



GBC events

Visit the website for a full schedule

May

- 2 Spring Carnival
5:30 PM
No Wednesday Night Live
(resumes in the fall)
- 4 Arch McFadyen Dinner/Dance
6:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 6 Senior Adult Luncheon
12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
Pastor Search Team
Congregational Mtg.,
4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- 8 Wake Co. Board of Elections
Fellowship Hall
- 9 Church in Conference
6:15 PM, Sanctuary
- 12 Buddy Break Training, 9:00 AM
Buddy Break, 9:30 AM – 1:00 PM
- 13 Deadline for Deacon Nominations
Second Sunday Fellowship
12:00 PM, Sawmill Tap Room
- 24-26 Lumberton Relief Effort
- 26 Senior Adult-Sponsored Trip

worship@GBC

Sunday, May 6, 13, 20, 27

- 8:45 AM Worship
- 9:45 AM Sunday School
- 11:00 AM Worship

GREETINGS GREYSTONE!

I am grateful for the invitation to serve as your “pastor in the interim.” I look forward to meeting each of you and to co-laboring alongside you as we navigate the challenges and opportunities of this season of transition.

In recent weeks as I prepared to meet with your leadership teams, I enjoyed learning more about the history and heritage of Greystone. And then during my actual visit, I was impressed by the giftedness of your staff, the dedication of your key leaders, and the beauty of your campus and surrounding community. However, as a seasoned pastor, I know that the greatest asset of a church is not brick and mortar, but “a congregation of gifted and diverse Christ followers who covenant to share life together.”

For the next few months I will be honored to make the transition journey with you. To maximize our time together as we prepare in healthy ways for the next season of ministry at Greystone, I encourage you to join me in the following:

- **Pray** for our Pastor Search Team, our ministry staff, and our larger church family.
- **Participate** faithfully in worship and Bible study at Greystone whenever you are in town, and seize the opportunity to visit another church, a beach service, or a campground service whenever you are on the road.
- **Invite** a friend or neighbor who does not have a church home to join you for worship at Greystone.
- **Serve** with your best gifts and energy.
- **Encourage** one another and bring out the best in each other.

“Now may the Lord of Peace himself give you peace at all times and in every way. the Lord be with all of you.”
(II Thessalonians 3:16)

See you Sunday,

Barry Howard

THE GREYSTONE DEACON ELECTION PROCESS

Annually, in accordance with the Bylaws of our Church Constitution, church members elect six members of the congregation to serve as Deacons for a three-year term. Adult men and women (18 years or older) may be nominated by the membership, provided the nominees have agreed to have their name put forth. **This year, nominations will be accepted through May 13th.** Nomination forms are available in the church office, in the worship service bulletins and online at this link:

<https://greystonechurch.org/?p=3213>.

Based on these nominations and its own deliberations, the Deacon Nominating Team then develops a list of qualified candidates to be contacted. This contact provides an opportunity for the ones nominated to ask questions about the nature of the office of Deacon, the work and level of commitment that is expected, and to hear the nominee's final decision to serve. When the required six nominees have indicated that they are willing to serve, the names are presented to the congregation for election and affirmation by secret ballot during worship services. Please prayerfully consider your responsibility as a faithful member to seek out those worthy of service in this ministry and then place their names on a form for consideration. Completed nomination forms should be placed in the box on the usher's table at the rear of the sanctuary or in the drop box on the wall outside the church office. The following people are ineligible to be elected this year:

Rotated off in 2017: Bill Baxley, Jeb Brookshire, Louise Estes, Donnie Moorefield, Angela Rose, Becky Sansbury

Rotating off in 2018: David Ammons, Cathy Byman, Paul Hansen, Nell Panten, Jill Pike, Jennifer Walker

Continuing to Serve: Ernest Carraway, Kerry Crabb, Kim Craig, Kim Eshleman, Marcia Ostendorff, Donna Tunstall, Patsy Chiles, Julia Glover, Chris King, Larry Moore, Amy Ng, Dustin Tuttle

MAY

- 1 Lee Ann Fogwell, Lillian Moody
- 2 Tom Pickles, Margaret Thomas, Alec Chamblee
- 3 Dorothy Rutledge, Betty Aydtlett, Lauren Dillinger, Lindsay Worley
- 4 Johnny Glover, Bob Potter, William Pendergrass
- 6 Peggy Hunter, Susan Gardner
- 8 Sherri Smith, Noah Franz
- 9 Janet Sherman, Michelle Byrd
- 10 Rose Parker, Carl Dawson, Sharon Wertz, Kevin Meyer
- 11 Tommie Bennett, Deborah McFadyen, Bobby Allen, Abby McFadyen, Will Byrd

