



BARRY'S NOTES...

Greetings Greystone Family!

During our summer series, *This Is My Story*, we are focusing on faith stories...diverse and unique faith stories. A church is a matrix of individual faith stories, wherein each story is equally important. Never underestimate the significance of your story because your story is a tributary to the grace story God is writing at Greystone. (And I hope you will consider writing a brief version of your story as a part of **The Faith Story Project**.)

As we prepare to write the next chapter, I think Paul's words to the Philippians provide good guidance: *¹³Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, ¹⁴I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.* (Philippians 3:13-14 **NIV**)

In putting the various chapters of life in perspective, William Wordsworth proposed that, "Life is divided into three terms - that which was, which is, and which will be. Let us learn from the past to profit by the present, and from the present, to live better in the future."

Greystone has a wonderful heritage, but the best part of the Greystone story is yet to come. And we have the privilege of writing the next chapter of that story.

I consider it an honor to serve alongside you during these brief but important months of preparation. And I look forward to seeing you in worship in the days ahead.

Barry

BOOKS FOR HOPE - Thank you, Greystone!! Due to your generosity, our Book Fair for Together for Hope Arkansas (TFHAR) was a great success. This is the 4th year we have partnered with Quail Ridge Books to provide the Book Fair. Because of this partnership and your generosity, we were able to send over 150 books to Arkansas!

ARKANSAS MISSION TRIP - *Together For Hope Arkansas* partners with churches and organizations both within and outside their community to create opportunities for young people to grow and succeed through leadership development, service, education, and enrichment." Throughout the year literacy activities and leadership development occur using local volunteers. Since 2005, Greystone Baptist Church has been a part of this work through donations and personal involvement in their All Church Challenge. During the two weeks of ACC, local and outside volunteers run camps for preschoolers, children, and youth. Through the years some of the campers have become volunteers serving younger children. Participants are taught to swim and take part in Bible Study, Crafts, Music, and Sports. Other volunteers work on construction projects or do acts of kindness in the community. We will have a group from our congregation going again this summer, July 13-21. Please pray that our efforts will be a blessing to the community and a growing experience for the team members.

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE - The Senior Pastor Search Committee continues their efforts to discern God's desire for Greystone. Through frequent meetings, lots of work by members and plenty of prayer, the committee has finalized a congregational profile using data from our Congregational Conversations, our website and demographics. This profile will be available for prospective candidates to review in order to inform them about us. It will be posted on the website and it is our hope that all members will read it and rejoice in our great resources and potential.

We have enlisted The Center for Healthy Churches (CHC) to create a list of approximately 10 high potential candidates that closely match the matrix developed by our committee. We would like to hear from you, the congregation, for any referrals you feel may be a good fit at GBC.

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GBC events

Visit the website for a full schedule

July

- 1 All Church Covered Dish Breakfast, 9:30 AM, Fellowship Hall
- 2-5 Passport Kids Montreat, NC
- 4 Church Office Closed
- 13-21 Arkansas Mission Trip
- 21 Senior Adult Sponsored Trip
- 23-28 Unidiversity Youth Camp University of Tennessee

Looking ahead ...

August

- 2 - 5 Vacation Bible School

worship@GBC

Sunday, July 1

- 10:00 AM Combined Sunday School in the Fellowship Hall
- 11:00 AM Joint Worship (no 8:45 service)

Sunday, July 8, 15, 22, 29

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

JULY

- 1 Amy Vandersip, Charlie Vestal
- 2 Kim Eshleman, John Schmidt
- 4 Eunice Bland, Logan Cockerham, Bill Goulding, Joanna Perry
- 5 Ramona Taylor
- 7 Evan Dawson, Owen Dawson, Annie Hardison-Moody, John Turlington
- 8 Patti Austin, Sophie Moody, Genice Nix, Sandra Paul
- 9 Susan Burnette, Pam Ouzts
- 12 Sumner Eshleman, Eli Grimes, Gene Light, Silvana Mallah
- 13 Kala Cash
- 14 Laura Fleming

- 15 Pat Boone, Martha Castleberry, Sallie Greene, Samantha Kanai
- 16 Jean Brown, Emily Robinson
- 17 Jeff Register
- 19 Vergie Baxley, Katie Craig, Shirley Ditt
- 20 Ken Mitchell, Jean Moorefield, Edwin Steiner
- 21 Randy Birth, Teresa Carraway
- 22 Abby Baker, Emmett Baldrige, Chase Calder
- 23 Megan Daugherty, Tim Hendrix, Dave Phillips
- 25 Lou Ostendorff, Mary Taylor
- 26 Mary Fran Perkinson, Amber Sawyers

- 27 Jack Beauchaine, Jennifer Cockerham, Eddy Ng
- 28 Charlie Spahr
- 29 Matt Wallace, Debbie Wyse
- 30 Wendy Fox, Donna Judd
- 31 Megan Wilder

90+ BIRTHDAYS IN JULY

Eunice Bland	7/4
Martha Castleberry	7/15
Vergie Baxley	7/19

Children's Ministry

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Vacation Bible School planning is well underway and there are several ways that you can join this fun and meaningful ministry. We still need several 'farmhands'. These volunteers are the helping hands that travel with a group kids from one area to the next and assist the leaders in those areas with the activities that they have planned and prepared. There is no preparation needed to be a farmhand, just an open heart and a willingness to help. There are also a few areas where we have leaders but they need an assistant.

It's time to start building the set and decorating. Let's build a farm! April will be here at the following times

working on the set and would love your help:

July 9 – 6 PM – 8 PM

July 17, 18 & 19 – 10 AM – 2 PM

Watch your email for additional times. If you are interested in helping but these times don't work for you, let April know.

