



## CHEERLEADER FOR A DAY

By Amanda Atkin

## GBC events

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### JULY

- 29 Senior Adult Sponsored Trip
- 30 Pocket Change Sunday  
Youth Swim and Study  
5:00 pm, *Greystone Pool*

### AUGUST

- 3-6 Vacation Bible School
- 6 Joint Worship Service  
11:00 am, no 8:45 service,  
SS as normally scheduled  
Youth Swim and Study  
5:00 pm, *Greystone Pool*
- 12 Youth Planning Retreat  
9:00 am, *Youth Bldg.*
- 13 Church in Conference  
5:00 pm, *Sanctuary*
- 27 Promotion Sunday

## worship@GBC

### Sunday, August 6

11:00 am Joint Service  
Proclaimer: Dr. Dennis Herman

### Sunday, August 13

8:45 & 11:00 am  
Proclaimer: Dr. Lydia Hoyle

Greystone is in a time of transition. We are in between pastors. This is a significant time in the life of our community that is filled with “what ifs” and “how’s” and sometimes “I don’t know’s”. But it is also a time filled with God’s gracious spirit which compels us to continue in our calling to be the church. You see, even when there is no Senior Pastor, there is still work to be done. The church continues.

When I look around Greystone, here is what I see: volunteers sitting down with children at Cedar Point to read and encourage learning; sweaty smiling faces in Arkansas replacing floors, plumbing and sheetrock for an elderly woman; members walking the streets around Greystone to invite our neighbors to VBS and to our church; flowers being delivered to shut-ins; members agreeing to serve when the Nominating team calls them; plans being made for new community outreach this fall; new worship services being planned for Advent; a search team interviewing candidates; a group of deacons discerning the next best steps for our congregation; youth laughing and learning and worshipping at Unidiversity; teachers working with a group of Afghani women to build their English skills and food being collected by the hundreds of pounds to share with people who need it. Preschoolers are playing in our classrooms. Cub scouts are romping around on the field. Addicts are finding support and encouragement in a safe space. And each week a group of friends gather on Sunday morning to worship God. This list could go on and on because

Greystone continues to be an active and vital part of the Kingdom of God.

The work continues. So here is my chance to pull out my pompoms and cheer – Go Greystone! The ministry that you are offering right now is important and will, by the grace of God, propel us into the future. Go Greystone! Go!

## A PRAYER OF INDIFFERENCE

Over 70 people gathered in the Fellowship Hall on Monday night, July 17. We met with Dr. Bill Wilson from the Center for Healthy Churches. Dr. Wilson shared his insight and expertise on how congregations can use the time in between pastors to clarify their vision and build for the future health and longevity of the church. Dr. Wilson encouraged us to pray with indifference, to pray as Jesus did, “not my will but Yours be done.”

Finding a pastor and creating a shared vision is a spiritual task not simply a cognitive exercise. We will never be smart enough to do this without God. To pray for indifference does not mean we are apathetic. It means that we are so focused on God that we are indifferent to ourselves. We become indifferent to our wants and desires. We become ready to serve and are laser focused onto living God’s desires for our congregation.

So, let’s begin this work and pray every day: God’s Will. Nothing more. Nothing else. Nothing less.

The deadline for the  
**August 16 Connect**  
is noon, **Thursday August 10**

## AUGUST

- 1 Brad Walker
- 2 Robert Panten, Sue Blow, Scott Naeser, Roby Sawyers
- 3 Amy Davis, Kaleigh Ashurst, Madison Ouzts
- 4 Lynne Hamrick, Michael Hunter, April Walker
- 5 Nancy Walters, Bill Fleming, Sarah Lang
- 6 Wanda Calder, Tiffany Duncan, Austin Wertz, Sutton Heilig
- 7 David Cox
- 8 Linda McDaniel
- 9 Dale Brock, Ed Crump, Amy Sellers, Erin Meyer
- 10 Judy Harrison, Elizabeth Mueller
- 12 Brenda Milam, Bryant Morton

- 13 Joan Hobson, Todd Lesley, Scott Overby, Margret Gardner, Beth Ammons
- 14 Molly Ann Birth, Leyton Daniels
- 15 Tracy Weekman, Jo Anne Dreitzler
- 16 Joy Tiffany
- 18 Dora Pickles, Megan Leonard, Julie Cregger
- 19 Amy Pendergrass, Kim Poirier
- 20 Sandy Penny
- 21 Skip Pike, Diane White, Georgia Gray
- 22 Brenda Holden, Anjie King, Lindsay Harrelson
- 23 Hudson Burns
- 24 Elaine Hansen, Hunter Hale
- 25 Wilton Moody, Bethany Glueck, Catherine Smith
- 26 Chip Franz, John Vestal, Ashley Potter

- 27 Jud Ammons, Drew King
- 28 Nancy Godwin, Eric Chamblee
- 29 Vivian Adams, Samuel Steiner
- 30 Gayla Hollingsworth, Kyle Gunter, Rob Byrd, Michael Byman, Nicolas Eason
- 31 Jill Pike

**90+ BIRTHDAYS IN AUGUST!**

Nancy Godwin (28th)

**50+ ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST!**Cecil and Joy Settle (1<sup>st</sup>)Ken and Dottie Mitchell (3<sup>d</sup>)Rick and Mary Fran Perkinson (24<sup>th</sup>)Fred and Barbara McGehee (25<sup>th</sup>)

## Children's Ministry

### VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

It's almost here. I am so excited about spending time with children from our church, our preschool, our neighborhood and from Restoration Church during VBS. Together, we will seek to find God's fingerprints all around us.

