



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

By April Alston

August 3 – 6, 2017



One of my favorite memories of childhood is Vacation Bible School. VBS is where I made friends, learned new Bible stories, memorized scripture and had fun. It is also where I professed my faith in God for the first time. I had attended church since birth and heard the stories and sung the songs a thousand times but that week, during a childhood summer, those stories, songs and scriptures became more personal. It was during Vacation Bible School that my faith became my own.

My love for VBS didn't stop as a child. As a middle school student, I became a youth helper for one of the younger VBS classes and by the time I was a senior in High School, I was co-teaching a class of 4 year olds with an amazing mentor teacher. I continued teaching through most of my college years because I realized that I learned just as much by being a teacher as I did as a student. Each year I learned new things, experienced God in a new way and met some amazing children and adults. My faith grew in different ways each and every time I was involved in VBS.

Whatever your age, whatever your talents and gifts, I invite you to be a part of VBS at Greystone this year. Our theme this year is 'Have U Seen, Discovering God's Fingerprints'. Together we will seek to discover God at work in our world, in our own backyard and in our lives.

You can register as a participant or as a volunteer on the church website or by calling the church office.

VBS is open to any child who will be 4 years old by August 31 through rising 6th graders. Children who attend Greystone church or preschool and are age 3 by August 31 are also invited to attend. (Nursery for younger children of VBS workers will also be provided.)

Volunteers are still needed in the following areas: worker's nursery, discovery guides (no prep needed), snacks/registration, music, youth helpers and decorating. We would love to have your help to make this week a fabulous one for our participants.

## GBC events

[Visit the website for a full schedule](#)

### JULY

- 12 Youth to FBC Clothing Closet  
9:00 am - 1:00 pm
- 14-22 Arkansas Mission Trip
- 17 An Evening with Dr. Bill Wilson  
6:30 pm, *Fellowship Hall*
- 17-22 Unidiversity Youth Camp  
*University of Tennessee*
- 20 McFadyen Scholarship  
Application Deadline
- 23 Leadership Council Meeting &  
Lunch  
12:00 pm, *Fellowship Hall*  
Youth Swim and Study  
5:00 pm, *Greystone Pool*
- 30 Pocket Change Sunday  
Youth Swim and Study  
5:00 pm, *Greystone Pool*

## worship@GBC

### Sunday, July 16

8:45 & 11:00 am  
Proclaimer: Dr. Steve Bolton

### Sunday, July 23

8:45 & 11:00 am  
Proclaimer: Dr. Mike Simmons

### Sunday, July 30

8:45 & 11:00 am  
Proclaimer: Dr. Mike Simmons

## GOOD NEWS



The Cooperative Baptist Fellowship General Assembly was held the last week of June in Atlanta, GA. Several thousand Baptists gathered to celebrate missions and ministry. It was a wonderful time of learning, fellowship and worship.

The highlight for me was being able to celebrate and bless the work of Felix and Nicole Iyoko. Together they pastor Shiloh Restoration Church here in North Raleigh. Restoration Church is a sanctuary for refugees and immigrants who now call Raleigh home. You may remember our joint worship service with this sister congregation in April.

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## JULY

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

### 90+ Birthdays in July!

Martha Castleberry (15th)  
Vergie Baxley (19th)

## Children's Ministry

During the week of July 3 - 6, our 3rd - 5th graders enjoyed some time in Montreat, North Carolina. Surrounded by scenic mountains and a beautiful lake we encountered God together as we participated in *PASSPORTkids* Camp. Our theme for the week was "DO, LOVE, WALK" based on Micah 6:8 which says "What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, to love kindness and to walk humbly with God."

The theme was brought to life through interactive Bible studies and worship. Throughout the week, students learned the stories of the rich young ruler, the Good Samaritan, and Namaan. Campers acted out these stories, and read modern day versions of them to help them integrate when they learned into their everyday lives.

David, our pastor for the week, told great stories that the campers really learned from. One of the campers' favorite stories can be found in a book titled *Four Feet, Two Sandals* which is about two young refugee girls who loved kindness by sharing a single pair of shoes. Many of our campers help lead in worship through reading litanies, dancing and participating in an art project.

Our offering for the week went to *Watering Malawi*. This ministry provides clean water, hand washing stations, education and more to the people in the small country of Malawi. On the second night of camp, campers participated in a night market which really helped them understand why this ministry is so vitally important.

