



GBC events

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September

- 5 Wednesday Night Live Begins
- 8 Buddy Break
- 9 Heritage/Anniversary Sunday
Anniversary Luncheon
- 12 Wednesday Night Live
- 14-16 Friends Retreat
- 16 Deacon Ordination/Installation
- 19 Wednesday Night Live
- 22 Bike Rodeo and Truck Crawl
- 23 Leadership Council Meeting
- 26 Wednesday Night Live
- 30 Pocket Change Sunday

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In the Pulpit this Month

Sunday, 9/2

Reverend Allan Smith

Sunday, 9/9, Heritage Sunday

Dr. Barry Howard

Sunday, 9/16

Dr. Barry Howard

Sunday, 9/23

Dr. Brad Creed

Sunday, 9/30, Pocket Change Sunday

Dr. Barry Howard

BARRY'S NOTES...

RECONNECTING: A CHALLENGING YET REWARDING MINISTRY

Re-connecting is a kingdom ministry initiative that is, unfortunately, often neglected. Miscommunication, misunderstanding, and fragmentation are common in all human relationships, between individuals and their church family.

Galatians 6:1 says, "If someone is caught in a sin, you who are spiritual should restore him gently" (NIV). In the popular translation, *The Message*, the verse is rendered like this: "Live creatively friends. If someone falls into sin, forgivingly restore him, saving your critical comments for yourself."

I think this ministry of restoration might also apply, not just to those who have "fallen" into sin, but also to those who have fallen away from faithful participation in the life of the church.

Here are a few simple suggestions for gently restoring someone to the fellowship of the church:

- **Begin praying specifically for the person you want to see restored.** Do you know someone who once participated in your Sunday School class, or someone who sat near you in worship and you have missed them for a while? When you are burdened for such a person, you may want to begin by praying specifically for that individual.
- **Cultivate a social contact as a step toward restoration.** Plan a coffee break or a dinner outing with the individual or family with whom you are concerned. Give them a call or write them a note. And be patient. Restoration takes time.
- **Listen non-judgmentally to their pain or hurt.** Many individuals who leave the fellowship of the church have had negative encounters or overlooked feelings of hurt or betrayal. When someone from the church family offers a listening ear, even though the hurt

can't be reversed, you tend a wound in such a way that healing can begin.

- **Invite them to attend worship or Bible study with you.** Don't just invite them. Invite them to come with you or to sit with you. Provide a natural connection for them. Help make them feel comfortable.
- **Encourage their return participation to faithfulness in church life somewhere.** Hopefully, individuals who have not affiliated with another church will be open to returning to "our" church. But our ultimate goal should be to see the family or individual restored to participation in "a" church. When individuals return to our fellowship at Greystone, we will rejoice. If individuals are led of the Spirit to affiliate with another fellowship, we will rejoice. But when individuals remain disconnected, we will continue to be burdened for them.

Re-Connecting is a challenging but rewarding ministry. But I believe we are up to the challenge.

I look forward to seeing you in September as we explore the book of James in our new series, "When Faith Comes to Life."

I am honored to serve as your "pastor in the interim."

Barry

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE - The Senior Pastor Search Committee continues to meet frequently, engaging in an intense period of active interviewing. We are energized and excited by our activity and ask that you continue to keep these Search Committee members in your prayers: Annie Hardison-Moody, John Clark, Dot Thomason, Brian Grant, Johnathan Eshleman, John Meyer, Laura Nelson, Jackson Hollingsworth, Toni Cox and Joanne Thompson. We pray for holy indifference to whom God may choose for Greystone and for wisdom to follow God's will.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Pat Burris, Ellie Taylor
- 2 Phyllis Turlington, Marty Glazier
- 3 Joan Murphy, Sylvia Lawson
- 4 Ann Shoaf, Richard Milam
- 5 Sydney Lannom
- 6 Ryan Gunter, MacKenzie Boone
- 7 Viola Dobbins, Lynn Fogwell, Marianna Brewer
- 8 Elizabeth Santana, Brian Potter, Michael Milam, Caroline Wilder
- 9 John Divers, Ed Byman, Ian Smith
- 10 Kayla Crump

- 12 Anne McCarty, Tammie Wood
- 13 Vercie Eller
- 15 Cathy Morris, David Pickles, Angela Rose, Rebekah Steele, Emily Vandersip, Olivia Lannom
- 16 Kathy Dew
- 18 Victor Santana, Jeff Walter
- 19 Juanita Register, Lisa Tunstall
- 20 Rachel Tunstall
- 21 Susan Chamblee, Jim Gellatly
- 22 David Lawson
- 23 David Sherman
- 24 Nita Kline, Susan Moody

- 25 Brian Grant, Hillary Stewart
- 26 Linda Ward, Bran Wood, William Benson
- 27 Lucy Potter
- 28 Jeff Smith, Kyle Wood
- 29 Mallory Schmidt
- 30 Blake Aydtlett, Rhonda Overby

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Claude and Tommie Bennett 9/15

Children's Ministry

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who helped with Vacation Bible School. Throughout our four days together we shared the love of God with over 80 children and their parents. Our students learned about goodness, patience, kindness and love and had a lot of fun while doing so. It was great to see so many people from Shiloh Restoration Church, Greystone Weekday Preschool and our community. We had many parents tell us how much their kids loved being here and that they will be joining us again. Thank you to our more than 60 volunteers who helped make this year's VBS the best yet. We hope that you will mark your calendar for next year's VBS on August 8 - 11, 2019.

