



## GBC events

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### August

- 2-5 Vacation Bible School
- 12 Leadership Council Meeting  
12:00 PM, Fellowship Hall
- Second Sunday Fellowship  
12:00 PM, Sawmill Taproom
- 4:00 PM, Durham Bulls Game
- 19 Buddy Break Training  
2:00 PM, Youth Bldg.
- 24 Senior Adult Sponsored Trip  
Washington, NC
- 26 Promotion Sunday  
(School Spirit Sunday)
- All Committees & Teams Mtg.  
4:00 PM, Fellowship Hall

## worship@GBC

### Sunday, August 5

11:00 AM Joint Worship  
(no 8:45 service)

### Sunday, August 12, 19, 26

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

### BARRY'S NOTES...

#### THE UNIQUE CALLING TO SERVE AS A PASTOR

Forty-two years ago this summer, I preached my first sermon. After experiencing a meaningful and memorable sense of "call to ministry," my pastor invited me to preach my inaugural sermon at the age of sixteen. What a wonderful journey it has been!

In recent weeks, I have been revisiting ***The Pastor: A Memoir*** by Eugene Peterson, an inspiring autobiographical account of what it means to be called to pastoral ministry and to live out that vocation in a unique community. As we prepare to call and welcome a new pastor to Greystone in just a few months, I would like to underscore some of the things I have learned and I am continuing to learn.

While Peterson is known to many primarily for his popular Bible translation called ***The Message***, for me his greatest contribution has been his writings about pastoral work. In a church world that looks to the pastor to be the CEO, a chaplain-on-demand, or an ecclesial entrepreneur, Peterson reminds ministers and churches that a pastor is someone called to be a spiritual director, a **"soul friend"** who walks alongside others pointing out what God is doing in their life." I like that description: "soul friend."

In a fast-paced world, where the methodology of our **competitive consumerist culture** has invaded the church, congregations often have unrealistic notions of what it means to be a pastor: captivating motivational speaker, savvy executive/administrator, witty entertainer, and extraordinary counselor. The call to be a pastor, however, is peculiar and unique. There is no other vocation like it.

In Peterson's ***Memoir***, he summarizes his understanding of the biblical role of a pastor:

*The pastor is "not someone who 'gets things done' but rather the person placed in the community to pay attention and call attention to 'what is*

*going on right now' between men and women, with one another and with God—this kingdom of God that is primarily local, relentlessly personal, and prayerful 'without ceasing'."*

Our Pastor Search Committee shared with us recently that they are now in the "interview stage" of the search process. Let's keep them in our prayers as they lead us to call a pastor who will be a "soul friend" who shepherds us during the next chapter of the Greystone story.

As we prepare for a great month of worship in August, on the first Sunday we will gather in ONE Worship Service for VBS Sunday. This year's VBS theme is "On the Farm: Growing with God." In keeping with the theme of the week, I am planning to wear my only farm attire, which is a brand spanking new pair of overalls. Be welcome to join me in wearing your farm wardrobe on August 5.

I consider it an honor to serve alongside you during this season of transition and preparation.

Barry

**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 is available for prospective candidates to review in order to inform them about us. It is posted on the Greystone Church website and it is our hope that all members will read it and rejoice in our great resources and potential. You can view the profile by going to the website home page and clicking on "Pastor Search Team - Church Profile" under "Recent Posts" or by using this link:

<https://greystonechurch.org/wp-content/uploads/2018/07/gbc-church-profile-2018-07-07.pdf>

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## AUGUST

- 1 Brad Walker
- 2 Robert Panten, Sue Blow,  
Scott Naeser, Roby Sawyers
- 3 Amy Davis, Kaleigh Ashurst,  
Madison Ouzts
- 4 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 Ed Crump, Amy Sellers, Erin Meyer
- 10 Judy Harrison, Betsy 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, Julie Cregger
- 19 Amy Pendergrass, Kim Poirier
- 20 Sandy Penny
- 21 Skip Pike, Diane White, Georgia Gray
- 22 Steve Little, Brenda Holden, Anjie King
- 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 Eric Chamblee
- 29 Vivian Adams, Samuel Steiner
- 30 Robbie Little, Gayla Hollingsworth,  
Kyle Gunter, Rob Byrd,  
Michael Byman, Nicolas Eason
- 31 Jill Pike