I hope that you will ask one of our campers about their week. They would love to tell you more about it.

## GREYSTONE NUMBERS

### Worship

[8:45] [11:00]

June 4: .....51 .....176.....  
June 11: .....76 .....177.....  
June 18: .....78 .....104.....  
June 25: .....73 .....156.....

### Generosity (5/31/17)

2017 General Fund  
\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed  
\$412,413.25

YTD Operating Receipts  
\$354,731.46

YTD Operating Expenses  
\$364,846.50

## Music Ministry

### AN INVITATION TO SING!

This summer, we're inviting anyone who'd like to sing with the Adult Choir an opportunity to participate with a lighter schedule during such a busy season. Rehearsals during these months begin at 6:30 pm on Wednesday nights (childcare available). You would only need to come for the first half of rehearsal.

Contact Mike, or any choir member, if interested—or just show up on Wednesday night. Singers of every level welcome! Our next Summer Choir anthem will be sung on AUGUST 13—the Choir will sing in the 11:00 am service only. Key rehearsals for this will anthem will take place on August 2 and 9. Come join us!

### ADULT CHOIR SUMMER FELLOWSHIPS

We're heading out to enjoy some fellowship and goodies following rehearsals this summer. These dates and places will be:

AUGUST 9 — Choir and Ice Cream  
(NEW Two Roosters Ice Cream,  
beside Gonza)

AUGUST 30 — Choir and Coffee  
(SOLA Cafe)

### MUSIC ENSEMBLES THIS FALL

In the middle of this blazing hot summer, we are already anticipating the many opportunities there will be this fall in the Music Ministries. Mark your calendars now with some of kick-off dates for our musical ensembles:

### Adult Choir

Meets on Wednesdays (7:15 pm—beginning Sept. 6)

### Worship Arts & Music (WAM!) for Children

Wednesday, Sept. 6 (6:00 pm)

\*Preschool (ages 4 & 5)

\*Younger Children (grades K – 2)

\*Older Children (grades 3 – 5)

### Student Handbells

Sunday, Sept. 10 (4:30 pm)

### Student Choir

Sunday, Sept. 10 (5:00 pm)

### Adult Handbell Choir

Sunday, Sept. 10 (6:00 pm)

Grace Tones (Women's) Ensemble  
Sundays at 4:00 pm

## Student Ministry



### UNIDIVERSITY YOUTH CAMP 2017

Monday, July 17 – Saturday, July 22

Please be in prayer for our students and adults attending Unidiversity Youth Camp at the University of Tennessee. Camp is always a significant week in the lives of our students. How often do they get to disconnect from the stresses and busyness of their lives in Raleigh to spend a week of their summer in

community and in reflection? Twenty students from Greystone will join with over 300 students from churches across the southeast for a week of fellowship and study of Advent. That's right, we will be celebrating Hope, Peace, Love, and Joy in the middle of July as we explore what the coming of the Christ-child means to middle school and high school students in 2017.

Students will participate in a wide variety of seminars, ranging from Christian music to meditative practices to the intersection of sports and faith. And there is plenty of time for fun in the afternoons and evenings. It promises to be an incredible week for our students.

Please be in prayer for the students and the adults - that the students would be open to listening

to the Holy Spirit during the week of camp and that the adult leaders would be filled with God's love to share with all the students at the camp.

### JOIN OUR EMAIL LIST

Stay informed of all youth activities by subscribing to our weekly email, "Happenings This Week". Subscribe by emailing the church office at [office@greystonechurch.org](mailto:office@greystonechurch.org).

### YOUTH TEXT BLASTS

Link your phone to receive Greystone text blasts:  
YOUTH: text @youth20 to (919) 336-5052.

## Other Ministry News

### POCKET CHANGE SUNDAY

Don't forget to bring your pocket change to church on Sunday, July 30. Our children will be collecting your stray quarters, dimes, and pennies to give to Raleigh Urban Ministries. Your spare change will supplement the food collection we have been running through the entire month. It will allow this ministry to stock their shelves with critically needed items and fill in the gaps.

### FOOD DRIVE

Greystone's Mission team will be collecting food for Urban Ministries during the month of July. Look for boxes outside the sanctuary for collection. Please help out if you can!  
Collection Schedule:

- July 16 - Brown instant rice
- July 23 - Whole grain pasta
- July 30 - Scotch tape

### THANK YOU

We would like to thank the Greystone family for all the thoughts, prayers and acts of love shown to our entire family at the loss of my nephew, Josh. We are truly blessed to be part of such a loving church family. I ask that you not only continue to keep us in your prayers but all those suffering with the disease of addiction and that we can find a solution to this senseless epidemic which is taking countless lives and leaving so many other families in grief. Blessings, Michelle and Raymond Byrd.

