



GBC events

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OCTOBER

- 1 Children's Book Club,
12:00 PM, *West Wing, LL*
- Buddy Break Training,
3:30-5 PM, *Youth Bldg.*
- 7 Bike Rodeo and Truck Crawl,
10:00 AM, *Lead Mine pkg. lot*
- 8 Welcome House Dedication
2:00 PM, *Crabtree Valley BC*
- 14 Adult Choir Fall Retreat 8:45 AM
Buddy Break, 9:30 AM-1:00 PM
- 15 Leadership Council Mtg./Lunch
12:00 PM, *Fellowship Hall*
- 22 Church-wide Fellowship
Breakfast, 9:30-10:00 AM
- 25 Trunk or Treat, 6:00 PM,
Lead Mine pkg. lot

worship@GBC

Sunday, October 8

Deacon Ordination - both services

Sunday, October 15 & 22

Regular services

Sunday, October 29

Reformation Sunday (500 years)
Pocket Change Sunday

Sunday, November 5

All Saints Sunday

FAITH WALK

By Randy Ashcraft

I am delighted to come alongside the members and friends of Greystone Baptist Church in this time of transition and growth. I look forward to navigating the open water before us as we search our hearts and minds for the guidance God will give.

Thank you for your warm and gracious reception on Sunday. Ann and I enjoyed meeting so many of you and getting to know you a little better. I was taken by how many people, places, and experiences we hold in common!

To be sure those of us who call ourselves Christ followers have set out on a journey not knowing exactly where the road will take us.

This faithful journey is rooted in the Biblical narrative. "Abraham set out to go to a place... he did not know where he was going..." (Hebrews 11:8) Most of us are uncomfortable with unknowns, yet we all live with uncertainties in all facets of our lives. However, when it comes to our religious life we tend to want things written down, folded up, and placed in our hip pockets. We get a bit edgy and anxious when we don't have the GPS reading or the map in front of us.

The writer of Hebrews helps us with our faith walk. "Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen." In other words, faith requires us to know less and trust more. Our faith is less calculating and more expectant.

It is surprising how much joy and hope emerge when we trust God for the outcomes. Nothing more and nothing less...

Enjoying the walk with you! ... Randy

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN OCTOBER

Wednesday nights have been so much fun! I don't know about you but I missed our mid-week get togethers over the summer. We have shared laughter around the tables, prayed for one another and spent time learning together.

This month we will continue crafting with Elaine Hansen and working through the book of Jeremiah with John Vestal. Another offering will be a look at two contemporary Christian thinkers and writers. We will explore several podcasts and talk together about how this new medium and new way of communicating can help us in our Christian journey. We will specifically look at two podcasts - one by Anne Lammott and another by Brene Brown.

Then finally on October 25, we will welcome our neighbors and pass out candy and hot dogs at our annual Trunk or Treat. We will be looking for donations of candy, people to wrap hot dogs and folks to decorate the trunks of their cars. This is a really fun night at Greystone, and you won't want to miss it.

Don't forget to sign up for dinner through our church website or on Sunday mornings.

BIKE RODEO AND TRUCK CRAWL

Greystone is holding a free Bike Rodeo and Truck Crawl event October 7, from 10:00-12:00. An invitation has been placed on the Greystone Facebook page. Please share the invitation with your Facebook friends and post on your neighborhood Facebook page if you have one.

OCTOBER

- 1 Don Tickle, Cathy Gellatly
- 2 Heather Choplin, Lance Buchholz, Brian Daugherty, Morgan Burns
- 3 David Peebles, Wayne Thompson, Brittany Adcock, Maggie Carraway
- 4 Pat Day, Wanda Stephens, Davis Wilder
- 5 Faye Rhodes, Teresa Dilday, Sam Craig, Douglas Brown, Hayes Brawner
- 6 Larry Moore, Carla LeNoir, Zack Burnette
- 7 Logan Byman
- 8 Linda Wheeler, Leslie McSpadden, Todd Muncie, Greg Ogburn, Ford Carraway, Michael Rowe, Thomas Powell
- 9 Ellen Staley, Carrie Franz, Sydney Walker, Adler Mabe
- 10 Rachael Poirier