## 50+ ANNIVERSARIES IN AUGUST

Ken and Dottie Mitchell	8/03
Bill and Sandra Baxley	8/24
Rick and Mary Fran Perkinson	8/24
Fred and Barbara McGehee	8/25

## Children's Ministry

## FOR FRIENDS RETREAT

All rising 3rd - 5th graders are invited to attend our annual Friends Retreat, Sept. 14-16, 2018, at Camp Willow Run. Our theme this year is Friends are Good and we will explore friendships in the Bible. Cost is \$125 per person. Scholarships are available. Deadline to register is August 13, 2018. Contact April Alston to sign up.

## SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us at Sawmill Taproom after the 11:00 worship on Sunday, August 12 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 Lou Dawson, lcdawson2@gmail.com, know by that Sunday at 11:00 if you are

going to join us.

## END OF SUMMER CHURCH-WIDE POOL PARTY

Be looking for an announcement about an end of summer pool party at Lake Park Swim Club on Lakeland Drive in Raleigh. All ages are welcome; we hope you bring your whole family and a dish to share. Drinks will be provided. We will be providing more details when we have a confirmed date and time.

## PROMOTION SUNDAY

August 26, 2018 is Promotion Sunday and this year it is also School Spirit Sunday. Children are invited to join the whole congregation in supporting their school by wearing your elementary school t-shirt or colors to church on this date.

Rising Kindergartners will receive their Bibles during worship.

## GREYSTONE NUMBERS

## Worship

[8:45] [11:00]

Jul. 1: ..... n/a ..... 176 .....  
 Jul. 8: ..... 79 ..... 149 .....  
 Jul. 15: ..... \* ..... \* .....  
 Jul. 22: ..... 50 ..... 160 .....

\*no count turned in

## Generosity (6/30/18)

2018 General Fund  
 \$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed  
 \$515,922.06

YTD Operating Receipts  
 \$385,449.33

YTD Operating Expenses  
 \$413,119.36

## Music Ministry

## SINGING WITH THE ALL-STATE YOUTH CHOIR

Congratulations to Jackson Hollingsworth who auditioned and made this year's Baptist ASYC! This polished group of singers traveled around the state this summer and performed six concerts with guest director, Kenny Potter. Way to go, Jackson!

## MUSIC ENSEMBLES THIS FALL

We are preparing for an exciting fall in the GBC Music Ministries. As we look ahead, mark your calendars now with some of the kick-off dates for our music ensembles:

## ADULT CHOIR

Wednesdays at 7:15 PM

\*Summer rehearsals from 6:30—7:30 PM (until Sept. 5)

## WORSHIP ARTS &amp; MUSIC (WAM!) for CHILDREN

Wednesdays at 6:00 PM

\*Kicks off Sept. 5

\*Preschool (ages 4 & 5)

\*Younger Children (grades K – 2)

\*Older Children (grades 3 – 5)

## STUDENT CHOIR

Sundays at 5:00 PM

\*Kicks off Sept. 9

## HANDBELL CHOIR

Sundays at 6:00 PM

\*Kicks off Sept. 9

## GRACE TONES (WOMEN'S) ENSEMBLE

Sundays at 4:00 PM

## CHRISTMAS AT GREYSTONE 2018

*Featuring the GBC Music Ministries*

Sunday, December 9, 2018

6:30 PM | Sanctuary

Consider singing with the Adult Choir for the upcoming holiday season. Rehearsals this fall will begin (at 7:15 PM) with our music for the Christmas at Greystone program. Come for the first 30-minutes and take part in highlighting our Advent season in song!

The deadline for the September newsletter is noon, Thursday, 8/23/18.

## Other Ministry News

### GREYSTONE PRESCHOOL

We are wrapping up another summer of fun preschool camp. If you've been in our halls during camp time you've heard some joyful noises and seen some creative crafting this summer!

