

March

26 8:45 am Worship
9:45 Sunday School/Orientation
11:00 Worship
12:00 pm New Member Luncheon, Fellowship Hall
4:00 Grace Tones, Sanctuary
5:00 Student Choir
6:00 Youth Dinner and Fellowship, Youth Bldg.

29 5:30 pm Wednesday Night Live Dinner, Fellowship Hall
6:00 Children - WAM!
6:00 Youth to North Raleigh Ministries
6:15 Prayer
6:20 Adult Study
6:45 Children - Missions Study
7:15 Adult Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

“Every Member a Minister”

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Sunday, March 26, 2017

Fourth Sunday in Lent
8:45 & 11:00 AM Worship

Welcome

We are so glad that you have joined us for worship this morning and we want you to know that you are always welcome. Regardless of who you are, where you come from, what you do professionally or in your spare time, there is always a place for you here at Greystone.

You can give us a record of your visit by filling out the blue Friendship Pads as they are passed down the pews during the service. This will give us a chance to connect with you and help you learn more about Greystone. You can also ask one of the Ministers or Ushers who will direct you to information about our church, or I invite you to visit our website: www.greystonechurch.org.

Worship Care is available in our preschool area for babies to five-year-olds during both the 8:45 and 11:00 services. If you would like to place your children in Worship Care, please stop by the check-in desk to register and drop off your children. We also have activity bags available for children of all ages. They are located in the basket near the entrance to the Sanctuary.

I hope you find Greystone to be a vibrant, diverse community of faith. Our members come from a wide range of spiritual backgrounds and life experiences. All of them care deeply for each other and the world around them. At Greystone, we believe "Every Member is a Minister." I pray your worship with us today leads you further down the path of God's calling upon your life.

Welcome to Greystone Baptist Church!



Sean O. Allen

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ANNOUNCEMENTS CONTINUED

FLOOD RELIEF WORK DAYS - The Mission Team is sponsoring flood relief workdays in Lumberton on April 6 - 8. You can work all three days or come down for the day. Contact Jerry Chiles at jerrychiles1@gmail.com or **919-606-2751** for detailed information. Consider helping those devastated by Hurricane Matthew.

PALM SUNDAY CANTATA - April 9, **11:00 AM** service - Join us for a special time of worship and music led by the Adult Choir, narrators and instrumentalists. This Passion Week cantata will take us through the final week of Christ - a week that would change the course of history. Make plans to join us for this special program on Palm Sunday morning! We'll kick off the service with a palm branch processional led by our children. We will have a regular **8:45 AM** Palm Sunday Worship Service also featuring a palm processional and led by the Adult Choir.

CHURCH-ISSUED KEYS AND FOB'S - The security and safety of our church buildings and campus is a high priority. Steve Rose, Property Manager, and Todd Muncie, Properties Team Chair, are working with our insurance carriers and loss mitigation consultants to ensure that Greystone Baptist Church continues to be a welcoming and secure place for all members and visitors for worship, study, fellowship and community outreach events. Based upon advice from industry experts, Steve will be conducting an inventory of all church-issued keys and fobs over the next few weeks. As a general rule, key and fob distribution has been limited to church staff, certain team chairpersons, custodial personnel, and others who have a need for frequent access to the church. Over many years, we have had many changes in the personnel that have been assigned a key. If you are currently in possession of any church keys, please email Steve at steve.rose@greystonechurch.org. Meanwhile, a formal policy regarding key issuance and control has been developed and will be reviewed and deployed by the Properties Team in the coming weeks. Thanks in advance for your cooperation.

(announcements continued on back of prayer list)

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)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

LENTEN WORDS - Lent is a time of reflection and preparation, a measured pause before the arrival of Easter. We asked you to think about a word each day of Lent. We are posting a new word each day on Greystone's Facebook page. The Lenten words for this week are below. Use the word of the day in your prayers, consider taking a photo of something that reminds you of the word, use the word as a prompt for journal writing, or maybe the word reminds you of a quote or a picture. Let the word rest in your thoughts for the day. We hope that you will share your thoughts and pictures, poems and prayers with other church members. Use the comment section under the day's word on Greystone's Facebook page to share your reflections each day of Lent.

Words for this Week: March 27: Wept; March 28: But; March 29: Way; March 30: Free; March 31: Sin; April 1: Neighbor

To connect with the church online, Like us on Facebook (<https://www.facebook.com/Greystone-Baptist-Church-117681624918143/>) or Follow us on Twitter (<https://twitter.com/greystonebc>).

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE IN MARCH! - Take note and make plans to join us for these opportunities for learning and fellowship in March.

Theology 101: Join us for a time of learning and sharing on this final session (3/29) as we consider our understandings of redemption both as individuals and as a community of faith. Dr. Annie Hardison-Moody is a professor and researcher of applied theology and an incredible gift in our community. Come with your questions, your Bibles and your experience.

Philippians: This month we have been reading and discussing Paul's letter to the church at Philippi. This letter is foundational to our faith and formation as believers and a perfect scripture to consider during the Lenten season. John Vestal leads this study. John is a scholar, a minister, a father, a husband and a friend. We are truly grateful for his leadership and thoughtfulness. Bring your Bibles and explore together Paul's heartfelt words to a beloved community.