CBF CHILDREN'S MISSIONS DAY

All 1st - 5th graders are invited to join us for our annual CBF Children's Missions Day on October 27. This year we will travel to Conetoe, NC where we will meet CBF Field Personnel Anna and LaCount Anderson and their ministry partner Rev. Richard Joyner. Our VBS campers learned about this wonderful ministry during our time together and I can't wait to explore the farm with them. The cost is \$15 per child. Please let April know if your child would like to participate or if you would like to chaperone.

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Anniversary Luncheon on Heritage Sunday, 9/9/18 will serve as our fellowship opportunity for September. Join us in October for our next Second Sunday Fellowship.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

[8:45] [11:00]

Aug. 5: n/a 216

Aug. 12: 56 138

Aug. 19: * 147

Aug. 26: 56 195

*no count turned in

Generosity (7/31/18)

2018 General Fund
\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed
\$601,909.07

YTD Operating Receipts
\$458,715.17

YTD Operating Expenses
\$477,650.97

Music Ministry

MUSIC ENSEMBLES—JOIN US THIS FALL!

We are anticipating an exciting fall in the worship life of Greystone. Our music ensembles are at the heart of leading our weekly worship and these groups are already preparing to begin their fall rehearsal schedules. We hope you'll consider adding your voice or instrument to one or more of these groups. Here are some of the kick-off dates and meeting times for our ensembles. Hope to have you with us!

ADULT CHOIR | Wednesdays, 7:15 PM

ADULT HANDBELLS | Sundays, 6:00 PM

*Begins Sept. 9

*Interest Meeting, Sept. 9, 5:30 PM
(Choir Room)

GRACE TONES (WOMEN'S) ENSEMBLE

| Sundays, 4:00 PM

*Begins Sept. 9

STUDENT CHOIR | Sundays, 5:00 PM

*Begins Sept. 16

WORSHIP ARTS & MUSIC (WAM!) for
CHILDREN | Wednesdays, 6:00 PM

*Begins Sept. 5

Preschool (ages 4 & 5)

Younger Children (K - 2nd)

Older Children (3rd - 5th)

HANDBELL RINGERS NEEDED—INTEREST MEETING SEPT. 9

Our Adult Handbell Choir is looking for three ringers to ring with the group through the rest of this year. No experience is needed, only a basic ability to read music. If interested, please come to the Choir Room on Sunday, Sept. 9th at 5:30 PM. We'll give you a chance to look at our fall schedule and even ring through some of our music. You'll love being a part of the Handbell Choir!

Faith Formation Ministry

ADULT STUDIES IN SEPTEMBER - As we kick off Wednesday night studies this semester, we have several different options for adults in September. Take a look at the offerings and join in with friends to discuss, learn and share. If you have any questions, contact Amanda Atkin. Studies begin on September 12.

- Bible Study: Amanda Atkin will lead a discussion of the book of Acts. Acts is full of interesting stories and adventures of the early church. You definitely will be surprised and challenged by what you find there. This group will meet in the upstairs of the West Wing.
- Book Study: Evangelism for the 21st Century, a study of Jim Henderson's book "Evangelism Without Additives".

Do you ever feel like everyone and everything has changed and struggle with how to share your faith in today's world? What if sharing your faith meant just being yourself? Jerry Chiles will lead a discussion about how to be yourself and use who you are and how God has gifted you to share his love. The book is easily found on Amazon or a few copies are available in the office.

SEPTEMBER 5TH - To prepare for our upcoming Rise Against Hunger meal packaging event, we will place labels on 40,167 bags! Many hands make light work. As we gather to do this necessary task, we will also share in community conversations around the table following dinner.

AUGUST MISSION UPDATES

- * We wrapped up our collection of breakfast foods for Urban Ministries
- * We shared the produce from our Greystone Garden with North Raleigh Ministries
- * We used the monies raised during our last Pocket Change Sunday to purchase school supplies for 37 children in Restoration Church
- * We welcomed 24 families into our VBS who do not normally worship with us.

Be on the lookout for fall ministry activities, and be sure to be a part of the work Greystone is attempting together to follow the leadership of Jesus Christ.