We are still looking for farm-themed decor. If you have anything we can use, please let us know.

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The All Church Breakfast Fellowship on Sunday, July 1 will serve as our fellowship opportunity for July. Join us in August for our next Second Sunday Fellowship.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

Worship

[8:45] [11:00]

May 27: 54.....159

Jun. 3: 73.....222

Jun. 10: 68.....147

Jun. 17: n/a.....205

Jun. 24: 55.....154

Generosity (5/31/18)

2018 General Fund

\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed

\$429,935.05

YTD Operating Receipts

\$330,363.33

YTD Operating Expenses

\$346,154.60

Music Ministry



MUSIC & ARTS CAMP – A SUCCESS!

We had a blast at our first Summer Music & Arts Camp the middle of last month. We welcomed 20 campers for the extended weekend who explored singing, movement, crafts, drama and instruments. Our weekend culminated

with the Camp Musical, “LOST: But Now I’m Found”, which took place on Sunday morning, June 17.

Many thanks to all of our helpers who gave their time and energy to help make it a successful Camp experience. A special thanks to Barbara Crabb for all of her setup and tear-down of the stage and hallway/room decorations.

We already look forward to year two of SMAC. Join us next June as we kick off another Music & Arts Camp!

ADULT CHOIR THIS SUMMER

The Adult Choir is in “summer mode” and rehearsing on Wednesday nights at their earlier time of 6:30 - 7:30 pm. All are invited to sing with the Choir during these relaxed summer months

— even if it’s your first time! 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, following some rehearsal nights. Contact Mike if interested in singing during this time, if not already involved.

Student Ministry

STUDENTS BUILD COMMUNITY IN LUMBERTON

What an incredible week in Lumberton, NC as 22 students and adults participated in flood relief efforts from June 20-24. The team broke into 2 crews, both working on installing hardwood floors in different homes.

At one home, the homeowner, Steve, was living right next door in a trailer. A team of adults from Greystone had actually worked with Steve's home in late May, beginning the flooring work then. Steve has some incredible stories, including taking his mother from the house in a boat when Lumberton flooded

from Hurricane Matthew on 10/9/16. Students had a wonderful experience; many even remarked that they wish they could stay to do even more for Steve and the other homeowner, people who have been out of their homes for almost 2 years. Thank you to all of the adults who helped to make the week meaningful for the students.

UNIVERSITY 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. If you are not signed up yet and are interested in attending, please contact Allan Smith as soon as possible.

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.

Other Ministry News

GREYSTONE PRESCHOOL

Our Weekday Preschool Ministry still has openings for the Fall and we'd love your help filling them! If you would be willing to mention us on your social media, please do!! Information about our program and what we offer is available on the church website and by calling the Preschool office at 919-870-0040. Most of all, please continue to hold this ministry in your prayers. We appreciate your support as we work to be the hands and feet of Jesus through loving his little ones.

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. July schedule: 7/1-Boston Market, 7/8-Assagio's, 7/15-Peking Garden, 7/22-Olive Garden, 7/29-Chow

SENIOR ADULT SPONSORED TRIP

Saturday, July 21, 2018 we will travel to the Duke Lemur Center in Durham for a unique tour. Cost is \$12 for adults and \$9 for seniors. Lunch will be at Red Lobster. We will leave from the Sawmill lot at 9:30 AM. Signup sheet is on the signup table in the hallway.

ARCH MCFADYEN SCHOLARSHIP

Deadline to submit applications is July 15. Application forms are in the church office and on the church website.

This scholarship is open to Greystone members who are high school seniors, undergraduate or post graduate students enrolled full-time at an accredited U.S. college or university. Contact Walt Kennedy at 919-349-2008 for more information.

Community in Prayer

Praise

- Birth of Holden Thomas Burns, son of Clint and Morgan and brother of Hudson, grandson of Mike and Pattie Ogden, great-grandson of Martha Castleberry, 5/30/18

Health Concerns

- Louise Estes' friend, Frank Marshall, and his family
- Molly Walker
- Carl Dawson
- Carl Dawson's mother, Lorraine Dawson
- Michelle Byrd's mother, Cynthia Rockwell
- Ramona Taylor's sister, Teresa Jones
- Jack Hughens
- Dan Nichols
- Dottie Thompson's mother, Barbara Polky
- Sue Blow
- Louis Estes
- Pat Boone's mother, Mary Boone

- Nancy Register's friend, Jonathan McGee
- Jim Burris
- Sylvia Goulding
- Grace Parnell
- Karen Brewer's sister, Nancy
- Ginny Liverance's friend, Renee Bischoff
- Virginia Creamer's son, Jack Creamer
- Ron Thompson's friend, John Darr
- Dottie Thompson's grandson, Edward Thompson
- Cathy Perkinson
- 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

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The deadline for the August
2018 *CONNECT* is
noon Tuesday, 7/24/18.

SEARCH COMMITTEE UPDATE *(cont'd from front page)*

Continue to keep the committee in your prayers. We are committed to providing our best efforts to discover the person God will bring to us.

BACK TO SCHOOL PROJECT - The Clothing Closet will be collecting backpacks and school supplies to be distributed in August to students throughout the area who do not have school supplies. Backpacks may be empty, or you may choose to insert some school supplies such as pens, pencils, notebooks, markers, notebook paper, erasers, or child-safe scissors. Backpacks do not have to be new. Gently used backpacks are also needed! Items may be placed in the clothing bins located outside the preschool wing. Contact Lee Ann or Charlie Spahr at 919-676-1005 for more information.

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