



GBC events

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AUGUST

- 19 RBA Training Extravaganza
8:30-12:00, Hayes Barton
- 20 End of Summer Church-wide
Pool Party
4:00-7:00 pm, Lake Park Swim
Club
- 27 Promotion Sunday
All Committees/Teams Meeting
Time TBD, Fellowship Hall

SEPTEMBER

- 4 Church office will be closed
in observance of Labor Day
- 6 Wednesday Night Live resumes

worship@GBC

Sunday, August 20

8:45 & 11:00 am
Proclaimer: Dr. Neil Westbrook

Sunday, August 27

8:45 & 11:00 am
Proclaimer: Dr. Doug Cole

Sunday, September 3

8:45 & 11:00 am
Proclaimer: Rev. Trey Davis

SUMMER OF CODY

By Allan Smith

It was a joy and privilege to mentor our Ministerial Intern to Students, Cody Staples, this summer. He was a wonderful asset to our youth ministry as he built relationships with students and assisted in the administrative tasks for several activities. Please see his own reflections below.

To Greystone Baptist Church,

This summer I was given my first opportunity to serve on a church staff and explore my call to ministry. I cannot express my gratitude to the church for being so welcoming and affirming all summer. My many experiences at Greystone, from serving as an adult leader at youth camp to participating in worship on Sunday mornings, will undoubtedly impact my involvement within the church for the rest of my life. Through my experiences leading in worship, leading devotionals, and teaching Sunday school, I rediscovered within myself a passion for congregational leadership. I am beyond thankful for Greystone Baptist Church for many reasons, especially for giving me an opportunity to continue in my own faith journey through servant leadership.

One of many highlights this summer was being able to work with Greystone's spectacular youth group. I was able to work alongside Greystone's youth hanging sheetrock and repairing hardwood floors in Lumberton, NC. I was beyond impressed with their determination and optimism on our work sites, and their ability to serve selflessly truly inspired me. In addition to the mission trip, I served as an adult leader on the Unidiversity camp trip. Seeing the youth connect to the Christmas Presence theme and learn more about love, joy, peace, and hope outside of the advent season was encouraging

and uplifting. Working with Greystone's youth group was a blessing, and I cannot wait to be a part of Greystone's youth ministry in the future.

Working at Greystone gave me a new appreciation for the church. A crucial part of being a Christian is being able to celebrate your faith within a loving community, and I believe Greystone is an amazing place to do just that. Working at Greystone was extremely rewarding, and I thank you for welcoming me with open arms and open hearts this summer.

Grace and Peace, Cody Staples

THANK YOU

As I reflect on this summer, I come away with one overwhelming feeling – gratitude. So, thank you. . .

to the Nominating team who met weekly for 3 months to fill the committees of the church.

to the smiling men and women who braved three languages and a bit of chaos to introduce 28 Congolese kids to our VBS.

to the volunteers who braved 100 degree weather to share Bible stories with the children in Helena, AR and fixed structural and safety issues for a family while standing knee deep in muck.

to everyone who donated food and loose change in July. We collected 167 pounds of beans, 87 pounds of pasta, 6 pounds of tape and \$824.37 for Raleigh Urban Ministries.

to the Deacons and the Interim Search team for countless hours of prayer, discussion and research as we consider our next steps.

This list is truly the tip of the iceberg. I encourage you to look around Greystone and share your gratitude with those around you.

Amanda Atkin

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 (8/28)

50+ ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST!

Cecil and Joy Settle (8/1)
 Ken and Dottie Mitchell (8/3)
 Rick and Mary Fran Perkinson (8/24)
 Fred and Barbara McGehee (8/25)

Children's Ministry

REFLECTIONS FROM VBS

Over the course of four days our campus was filled with smiling faces and joyous laughter of at least 77 children and well over 60 volunteers. Children sang songs about how even though they are young, they can be a part of what God is doing. Preschoolers made fingerprint crafts that will continue to remind them of their friends and encourage them to be a helper. All of our students participated in bible stories in fun interactive ways and will remember the lessons that they learned for a long time to come.

On Sunday morning, we were able to share with the congregation a bit of what the previous three days held. What a joy it was to see and hear our children lead in worship. Having our brothers

and sisters from Restoration Church and Cedar Point as well as our preschool and our community made these days all the more special.

Thank you to all who made these four days possible. Our kids are blessed because you volunteered.

