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March 2018

GBC events

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March

- 2 Habitat Build Workday
- 2-4 Youth Winter Mountain Retreat
- 8-10 Lumberton Relief Effort
- 10 Buddy Break Training
9:00 AM, Youth Bldg. Rm. 9
Buddy Break
9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- 11 Daylight Saving Time begins
Second Sunday Family Fellowship,
12:00 PM, Sawmill Tap Room
- 18 Pastor Search Team
Congregational meeting,
4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 23 Habitat Build Workday
- 28 No Wednesday Night Live
(there will be adult choir reh.)
- 29 Maundy Thursday Dinner,
5:30 PM, Fellowship Hall

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Mondays, March 5, 12, 19, 26
Practice Resurrection Study
10:30 AM, Gathering Room

Sunday, Mar. 4, 11, 18, 25
8:45 and 11:00 AM Worship
9:45 AM Sunday School

Sunday, Mar. 25
Living Last Supper Program
6:30 PM, Sanctuary

Thursday, Mar. 29
6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Service

NEXT STEPS

By Jennifer Walker, Chair of Deacons

As you now know, Dr. Randy Ashcraft has had to immediately resign his position with us subsequent to learning of his wife's significant health challenge. We are saddened and heavy hearted for the Ashcraft's. During his short time at Greystone, Randy provided exemplary leadership and will be missed. Along with the Personnel Committee, we respect and honor Randy's need to devote full attention and care to Ann, and wholeheartedly support his call to immediately end his Pastorate in the Interim here at Greystone.

In response to Randy's resignation, your Deacons, Personnel Committee and staff have quickly responded to identify a path forward. I am pleased to be able to report to you those plans.

To provide consistent worship leadership, Dr. Tony Cartledge will be our guest proclaimer beginning next Sunday, March 11 through Easter Sunday, April 1. We are grateful to our staff for filling this need and for his willingness to support us in this way.

The Deacons and Personnel Committee met together Thursday night (3/1/2018), joined virtually by Dr. Bill Wilson who provided support and guidance as we considered next steps. We believe it is important for Greystone to promptly call another Pastor in the Interim.

The Deacons have reaffirmed the call of the Interim Search Team who worked together most recently for the same purpose. We are grateful that Matt Brawner, Jerry Chiles, Toni Cox, Bob Millikan and Linda Peterson have all agreed to return to this important work. Dr. Bill Wilson of The Center for Healthy Churches, in collaboration with Dr. Roger Nix and the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship is assisting to identify strong, well matched and available candidates which will allow the team to work expeditiously towards bringing their recommendation to us for a Pastor in the

Interim. The Interim Pastor Search Team will begin their search immediately.

Although our hearts are heavy, we know Randy wants us to carry on the important work of the Senior Pastor Search process; so, we remind you to join us at the next congregation conversation on March 18th in the Fellowship Hall.

We ask that you join us in prayer for the Randy and Ann Ashcraft.

We ask that you continue to pray for our church as we continue to discern nothing more, nothing less, and nothing else than the church God has called us to be.

For those who wish to share words of encouragement or express support, you can do so by emailing Randy and Ann at crashcraft1@gmail.com. Their mailing address is 10 Tow Path Circle, Richmond, VA 23221.

UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM

On February 4, Greystone held the first of three Congregational Conversations in conjunction with the Senior Pastor Search Committee process. A robust showing of 156 members participated in energetic discussions on why we joined Greystone, what keeps us here, and what we feel are Greystone's core values. Using notes collected from the conversation, the Senior Pastor Search Committee will compile data and report back to the congregation. The Committee anticipates it may take anywhere from 6 months to a year to complete our search, but we will keep the congregation informed along the way. Please continue to pray for Greystone in transition.

A second congregational conversation will be held March 18 at from 4:00 - 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Bill Wilson will lead us once again, this time exploring Greystone's present activities and vision. How is our church living out our mission?

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MARCH

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|---|---|--|
| 1 Jim Griesedieck, David Grimes | 13 Joyce Beauchaine | 28 Bryan Martin, Lauren LeNoir, Ryan Franz, Caroline Morton |
| 2 Mary Baldridge, Bobby Hunter, Dorwin Lanham, Dirk Evans, Dan Nichols | 14 David Wilson | 30 Craig Swaim, Kyle Dilday, Eric Hart, Cathy Perkinson, Jackson Top |
| 3 Steve Holden, Kyle Gellatly, Eliza King | 15 Kraig Mueller | 31 Gloria Greene, Amy Ng |
| 4 Mavis Stickland, Brent Walker, Sean Austin | 16 Van Black, Ashley Stewart | |
| 5 Tom Ditt, Becky Sansbury, Michael Overby, Cindy Evans | 17 Jim Burris, Stephanie Penny | |
| 6 Joan Marion | 18 Regena Peebles, Lou Dawson, Brian Perkinson, Graham Fogwell, Megan Dillinger | |
| 7 John Acree, Jennifer Oudjit, Drew Hunt | 19 Betty Cornwell, April Alston, Katie Eller, Scott Gardner, Anna Croom | |
| 8 David Maxey, Sue Tickle, Jeff Schmidt, Julia Sandling, Ashlyn Top, Damien Moore | 21 Libby Mays, Jesse Bensen, Ben Wilder | |
| 9 Katie Lindsey, James Tatum | 22 Kathy Schmidt | |
| 10 Ali Sherron | 24 Henry Settle, Justin Perry | |
| 11 Ellen Steiner, Mike Eller | 25 Jeanne Parker, Dan Thorpe, Deanna Choplin | |
| 12 Pauline Noble, Judy Kranendonk | 26 Annie Ostendorff | |
| | 27 Chandler Hollingsworth | |

90+ BIRTHDAYS IN MARCH!