We'll be gearing up soon for the start of our fall preschool program. To date we have enrolled fifty-one children in our fall program! Our 4's class is full with a waiting list - but we'd love your help filling our other classes. Please let all your friends know about our half-day preschool. Information is available on the church website.

### 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. August schedule:  
8/5-Brio, 8/12-Sawmill Taproom,  
8/19-Winston's, 8/26-Carrabba's

### SENIOR ADULT SPONSORED TRIP

Friday, 8/24, come enjoy a River Roving boat trip and experience the beauty of the Pamlico-Tar River and learn about the maritime heritage of historic Little Washington. No charge for the boat trip. We will be dining at On the Waterfront. We will depart from the Sawmill lot at 8:00 AM.

### BUDDY BREAK NEWS!

Announcing *Junior Buddies*, a new way to take part in our Buddy Break ministry. Junior Buddies are ages 10-13 who will work with an adult Buddy or help with crafts, games and activities other than one to one with our VIPs.

We will have a special training for those interested on Sunday, August 19 from 2-3 PM in the youth building. This will be part of a regular Buddy Training session for those 14 yrs. and older that is taking place from 2 - 4 PM on that day. Please contact Nancy Register by email ([buddybreak@greystonechurch.org](mailto:buddybreak@greystonechurch.org)) or call 919-219-1438 for more information.

## Student Ministry

### STUDENT LEADERSHIP COUNCIL 2018 - 2019

We are accepting applications to serve on the Student Ministry Council. All rising 6-12 grade students are invited to apply! Application forms were recently emailed out. If you did not receive an application, contact the church office. Return your application to Allan Smith in the church office by Wednesday, August 8. This is in preparation for Student Ministry Council members to attend a planning retreat with the Student Ministry Leadership Team on August 11. Please let Allan know if you have any questions.

### DURHAM BULLS GAME, SUNDAY, 8/12

All are invited to meet in the Sawmill Parking lot at 4 PM to carpool to the Durham Bulls Game vs. the Scranton/Wilks-Barre Railriders, scheduled to start at 5:05 PM. Tickets will be purchased individually at the box office when we arrive at the game; outfield reserved seats are less than \$10. Students may also want spending money for concessions. We will return after the game to the Sawmill Lot at approximately 9 PM.

### SWIM AND STUDY - AUG. 5, 5 - 8 PM

Join us for an evening of fellowship and Bible study. All students are invited to the Greystone Pool between 5 - 8 PM.

Admission to the pool has been covered for non-members during these hours. We will gather in the gazebo area of the pool and food/drinks will be provided. There will be a short devotional at 7 PM.

### 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](mailto: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.

## Community in Prayer

### Health Concerns

- Joan Murphy's friend, Josie Corse
- Tommie Bennett
- Dan Nichols
- Jill Pike's nephew, Brett Ciccone
- 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
- Dottie Thompson's mother, Barbara Polky
- Sue Blow
- Pat Boone's mother, Mary Boone
- Michael-David Rowe's mother, Jill Smith
- Nancy Register's friend, Jonathan McGee
- Jim Burris

- 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

### Sympathy

- Teresa Dilday's family on the death of her father, John Powell, 7/15/18
- Sylvia Goulding's family on her death, 7/2/18
- Teresa Carraway's family on the death of her father, William Stewart, 6/29/18



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September newsletter is  
noon, Thursday, 8/23/18.

...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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**REFUGEE MOVE-IN** - Thank you Greystone for outfitting and setting up a new home for a family fleeing their home country. Everyone is settling in and finding their way.



### SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE *(continued from front page)*

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. 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.

**SCHOOL SPIRIT SUNDAY** - Promotion Sunday, August 26 is also School Spirit Sunday at Greystone. It's time to celebrate your school by wearing a school t-shirt or school colors of the school you attend now or one you attended in the past! Show your school spirit! Adults, celebrate your Alma Mater by wearing your school colors too!

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please unsubscribe by calling the church office.