abilities. Blessings Ministry is the name for a group of volunteers who do random acts of kindness for people in the community. This might include visiting elderly people in their homes or in nursing homes, baking cookies to give away, or making lunches for the kids in camp. Activities can be whatever the group wants to do that will bless others. Greystone has been sending a team to Arkansas every year since 2005. Forty-five members of the Greystone family have made the trip at least once. Some have been many times. This trip is open to families, college students, and individuals. Greystone plans to participate the second week of ACC, July 15-21. The team plans to drive this year which will bring down the cost. People who do not wish to drive could make their own flight arrangements. We stay in a local church and sleep in sleeping bags. If you feel God is calling you to Arkansas this summer, please talk with Lou or Carl Dawson, 919-781-2100.

**"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 as a disciple and learner.

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. If you have questions or need more information, please contact Amanda



## 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 February newsletter is noon, 1/23/17.**

ADDRESS SERVICE REQUESTED

**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 January schedule is: 1/1 - Imperial Garden, 1/8 - Bahama Breeze, 1/15 - Red Lobster, 1/22 - Carrabas, 1/29 - Nantucket Grill



### People in Service

#### January 1 (11:00 service only)

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

**Worship Care: 11:00 am:** April and Brad Walker, Joanna Thompson, Johnny Glover, Kim Craig

**Greeters:** Margaret Hilton, Margaret Thomas

**Deacon of the Week:** Jill Pike

#### January 8

**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:** Amy & Eddy Ng, Anna & Matt Brawner; **11:00 am:** Jean & Donnie Moorefield, Craig Swaim, David Alston, Pam Ouzts

**Greeters:** Joyce Beauchaine, Berno Kleinhans

**Deacon of the Week:** Angela Rose

#### January 15

**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:** Berno & Kim Kleinhans, Elizabeth Worley, Katie Lindsey; **11:00 am:** Susan Burnette, AnaRita Eason, John Clark, Suzanne Best, Trish Boone

**Greeters:** Bill & Sylvia Goulding, Arnold & Sylvia Lawson

**Deacon of the Week:** Donna Tunstall

#### January 22

**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:** Jennifer & Brent Walker, Brian & Lilian Grant; **11:00 am:** Andy & Sandra Hunt, Shyla Tatum, Gayla Hollingsworth, Eileen Trawick

**Greeters:** Bobby & Peggy Hunter, Scott Naeser

**Deacon of the Week:** Bill Baxley

#### January 29

**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:** James Tatum, Joy Croom Griffin; **11:00 am:** Louise Estes, Linda McDaniel

**Greeters:** Nell Panten and LuAnn Lesley

**Deacon of the Week:** Kim Craig