- 11 Connie Moreadith
- 12 Anna Brawner
- 13 James Paul, Ana Hoffmann
- 15 Verina Hawthorne, Claude Bennett, Liz Nichols
- 17 Geraldine Mangum, Bill Judd, Jonathan Steiner, Jenny Anderson
- 18 Fred McGehee, Sealth Womack,
- 19 Pam Weis, Doug Eason
- 20 Julie Ogburn, Loreice Jernigan, Caroline Smith
- 21 Phyllis Mayo, Tess King, Elizabeth Burlew, Matthew Wertz, Sarah Overby
- 22 Richard White, James Cregger, Laura Hansen, Erin Mueller
- 24 Kemp Sherron, Jenna Perry
- 25 Roger Nix

- 28 Matthew Yates, Christian Burris
- 29 Steve Blow, Cody Thompson
- 30 Kenneth Garrett, Deborah Reynolds, Olivia Kleven
- 31 Donna Crump, Teri Bellairs

90+ BIRTHDAYS IN OCTOBER!

Ellen Staley (10/9)
Verina Hawthorne (10/15)
Geraldine Mangum (10/17)

50+ ANNIVERSARIES IN SEPTEMBER!

Jim and Pat Burris (10/6)
Bobby and Peggy Hunter (10/22)

Children's Ministry

TRUNK OR TREAT

Trunk or Treat is always a fun time for everyone and a great way to get to know our neighbors. Join us on Wednesday, October 25 and help us by signing up to host a trunk, manage a game station or help with dinner. Volunteer by calling the office, 919-847-1333 or by emailing April at april.alston@gmail.com. Candy collection will begin on October 8. We will have an early-bird Trunk or Treat at 5:30 PM for children with special needs. We welcome these children, their parents, and siblings to join us for a less chaotic time to enjoy our traditional Trunk or Treat. Dinner will be available for these families at 5:30 PM as well. Please invite family and friends who might benefit from this experience.

Dinner and Trunk or Treat festivities for all others will begin at 6:00 PM.

BOOK CLUB

On October 29, our 3rd – 5th graders are invited to bring a lunch and stay after the 11:00 service for book club. This month our book is "Wonder" by R.J. Palacio. Try and read as much as you can before we meet so we can talk about the book together. We will go see the movie together on the afternoon of November 19.

CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY

Children in 1st – 5th grades are invited to join us for Children's Missions Day on November 11. Our theme this year is "Love God, Love Others" and we will be joined by CBF Field Personnel, Cecilia Beck. The cost is \$15 per person. Sign up by emailing April.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

Worship

[8:45] [11:00]

Sep. 3: 46 126

Sep. 10: N/A 230

Sep. 17: 63 126

Sep. 24: 68 169

Generosity (8/31/17)

2017 General Fund

\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed

\$659,861.21

YTD Operating Receipts

\$557,157.39

YTD Operating Expenses

\$565,862.74

Music Ministry

ADULT CHOIR FALL RETREAT

Saturday, October 14, we welcome guest clinician Shannon Gravelle, new Director of Choral Activities at Meredith College, who will be working with our Adult Choir in preparing music for fall and Christmas. Singers, both current and new, are invited to join us for this time of music and learning with Mrs. Gravelle.

AFRICAN CHILDREN'S CHOIR IN CONCERT

Sunday, November 5 at 6:30 PM, we will welcome to our sanctuary the ACC in concert. This choir is made up of young singers from African countries, many of whom live in conditions of extreme poverty. Through the ministry

of this choir, these children are given support and opportunities to experience a better life. You'll not want to miss this special concert and the chance to support this ministry!

HANGING OF THE GREEN SERVICE

On Sunday, December 3 at 6:30 PM, we will usher in the Advent season with a meaningful Hanging of the Green Service. In this time of worship and celebration, we'll take part in decorating our space, highlighted with Advent songs and readings. Make plans to have your family join us for this special service.

MUSIC ENSEMBLES THIS FALL

Take part in growing Greystone through music, worship and the arts.

Our Ensemble schedules :

Adult Choir

Meets on Wednesdays
(7:15—8:30 PM)

Worship Arts & Music (WAM!) for Children

Wednesdays (6:00 PM)

*Preschool (ages 4 & 5)

*Younger Children (grades K – 2)

*Older Children (grades 3 – 5)

Student Handbells

Sundays (4:30 PM)

Student Choir

Sundays (5:00 PM)

Adult Handbell Choir

Sundays (6:00 PM)

Grace Tones (Women's) Ensemble

Sundays at 4:00 PM

Student Ministry

FALL BEACH RETREAT ALLOWS SPACE FOR REFLECTION

What a great weekend 27 students and adults had at Fort Caswell, a coastal retreat and conference center. We joined with ~350 students and adults from CBF churches across North Carolina for a weekend full of relaxation and reflection.