Student Ministry

ARCH MCFADYEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

This annual scholarship is set up to recognize Greystone Baptist Church members who share the same commitments as Arch did to his education, family, God, church, and his community. It is open to graduating high school seniors, undergraduate, and graduate students enrolled full-time at an accredited U.S. college or university. The recipients of this year's scholarship are as follows:

Dylan Austin, Sean Austin, Lauren Ammons, Hannah Conley, Katie Craig, Elijah Grimes, Sarah Grimes, Elizabeth King, Joe P. LeNoir, III, June Millikan, Elizabeth Mueller, Sallie Anne Mueller, Hunter Ouzts, Thomas Pendergrass,

Megan Perry, Caroline Smith, Ellie Taylor, Grace Taylor, Emily Vandersip, Lindsay Worley. What a great testimony to God's ongoing presence in the lives of Greystone students. Thanks be to God for the scholarship and for the faithfulness of these students!

STUDENTS RESTED FROM UNIDIVERSITY YOUTH CAMP

What an incredible week of youth camp it was again this year at Unidiversity, which took place July 23-28 on the University of Tennessee campus. The theme of camp this year was **Rhythms**, and students were invited to explore a rhythm of life that involved rest and work. Many of the 19 students from Greystone who attended

really connected with the idea of rest during the week. It is so easy to push ourselves each week without realizing that God calls us to stop and rest. One highlight of the trip was the River Rat tubing on Thursday afternoon with our church group; several students experienced the peace of God while calmly floating down the river. Take a moment to ask a student about his or her camp experience, and remember to thank the many adults who participated in the week.

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

We're kicking off another year of preschool this month! We appreciate all your prayers as our teachers, children and their families begin the year. Each year we ask our preschool families who shop at Harris Teeter to help us raise a little money by linking their VIC card to our school. Last year we had 11 families link to us and we received a check from Harris Teeter for a little over \$200. If you are a regular at Harris Teeter and your card is not linked to another school, please ask your cashier to link your card to us! Our school code is 3080. It costs you nothing and every little bit helps us greatly. Thank you!

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. September schedule: 9/2 - Red Lobster, 9/9 - San Marcos, 9/16 - Outback, 9/23 - Firebird, 9/30 - Bahama Breeze

SENIOR SPONSORED TRIP, FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2018

We will travel to Halifax, NC for a delicious lunch at the Hen and the Hog. We will then take a guided tour of Revolutionary Halifax. No admission required but donations are appreciated. We will leave the Sawmill parking lot at 9:00 AM.

BIKE RODEO AND TRUCK CRAWL

Gather your family and join us Saturday, September 22 from 10:00 AM-2:00 PM in the church parking lot to learn about bike safety, explore trucks and heavy equipment, and meet the people who build, protect, and serve our community. This is a free event, and all are welcome! Please share our event with friends and neighbors by posting the Facebook event: (<https://www.facebook.com/events/515619502195216/>) or posting details on your neighborhood NextDoor or Facebook page. To volunteer, contact Jerry Chiles, jerrychiles1@gmail.com.

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The deadline for the October newsletter is noon, Tuesday, 9/25/18.

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



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WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AT GREYSTONE - Reservations are essential: Our Wednesday evening fellowship meal will begin again on September 5. This year we will be using different restaurants and caterers to bring in some very tasty dishes. The caterers will need a firm plate count so we need your reservations. We will accept reservations until noon on Mondays. You can reserve your meal by filling in a reservation card (located in the Sanctuary pew racks) and placing that card in the offering plates, calling the church office (919-847-1333) or by signing up through our church website.

Cost: Meals are \$7 per adult and \$4 per child. We are offering a family cap of \$20.

Time: We will start serving dinner at 5:30 PM and continue serving until 6:45 PM. We hope that you will come early if you have children participating in our Wednesday evening programs. If you work late and have to drive through RTP traffic, we hope the new extended serving times will help you. Children's programs begin at 6 PM. Church prayers are offered at 6:15. Adult studies start at 6:20. Adult choir begins at 7:15.

Menus:

September 5: Bar-B-Q, fried chicken, slaw, boiled potatoes, hushpuppies, roll
September 12: Lemon Chicken, mac & cheese, mixed veggies, roll
September 19: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, bread
September 26: Roasted pork loin with raspberry chipotle sauce (on the side), green beans, sweet potatoes, roll

KEYS AND FOBs TO THE CHURCH - If you have a key or FOB issued to you and you are no longer serving on a Committee or Team for the 2018-2019 church year, please turn your key/FOB in to Steve Rose so he may reassign it as needed. If you will continue to serve, but on a different Committee or Team, please check with Steve so he can check to be sure that keys are not signed out to more than one member of any Committee/Team.

HERITAGE/ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY, 9/9/18 - Covered dish luncheon at 12 Noon in the Fellowship Hall. BBQ and chicken will be provided; please bring your favorite side dish or dessert. If you can't bring a dish please join us for this fun and delicious time of fellowship. Serving utensils will be provided. Sign-up sheets for attendance are located in the hallway outside the sanctuary and will be in adult Sunday school classrooms through September 2. You may also email the church office at office@greystonechurch.org or call 919-847-1333.

PRAYER REQUESTS - If you would like a copy of the prayer list, it can be found in our Sunday bulletins and on the church website.

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