DINNER ON MARCH 29 - Wednesday, March 29 the children's ministry is taking over the kitchen. Instead of our regular caterers, our dinner will be prepared by children's ministry volunteers. Join us for spaghetti, salad, bread and dessert. There is no charge for dinner but we will accept donations. The money that we raise will go toward PASSPORTKids camp, FRIENDS camp and more. Thank you for supporting our children's ministry here at Greystone.

SENIOR ADULT SPONSORED TRIP - Please join us on Saturday, April 1 as we visit the Country Doctor Museum and have lunch in Baily, NC. Adults \$8, seniors \$6, students \$4. A signup sheet with details is in the church hallway. Contact Cathy Smith with questions, 919-801-8707, smithcat11@gmail.com.

SAVE THE DATE - CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST - Join us for good food and fellowship on Sunday, April 2 at 9:30 in the Fellowship Hall.

BOOKS ON THE CORNER - When you stop by the Fellowship Hall for breakfast on April 2, be sure to check out the book offerings on display from Books on the Corner. Pick one or more you'd like to give a forever home.

SERVICE OF WORSHIP

☩ Please rise in body or spirit

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PRELUDE

"AMAZING GRACE"
Tim Hendrix, Organ

arr. Beohringer, Clegg

WELCOME AND OPENING SENTENCES

Amanda Atkin

The Lord is my constant companion.
There is no need that He cannot fulfill.
Whether His course for me points
to the mountaintops of glorious ecstasy
or to the valleys of human suffering,
He is by my side, He is ever present with me.
He is close beside me
when I tread the dark streets of danger,
and even when I flirt with death itself,
He will not leave me.
When the pain is severe, He is near to comfort.
When the burden is heavy, He is there to lean upon.
When depression darkens my soul, He touches me with eternal joy.
When I feel empty and alone, He fills the aching vacuum with His power.
My security is in His promise
to be near to me always,
and in the knowledge
that He will never let me go.

- Psalm 23, paraphrased by LESLIE BRANDT

CALL TO WORSHIP

"HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING"
Handbell Choir

arr. Sherman

*My life flows on in endless song
above earth's lamentation;
I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn
that hails a new creation.*

*No storm can shake my inmost calm
while to that Rock I'm clinging.
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,
how can I keep from singing?*

⊕ HYMN 215	WHEN MORNING GILDS THE SKIES All Stanzas <i>(Children come forward during the last stanza)</i>	LAUDES DOMINI
CHILDREN'S MESSAGE		Allan Smith
WORSHIP REFLECTION	"SERVANT SONG" Tim Hendrix, Organ	Gillard; arr. Pulkingham
PASTORAL PRAYER		April Alston
⊕ HYMN 684	PRECIOUS LORD, TAKE MY HAND Both Stanzas	PRECIOUS LORD
⊕ HYMN 685	FOOTSTEPS OF JESUS All Stanzas	FOOTSTEPS
⊕ OFFERTORY PRAYER		Ernest Carraway
OFFERTORY	"CROWN OF THORNS, CROWN OF GLORY" Handbell Choir	arr. Moglebust
⊕ RESPONSE 813	GLORY BE TO THE FATHER Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost, As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, Amen	GREATOREX
SCRIPTURE READING	John 9:13-25 Reader: May God add understanding to the reading of the lesson. Response: Thanks be to God.	Allan Smith
[11:00] ANTHEM	"JESUS PAID IT ALL" Adult Choir	arr. Sterling
SERMON	"BLINDED BY THE LIGHT?"	Sean Allen
DISCIPLINE OF SILENCE	My darkness has been filled with the light of intelligence, and behold, the outer day-lit world was stumbling and groping in social blindness. - HELEN KELLER	

⊕ HYMN 563	OPEN MY EYES, THAT I MAY SEE	SCOTT
	<hr/> <i>A minister will be at the front during this time to welcome any prayer need or decision you would like to share - whether it is to publicly profess faith in Christ or to join the Greystone church family. Respond as God's Spirit leads.</i> <hr/>	
⊕ PASSING THE PEACE	Leader: The peace of Christ be with you. People: And also with you.	
CELEBRATING COMMUNITY		Sean Allen
⊕ SENDING SONG 323	AT THE CROSS At the cross, at the cross, where I first saw the light, and the burden of my heart rolled away. It was there by faith I received my sight, and now I am happy all the day!	HUDSON
⊕ BENEDICTION		Sean Allen
POSTLUDE	"WE ARE MARCHING IN THE LIGHT OF GOD" Tim Hendrix, Organ <hr/>	arr. Behnke
	The flowers today are donated by AnaRita Eason in honor of Travis's and Mikayla's first wedding anniversary.	
WORSHIP LEADERS TODAY		
ERNEST CARRAWAY (ecarraway126@gmail.com, 919-848-1883) is the Deacon of the Week this morning. He joined in June of 1985 and is married to Teresa. They are members of the Edge class. In addition to serving as a Deacon, Ernest also serves as a Trustee of the church.		