FRIENDS CAMP 2017

Just a reminder - All rising 3rd-5th graders are invited to attend our annual Friends camp, September 15 - 17 at Camp Willow Run. If you have not signed up and wish to attend, please contact April Alston, april.alston@greystonechurch.org.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

Worship

[8:45] [11:00]

July 2: N/A 202
 July 9: 66 181
 July 16: 73 145
 July 23: 71 161
 July 30: 73 169

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've been heading out to enjoy some fellowship and goodies following rehearsals this summer. The next date and place will be:

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

YOUTH EXPERIENCE CHRISTMAS PRESENCE

What a great week it was being at Unidiversity Youth Camp with 19 students from our own church in July! Our students and adults enjoyed a wonderful week of Bible study, recreation, and worship while also strengthening old friendships and forming new ones.

Many of the students really connected with the week's theme of Christmas Presence as we discussed Hope, Love, Peace, and Joy and how those are relevant in the lives of teenagers. Students reflected on the hope that is in each of us. Each person was reminded that he or she is a beloved and precious child of God. Students

were reminded that peace doesn't mean backing away from conflict. To close the week, students celebrated the joy that comes from the abundant life that God offers to them through Christ Jesus.

Needless to say, students are already excited about camp for next summer. Please check in with someone who attended camp to ask him or her about the experience.

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.

YOUTH TEXT BLASTS

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

FALL YOUTH BEACH RETREAT

September 15 – 17

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 with any questions.

Other Ministry News

SAVE THE DATE - The Greystone family is invited to a reception/shower celebrating the marriage of Eleanor Herman and Sam Pike to be held Friday evening, September 8, 2017 in the Gathering Room from 6:00 - 8:00 PM. For questions or more information, contact Deborah McFadyen, 919-880-1407.

GREYSTONE GARDEN

Due to abundant rain and sunshine, our Greystone Garden has been able to donate 31 pounds of produce to North Raleigh Ministries and folks at Cedar Point. However, the same plants have proved irresistible to deer. For the previous two years, deer were oblivious to the taste treats in their path and our garden thrived. But hey, a deer's gotta eat so, it's unclear whether we will have much more to harvest. We can rejoice for that which grew and the advanced health of our deer population. Praise the Lord!

HERITAGE/ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

SEPTEMBER 10, 2017

Covered Dish Luncheon
12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall
Chicken and BBQ will be provided;
please bring a side or dessert.

SOLOS FOR LUNCH

Sponsored by the Senior Adult Team this is for any adult who is single or whose spouse is out of town, etc. Meet at the back of the Sanctuary after the 11:00 service.
Rest of August schedule: 8/20-San Marco, 8/27-Outback

Community in Prayer

PRAISE

- Birth of Mavis Strickland's great granddaughter, Amelia Reese Brown, 7/28/17

CONCERNS

- Pete Cregger's mother, Kathleen Cregger, health concerns
- Pat Burris, recent surgery
- Pam Outz, health concerns
- Martha Castleberry's niece, Marlo Dillon, health 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
- Cathy Perkinson, health concerns
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy Jones, health concerns
- Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson, recent surgery
- Sylvia Goulding, health concerns

- Elizabeth Cregger, health concerns
- Roger Gardner, health concerns
- Emily Kinlaw, health concerns
- Dottie Thompson's daughter-in-law, Amanda Thompson, health concerns

MILITARY SERVICE ABROAD

- Ramona Taylor's son-in-law, Erik Conley, deployment to Iraq
- Joe LeNoir III's friend, Kenny Yacynych, deployment to Afghanistan
- Andrew Swaim on his deployment to Latvia

RESIDENTIAL/HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Rex Nursing Care: Nancy Godwin

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

SYMPATHY

- Gary Hollingsworth's family on the death of his mother, Maytle Rose Stephenson Hollingsworth, 8/10/17.
- Bryan Martin's family on the death of his mother, Mary Wellons Martin, 7/23/17

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WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBER

Ann Shoaf
Joined, 8/13/17



The deadline for the
September *CONNECT* is
noon, Monday August 21

ALL COMMITTEES/TEAMS MEETING - Sunday, August 27. If you are a current committee or team member, the 2016-2017 chair, or are just interested in being a part of the work of our committees and teams, please plan on joining us for this meeting. We will be giving guidance and getting organized to start our 2017-2018 church year off well. More details and meeting time to come soon.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY - On occasion we get inquiries about families in our church who would be willing to host an international student who is attending a local school through an exchange program. If you would be willing to serve as a host home for such opportunities please contact Allan Smith, allan.smith@greystonechurch.org.

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



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