- 12 Emily Tuttle
- 13 Billy Aydtlett
- 14 Sue Newton
- 15 Arnold Lawson
- 16 Fran Black, Chris Lannom
- 17 Bill Dreitzler, Annabel Settle, Maya Walker
- 18 Tom Andrus, Graham Parker
- 19 Matt Perkinson
- 21 Bill Baxley, Katie McSpadden
- 23 Kristen Pickles
- 24 Wendy Burnette, Annie Dreitzler, Cameron Poirier, Anneliese Phillips
- 25 Bladen Ashurst
- 26 Jeremy Potter, Hunter Wood, Carlie Sellers

- 27 Peggy Garrett, Aidan Eshleman
- 28 Luke Andrew, Spencer Morris
- 30 Diane Mitchell
- 31 Ann Fulton, Kelcy Choplin

90+ BIRTHDAYS

Rose Parker	5/10
Fran Black	5/16

50-YR+ WEDDING ANNIVERSARIES

Blake and Betty Aydtlett	5/14
Wayne and Cathy Smith	5/22
Dave and Donna Tunstall	5/30

Children's Ministry

GREYSTONE MINISTERS TO OUR PRESCHOOL

Every Wednesday morning, I gather with the children of our weekday preschool. We sing together and read Bible stories. Chapel is the highlight of my week. I love seeing their smiling faces, hearing their sometimes-boisterous singing and listening to their questions related to our stories. They are such curious and inquisitive little ones. For some of our children, these stories and lessons are an extension of what they are learning in their own churches and in their homes, but for others this is the only time that they hear the message of God's love. It is a joy to share the stories and love of God with these little learners. Thank you, Greystone, for the ministry that you

provide to all of the families connected to our preschool.

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us at Sawmill Taproom after the 11:00 worship on Sunday, May 13 for fellowship around the tables. This is a great chance to meet new friends or catch up with long-time friends. All are welcome. Please let April Alston know by that Sunday at 11:00 if you are going to join us.

KID'S MISSIONS GARDEN

Our children have been tending the garden and harvested their first crops on Wednesday night, April 25. Kale and lettuce were delivered to North Raleigh Ministries where they will be used to feed those in our area who are in need. This has been a wonderful ministry for our children and they look forward to continuing the work this summer.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

Worship

[8:45] [11:00]

Apr 1:	*	271
Apr. 8:	61	135
Apr. 15:	55	166
Apr. 22:	61	143
Apr. 29:	47	175

* No count at 8:45, 4/1/18

Generosity (3/31/18)

2018 General Fund
\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed
\$257,961.03

YTD Operating Receipts
\$178,115.20

YTD Operating Expenses
\$214,482.14

Music Ministry

A HOMEGROWN THANK YOU!

Many, many thanks to all of the talented individuals at Greystone Baptist Church who lead us in worship through music week-in and week-out — with their voices and instruments. These talents were evident in our recent Homegrown Greystone music program on Sunday, April 29th. A heart-felt thank you to our accompanists who enable us to offer our expressions of music and worship. We recognize and appreciate your sacrifice of time and energy to prepare each week!

ADULT CHOIR THIS SUMMER

Beginning on May 23, the Adult Choir will begin meeting at their Summer rehearsal time of 6:30 - 7:30 PM on

Wednesday evenings. All are invited to sing with the Choir during this upcoming Summer season. It'll be a more casual schedule and we'll be learning songs that are accessible and mostly familiar. You'll also want to join us for our Summer fellowships - including trips to *Two Roosters Ice Cream* and *Sola Cafe* just across the street. A more detailed Summer Choir schedule will be available soon. Contact Mike if interested in singing during this time, if not already involved.

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!

Visit the church website for more information (click on the homepage SMAC banner).

Student Ministry

UNIDIVERSITY YOUTH CAMP 2018

Again, this summer, 6th-12th grade students are invited to join students from several churches at the University of Tennessee for a week of Bible study, fellowship, recreation, and worship. We will spend the week together exploring the theme:

Rhythms. Are you busy? Are you stressed? Are you tired? Take a deep breath. The world says frantic, yet God teaches us to lean into the natural rhythms of grace and gives us rest. We leave Greystone early Monday morning, July 23 and return late in the afternoon, Saturday, July 28. The cost this year is \$365 but an early-bird discount price (\$290) is available if payment and permission

forms are received by the church office by Monday, May 14. Full and partial scholarships are available. Contact Allan Smith with any questions.