Pauline Noble (3/12)
Betty Cornwell (3/19)

The deadline for the April
2018 *CONNECT* is
noon Thursday, 3/22/18.

Children's Ministry**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL**

Mark your calendars and plan to join us August 2 - 5 for an exciting time of learning and growing together at VBS. We are once again planning to invite our friends from Restoration Church and Cedar Point Apartments. It was such a treat to do VBS together last year and such a blessing to all.

We need a few more folks on the planning team to work on curriculum, logistics, advertisement and recruitment of volunteers. Please join us in this important work and/or plan to join the volunteer team for the actual event. Let April Alston or Katie Eller know if you are interested in either team.

PASSPORT KIDS 2018

Current 3rd through 5th graders are invited to attend this camp July 2-5 at

Montreat Conference Center. The Theme this year is "ENOUGH: you are, God is, there is." Come and let's learn together how God's grace is sufficient enough for each of us. Reserve your spot with a \$75 deposit by April 1. The total cost for the trip is \$308 but we are working on more fundraisers to lower that cost for all participants. Scholarships are available for further assistance. Please see April Alston to register or inquire about scholarships.

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

All families are invited across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on March 11. This is a wonderful way for families to connect with one another and enjoy fellowship time together. This is organized by the Preschool/Children's Ministry Committee. Contact April Alston with any questions.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS**Worship**

[8:45] [11:00]

Feb. 4: n/a 189
Feb. 11: 56 184
Feb. 18: 79 164
Feb. 25: 96 181

Generosity (1/31/18)

2018 General Fund
\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed
\$85,987.00

YTD Operating Receipts
\$50,993.09

YTD Operating Expenses
\$66,810.97

Music Ministry**MUSIC MINISTRY KEY DATES**

March 4 — No Student Choir Rehearsal (Youth Retreat)
March 18 — No Student Choir Rehearsal (Congregational Meeting)
March 20 — Music Team Meeting
March 25 — Living Last Supper Program (6:30 PM)
March 28 — No WAM! Children's Choirs (Adult Choir meets at 6:15 PM)
March 29 — Maundy Thursday Service (6:30 PM)
April 1 (Easter) — No Evening Rehearsals
April 4 — No Wed. Evening Rehearsals (Spring Break)

LIVING LAST SUPPER PROGRAM

SUNDAY, MARCH 25 (6:30 PM)
It was the evening of Gethsemane and the disciples all gathered in an upper room where they and Jesus would share a final meal. But did they know it was the final hour? The moment that all mankind had been waiting for?

Come to the Upper Room as we experience the Last Supper in a dramatic way in this multi-sensory program featuring music, drama and narration. We will take communion together and, through music and art, remember the last week of Christ, a week that would change everything.

REGISTER NOW - SUMMER MUSIC & ARTS CAMP 2018 JUNE 14-17
Registration is limited and ends May 31!

Camp Kickoff Night: Wed., June 13 (6:30 PM)
Final Presentation: Sun., June 17 (11 AM)
Camp Hours: 9-3 PM (June 14-16); 9-12 PM (June 17)
*Early-bird drop-off (8 AM) available upon request.
Camp Ages: Rising 2nd — Rising 6th graders

SMAC is an opportunity for children to explore the rich world of music and the arts—including singing, movement, instruments, drama, crafts, and more—in a fun, energetic environment. The highlight of the week is always the Camp Musical. They will learn an entire musical in one week—drama, staging, singing, and all!

Student Ministry

WHAT DO WE BELIEVE?

We go to church each Sunday and often other days in-between. We sing songs, offer prayers, participate in mission projects; in general, we do all the things that people do in church. Many of us have been here enough that we know the right words to say. But how often do we pause to reflect on what it is we believe, and what those beliefs mean for our everyday lives? This is the conversation that our Greystone youth have been having on Sunday nights this semester as a part of our regular Youth Fellowship time. Yes, our teenagers are discussing Theology!

We started with Christology, the study of Jesus Christ. In that

discussion, we focused on Jesus being both fully divine and fully human. The belief that a Jewish man living in Galilee was both fully human and fully divine is core to our Christian beliefs.

Then we moved on to the Trinity, the idea that we believe in 1 God who exists in 3 persons - Father, Son, and Spirit. Certainly not an easy concept for adults to grasp, but our students really engaged with the discussion and continued to ask great questions, showing that they are wrestling with their own beliefs.