The theme verses for the weekend were Philippians 2:1-4, inviting the students to consider how they can put others first. The theme for the weekend was "UB4I" (sound it out – "You Before I"). Students participated in large group worship as well as small groups where learning to be a community through putting others ahead of themselves was the emphasis. Such a great

lesson, particularly as we continue to welcome 6th grade students to our youth community.

In addition to the retreat sessions, the students built sandcastles, played on the beach, and explored the forts throughout the camp. It was a great retreat!!!

WEDNESDAY NIGHT LIVE – YOUTH SELAH

As a part of Wednesday Night Live, Youth *Selah* meets 6:15 - 7:15 in the Youth Building.

Selah is used in psalms to indicate a pause. Youth will meet each Wednesday for a time of *selah*, a time of rest in the middle of the week. There will be prayer and fellowship as a group as we all take

a break from the busy-ness of our lives.

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.

RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up to receive text message reminders through Remind. Text the message @a963fd to the number 81010.

If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @a963fd to (919) 336-5052.

Other Ministry News

SENIOR ADULT SPONSORED TRIP

On Friday, October 20, we will be traveling to the Cape Fear Parrot Sanctuary in Pink Hill, NC. Admission is \$5.00 (donations are appreciated for bird seed, unsalted roasted peanuts in shell, cornbread mix, parrot toys or cash). There are no restrooms at the facility. We will be dining at Duff's Café in Beulaville. We will leave from the Sawmill parking lot at 9:30 AM and return around 5:00 PM. A sign-up sheet is in the main church hallway.

PLEASE RETURN KEYS - If you have recently completed a team rotation or other church responsibility, please return any fob or keys you have been issued to Steve in the church office as soon as possible. This will help to ensure the security of our buildings and campus by limiting the number of keys and fobs we keep in circulation.

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. October schedule:

10/1 – Hibernian, 10/8 – TGI Friday, 10/15 – Imperial Garden, 10/22 – Chili's, 10/29 – Dickey's BBQ

Community in Prayer

PRAISE

- Birth of Emmett Chase Kelly, great grandson of Caralie Brown, 8/28/17
- Birth of Luke Harrell Nix, son of Adam and Cori, grandson of Roger and Genice

HEALTH CONCERNS

- Jean Brown
- Jack Hughens
- Amy Vandersip's sister, Jill
- Duane Long
- Ann Shoaf
- Teresa Dilday's father, John Powell
- Dan Nichols
- Pam Ouzts
- Joanne Thompson's brother-in-law, Tim Marshall
- Dottie Thompson's grandson, Edward Thompson
- Joan Murphy's cousin, Bill Williams, and her friends, Kenneth and Josie Corse
- Cathy Perkinson
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy Jones

- Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson
- Elizabeth Cregger
- Sylvia Goulding
- Roger Gardner
- Deanna Choplin's friend, Emily Kinlaw

MILITARY SERVICE ABROAD

- Ramona Taylor's son-in-law, Erik Conley, Iraq
- Joe LeNoir III's friend, Kenny Yacynych, Afghanistan

RESIDENTIAL/HEALTH CARE FACILITIES

Rex Nursing Care: Nancy Godwin

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

SYMPATHY

- Bill Weis's family on the death of his father, Edward Weis, 9/20/17
- Pete Cregger's family on the death of his mother, Kathleen Cregger, 9/18/17
- Patsy Chiles' family on the death of her mother, Virginia Ruth Copeland, 9/2/17

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The deadline for the
November *CONNECT* is
noon, Tuesday, 10/24/17.

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



BUDDY BREAK TRAINING-There will be a training session on 10/1/17 from 3:30-5:00 PM in the Youth Bldg., Rms. 7 & 8 for those interested in volunteering with Buddy Break. Recently Greystone Baptist Church was awarded the Community Partnership Award by The Arc of the Triangle for our Buddy Break program. The award has been hung in the Fellowship Hall. This is a testament to so many Greystone members who have supported this ministry. If you would like to be a part of the Buddy Break ministry find out more at https://greystonechurch.org/?page_id=276 or email buddybreak@greystonechurch.org.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING & LUNCH-Sunday, 10/15/17 at 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. You may bring your own lunch, or you can place an order from the Jason's Deli menu with the church office, 919-847-1333, or with Amanda, amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org. Deadline for orders is 10:15 AM, 10/15/17.

CHURCH-WIDE FELLOWSHIP BREAKFAST, SUNDAY OCTOBER 22, 2017

Join us at 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall for good food and good fellowship.

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