YOUTH SUMMER MISSION TRIP

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to participate in this summer's Youth Mission Trip which will again be to Lumberton, NC. We will depart on the afternoon of Wednesday, June 20 and return on Sunday, June 24. The main projects will again be flood relief work in the Lumberton area.

This summer, we will be staying at the Rockfish Camp and Retreat Center. The cost of the trip is \$150, but an early bird discount is available if all permission forms and payment are received by Wednesday, May 30, making the cost \$100. As always, full

and partial scholarships are available. Please contact Allan Smith 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.

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

As our preschool year begins to wind down, we offer a prayer of thanks for a safe and successful year. Greystone was able to reach out to 70 children and their families through this ministry over the last nine months. For some of these children, we are all of Jesus they will see in their young lives. Please join us in praying that the seeds we've planted will take root and grow strong.

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. May schedule: 5/6-Sawmill Taproom, 5/13-Brio, 5/20-Outback, 5/27-Piper's Tavern

SENIOR ADULT SPONSORED TRIP

On Saturday, 5/26/18 we are going on the Raleigh Trolley Tour where a tour guide will highlight some of the history of downtown Raleigh and share tidbits about the area that you may not know. Adults \$10, Youth \$4. Please call 919-996-4364 and ask for tickets for

the 11:00 tour (they will hold the tickets until you arrive). After the tour, we will have lunch at Bahama Breeze. We will leave the Sawmill parking lot at 10:30 am. A sign-up sheet is in the hallway.

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: May 24-26 and June 20-24.

Community in Prayer

Praise

- Birth of Shawn Patrick Tuttle, son of Dustin and Emily, 4/22/218

Hospital

- Dan Nichols, VA Hospital, Durham

Health Concerns

- Louis Estes
- Pat Boone's mother, Mary Boone
- Amy Vandersip's sister, Jill
- Nancy Register's friend, Jonathan McGee
- Jim Burris
- Sylvia Goulding
- Grace Parnell
- Helen Tugwell
- 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
- Dottie Thompson's grandson, Edward Thompson
- Cathy Perkinson
- Elizabeth Cregger
- 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, Greta McMillan

Sympathy

- Debbie Reynolds' friend Teri McMahon on her husband's recent death
- Ann Ashcraft's family on her death, April 15, 2018
- Sylvia Kennedy's family on the death of her father, William T. Landis, 3/28/18

Greystone contacts

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and is equipped to express God's
love by word and deed to all people.



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The deadline for the June
2018 *CONNECT* is
noon Tuesday, 5/22/18.

PASTOR SEARCH TEAM INVITATION - The third and last Congregational Conversation will address what we feel God is calling Greystone to be in the future. Once again, Bill Wilson will lead us in small group discussions in such questions as *what is God calling us to be* and *what kind of leader could help us live into that mission and vision*. Previous conversations have provided revelatory thoughts that will help in discerning the type of pastor God wishes to lead us at GBC. Please join us on May 6 at 4 PM in Fellowship Hall for an interesting and thoughtful focus on the years ahead. We will get started right at 4:00 PM, so please come a little early to get a name tag and find your seat. Childcare will be provided for babies - 5th grade.

BUDDY BREAK TRAINING - We will hold a Buddy Training on Saturday, May 12 starting at 9 AM. This will take place during our May Buddy Break session so you can come to train and stay to help! We will also be having our annual family lunch so respite will be 10-12 with the lunch at noon. This is a great opportunity to learn about and experience our ministry! Contact Nancy Register at 919-219-1438 or go to our webpage for more information, https://greystonechurch.org/?page_id=276.

ARCH MCFADYEN SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS - Scholarship application forms will be available in the church office and on the Greystone website by May 30. Deadline to submit the application is July 15. This annual scholarship is open to Greystone members who are either high school seniors, undergraduate or post graduate students enrolled full-time at an accredited U.S. college or university. More information including an online link will be forthcoming. Contact Walt Kennedy, 919-349-2008 with questions.

BOOKS BRINGING HOPE TO ARKANSAS! - In middle and upperclass areas, there are an average of 12 books per child. In areas of poverty, there are 300 children for every 1 book. This is a staggering statistic, but we can help! Greystone will be sponsoring a book drive for Together for Hope of Arkansas, on Sundays, May 20 and 27 in the hallway outside the Sanctuary between the 8:45 and 11:00 services. Please browse the books set up on the tables and purchase one or more to be shipped to Arkansas. Please consider helping us bring the joy and power of books to children in these less affluent areas. Thank you!!

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