In our most recent conversation, we discuss Creation, including humankind being created in the image of God and being instructed to care for the rest of Creation.

The students continue to ask questions as they explore their own beliefs through these discussions.

Take some time to stop a student and ask him or her about these conversations--I bet you will learn something new!

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

GREYSTONE WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

We hope you are telling all your friends and co-workers about our wonderful Preschool Ministry! We could still use a few more children for the 2018-2019 preschool year. Please help us spread the word! We will also be offering six weeks of summer camp fun this year. Your preschooler does NOT have to be enrolled in our fall program to join us for summer. Registration for camp begins on March 12. Information on both our fall program and summer camp is on the church website or you can call the preschool office at 919-870-0040.

SOLOS FOR LUNCH

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. March schedule: 3/4-Boston Market, 3/11-Chow, 3/18-Carrabba's, 3/25-Winston's

HABITAT WORKDAYS

Churches from the Wake Missionary Baptist Association and the Raleigh Baptist Association are partnering together to build Habitat homes in 2018. Greystone will be part of that effort again this year. We have two work days, Friday, March 2 and Friday,

March 23 and we still need volunteers for March 23. You can sign up on Sunday at the back of the sanctuary. For more information, contact Johnny Glover, johnnyglover1950@yahoo.com.

LUMBERTON RELIEF EFFORT

The Greystone family is invited to participate in the rebuilding of homes in the Lumberton, NC area. You may participate three days, two days, or one day in each of the designated dates. Please contact Jerry Chiles, jerrychiles1@gmail.com or the church office to participate. Dates: March 8-10, April 19-21, May 24-26 and June 20-24.

Community in Prayer

Praise

- Birth of Jackson Henry Potter, 2/1/18, son of Jeremy and Ashley, grandson of Bob and Debbie
- Birth of Emma Grace Wallace, 2/7/18, daughter of Matt and Mary Beth, granddaughter of Greg and Charlene

Health Concerns

- Jim Burris
- Ann Ashcraft
- Helen Tugwell
- Sylvia Goulding
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy
- Eileen Trawick
- Michael Graham, Paul and Elaine Hanson's son-in-law
- Ginny Liverance's friend, Renee Bischoff
- Duane Long
- Virginia Creamer's son, Jack Creamer
- Linda Peterson's friend, Finlay Judy

- Ron Thompson's friend, John Darr
- Amy Vandersip's sister, Jill
- Dottie Thompson's grandson, Edward Thompson
- Cathy Perkinson
- Elizabeth Cregger
- Roger Gardner
- Deanna Choplin's friend, Emily Kinlaw

Residential / Health Care Facilities

- **Sunrise at North Hills:** Jean Brown
- **Springmoor (SHC):** Vergie Baxley, Lib Daniels, Sallie Greene, Pauline Noble, Juanita Register

Sympathy

- Joanne Thompson's family on the death of her brother-in-law, Tim Marshall, 2/26/18

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UPDATE FROM THE PASTOR SEARCH TEAM *(Continued from front page)*

Your remarks and questions will lead the Search Committee in helping to understand God's wish for our church. Child care will be provided, but all youth grades 6 and up are encouraged to attend.

The slide presentation utilized on February 4 will be posted on the website. A timeline was created for this conversation, of Greystone's history in the life of our city, state, nation and world. It is posted in the Fellowship Hall. Drop by to see that document and save the date on March 18 for an informative and provocative discussion. We are striving for holy indifference, and to following God's will for our church.

PRACTICE RESURRECTION STUDY

In this time of transition at Greystone, it is really important to have practices and tools that strengthen our sense of togetherness. One of the ways we can do this is to study and discuss something together.

During Lent, our Adult Sunday School classes are reading and discussing, *Practice Resurrection*, by Eugene Peterson. In *Practice Resurrection* Peterson brings the voice of Scripture -- especially Paul's letter to the Ephesians -- and the voice of the contemporary Christian congregation together to unpack what it means to fully grow up "to the stature of Christ." Through all of us reading and discussing this book by Peterson, my hope is that we will all understand how to bring Christian character to the center of our lives.

THANK YOU - I am so fortunate to be part of such a loving church family. Thank you for your cards, your calls, food and every expression of kindness. It is during times like this these expressions mean so much to our family. We are so blessed and grateful. - Roger Gardner and family

DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME BEGINS - Daylight Saving begins at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 11. Turn your clocks FORWARD one hour before you go to bed Saturday night.

BUDDY BREAK TRAINING - Buddy Break is growing and more buddies are needed! We will have a Buddy Training on Saturday, March 10 from 9 to 10:30 AM during our Buddy Break program. Come for the training and stay to experience our ministry. You are also invited to visit our program to check it out any time from 10 AM to 1 PM. Email us at buddybreak@greystonechurch.org, for more information or to let us know you are coming.

SPRING SENIOR ADULT RALLY - Tuesday, March 27, 2018, Salem Baptist Church in Apex. For more information contact Cindy, cindy@raleighbaptists.org.

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING AND LUNCH - The next Leadership Council will be after the 11:00 service on Sunday, April 15.

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