On Thursday, Friday and Saturday children will hear Bible stories and become a part of them. They will play games that help them experience the stories for themselves and learn songs about how God is still working in our world.

On Sunday, parents will join their children for a morning of family VBS and the children will lead us in worship. This is always one of my favorite worship services of the year.

I hope that you will make plans to be here and experience it for yourself. You can still register as a volunteer or a participant of VBS on the church website.

Please join me in prayer for our children, their families, and our leaders as VBS begins in a few short days.

### FRIENDS CAMP 2017

All rising 3rd-5th graders are invited to attend our annual Friends camp, September 15 - 17 at Camp Willow Run. We will be joining several other area churches for a weekend of fun, learning, and spiritual growth. Our theme this year is do justice, love kindness and walk humbly with our God. This theme will be familiar to our PASSPORT campers. I look forward to learning even more about this theme.

## GREYSTONE NUMBERS

### Worship

[8:45] [11:00]

July 2: ..... N/A..... 202 .....

July 9: ..... 66 ..... 181 .....

July 16: ..... 73 ..... 145 .....

July 23: ..... 71 ..... 161 .....

### Generosity (6/30/17)

2017 General Fund

\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed

\$494,895.90

YTD Operating Receipts

\$410,567.51

YTD Operating Expenses

\$439,312.30

## Music Ministry

### CHRISTMAS AT GREYSTONE 2017

Yes, we're in the dead of summer heat and already we're starting to think about our Advent season many months from now. As I know many of you make your holiday plans well in advance, I wanted to give you this SAVE-THE-DATE for our Christmas at Greystone music program in December. Here are some more details:

*Christmas at Greystone*

*An Evening of Music, Carols and the Spoken Word*

Sunday, December 10

6:00 pm

Sanctuary

*Featuring the Music Ministries of Greystone Baptist Church*

### 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*, across the street)

AUGUST 30 — Choir and Coffee (SOLA Cafe)

### MUSIC ENSEMBLES THIS FALL

Already we are anticipating the many opportunities there will be this fall in the Music Ministries. Mark your calendars now with some of the 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

### COLLEGE STUDENTS ENJOY FELLOWSHIP, TEAM BUILDING AT RALEIGH ROOM ESCAPES

Have you ever had fears of being trapped inside an elevator or a closet? College students met at Raleigh Room Escapes on Tuesday afternoon, July 11, for a time of fellowship as they attempted to escape from a room by putting several clues together. It was a test of their patience and their determination. It was also a time to learn how they interacted with groups and dealt with hopelessness. It was a wonderful experience to catch up during the busy summer and learn more about ourselves!

### STUDENTS, ADULTS EXPERIENCE GOD'S LOVE THROUGH FBC CLOTHING CLOSET

The FBC Clothing Closet has been a significant ministry to the community of downtown Raleigh for many, many years. In fact, many of our own Greystone Baptist Church members are faithful volunteers to the ministry. On Wednesday morning, youth and adults joined together to volunteer at the clothing closet. Some volunteers helped clients to check-in, shop, and check-out while other volunteers sorted some of the donated inventory. The FBC Clothing Closet is open to clients on Wednesday mornings and Thursday afternoons, and volunteers can go at other times to help with sorting. It is truly a wonderful ministry to the people of Raleigh.

### FALL YOUTH BEACH RETREAT

Join approximately 300 students from across the state of North Carolina for the CBF NC Fall Youth Beach Retreat. The theme of the retreat is *Beloved Community* based on Philippians 2:1-4.

The cost of the retreat is \$120.00 and an early bird discount is available if paperwork and money are turned in by August 21, making the total cost \$90.00. Full and partial scholarships are available.

Please contact Allan Smith at [allan.smith@greystonechurch.org](mailto:allan.smith@greystonechurch.org) with any questions.

### 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).

## Other Ministry News

### WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Our new preschool year begins in September. We would appreciate your help filling our vacancies. Currently our two-year-old classes are full. We still have three spots available in our toddler class (12-24 months) and a few spots left in our threes and fours classes. You can find information about our program on the church website, or by calling the Weekday Preschool at 919-870-0040.

### NEW HANDICAP SPACES IN SAWMILL LOT AND GUIDELINES

Due to the need for additional spaces for handicap parking in the Sawmill parking lot, four new spaces have been designated with appropriate signage near the sanctuary entrance. This includes three standard handicap spaces and one handicap space with van access.

During the month of August, the Sawmill lot will be re-sealed, and the parking spaces will be re-painted, which will help with identification of these newly-available spaces. Please

do NOT park in any hashed access areas adjacent to the handicap parking spaces. These are marked per ADA guidelines and are to be left clear for persons who must use wheelchairs and walkers to get in or out of their vehicles. Hopefully, the additional handicap spaces will provide some relief for those who need them. I will continue to monitor this need and make more spaces available as necessary. Thanks for your support, and feel free to contact me if you have questions or concerns.

Steve Rose, Property Manager

## Community in Prayer

### 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
- Pete Cregger's mother, Kathleen Cregger, recent injury, Stewart Health Center
- Regena Peebles, recovering from surgery
- 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

- The family of Ginny Liverance's friend, Greg Thomas, on his death, 6/13/17

## Greystone contacts

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love by word and deed to all people.



## INTERIM SEARCH TEAM REPORT

The Interim Search team wishes to thank the Greystone family for its patience as we work to secure an interim for the church. We realize that many want the process completed now. However, it is important for us to prayerfully consider God's leading in this process.

1. We have met on a weekly basis.
2. We have clarified the process that we are following.
3. We have sought the advice of two interim advisors.
4. We have made contacts and received resumes.
5. We have begun interviews.

We ask for your continued prayers as we consider the person who God is calling to Greystone as interim pastor.

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