## Community in Prayer

### PRAISE

- Katie Eller on recently receiving her MA degree from Duke University

### CONCERNS

- Joanne Thompson's brother-in-law, Tim Marshall, health concerns
- Dottie Thompson's grandson, Edward Thompson, health concerns
- Joan Murphy's aunt, Vera Wurtz, health concerns
- Dave Phillips, health concerns
- Ginny Liverance's friend, Greg Thomas, health concerns
- Pete Cregger's mother, Kathleen Cregger, recent injury, Stewart Health Center
- Regena Peebles, recovering from surgery
- Kyle Dilday's mother, Jean Dilday, health concerns
- Cathy Perkinson, health concerns
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy Jones, health concerns
- Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson, recent surgery
- Sylvia Goulding, health concerns

- Ramona Taylor's son-in-law, Erik Conley, deployment (Iraq)
- Elizabeth Cregger, health concerns
- Roger Gardner, health concerns
- Joe LeNoir III's friend, Kenny Yacynych, deployment (Afghanistan)
- Emily Kinlaw, health concerns
- Arnold Lawson, health concerns
- Dottie Thompson's daughter-in-law, Amanda Thompson, health concerns

### RESIDENTIAL/HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

**Rex Nursing Care:** Nancy Godwin

**Springmoor (SHC):** Vergie Baxley, Lib Daniels, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register

### SYMPATHY

- Greyson and Amy Davis' family on the death of Amy's grandmother, Gladys Baker, 6/26/17
- Rose Parker's and Cindi Vaughn's family on the death of Ralph Vesci, Rose's brother and Cindi's uncle, 6/16/17
- Melissa Langston's family on the death of her brother-in-law, Mike Buckner, 6/3/17

## Greystone contacts

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*"GOOD NEWS" continued from the front page*

Felix and Nicole were commissioned by the CBF as church starters at this year's General Assembly. This level of support and resources enriches the stability of this beginning church and reminds us all of the good work that our friends are accomplishing in our neighborhood.

If you would like to join them for worship one Sunday, they meet at St. Philip Lutheran Church at 2 PM.

**GUEST PROCLAIMER, DR. MIKE SIMMONS** - On Sunday, July 23 and 30, we will welcome Dr. Simmons as our guest proclaimer. He and his wife, Sandra, have two children and five grandchildren and live in Coats, NC. Dr. Simmons has pastored NC churches in Macon, Stoneville, Canton, Charlotte, Raleigh, and Buies Creek. He spends his most recent ministry years assisting churches who are going through transition by providing Pulpit Supply or Interim Pastoral leadership.

### WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

**Samuel Brown  
Joined July 9, 2017**



The deadline for the  
**July 26 Connect**  
is noon, **Thursday, July 20**

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please unsubscribe by calling the church office.

As Greystone prepares to take on the challenge of developing a new vision for our church, there is a unique opportunity available to equip ourselves for the journey.

### TRAINING EXTRAVAGANZA 2017

**WHEN?** Saturday August 19

**WHERE?** Hayes Barton Baptist Church, 1800 Glenwood Avenue, Raleigh 27608

**Schedule:** 8:30 - 9:00 am

Continental Breakfast

9:15-10:30 am

Session #1

10:45 - Noon

Session #2

### LEADERSHIP LAB #1- Looking to 2020: An Effective Visioning Strategy

**Leader: Rev. Jack Glasgow and ZBC 2020 Vision Team Members**

The 21st century church faces challenges and change at an alarming pace. If your church is to navigate these unprecedented experiences and have a fruitful ministry, then developing an accurate perspective for the immediate and long term future is an absolute imperative. Zebulon Baptist Church spent months praying, researching, exploring and conversing with one another and their community in a thorough process which resulted in their 2020 Vision Team Report. In this LAB experience you will be led through the process of spiritual discernment which produced recommendations for a path forward to God's preferred future for Zebulon Baptist Church. Participants need to register for this LAB. There is a fee of \$5 for materials.

...where every member is a minister  
and is equipped to express God's  
love by word and deed to all people.

