



BARRY'S NOTES...

TIPS FOR WELCOMING A NEW PASTOR

In a few weeks or months, we will experience the joy of welcoming a new pastor. When a congregation welcomes a new pastor, it marks the beginning of a new chapter for both the congregation and the minister.

To maximize this new beginning, it is important to prepare spiritually, cognitively and emotionally for this new chapter. Here are few things to remember as we prepare to welcome and encourage our new pastor:

- 1. Pray for our new pastor.** Make a commitment to pray daily for our pastor throughout the duration of his or her ministry. Once the "honeymoon period" is over and the daily grind of ministry begins, praying for your pastor will strengthen your pastor's ministry and will fortify your bond with your pastor.

- 2. Send our pastor a welcome note or email.** Nothing lengthy. Just a brief note, introducing yourself and/or family, and offering a heartfelt welcome.
- 3. Mention your name on your first several encounters with our new pastor.** Learning names is important for pastors. Give our pastor the opportunity to learn your name and, over time, to learn a part of your life story.

- 4. Embrace the uniqueness of our pastor.** Our pastor will have a distinct personality, a unique set of spiritual gifts, and a diverse set of experiences. To compare our new pastor to any other is to disrespect the Spirit's role in guiding us to our new pastor in the first place.

- 5. Be prepared to follow.** A pastor who is worth his or her salt must lead in both optimal and challenging situations. And the kingdom of God is enriched when we as a congregation follow our pastor and embrace our mission with enthusiasm. Don't be a backseat driver. Let us serve with our best gifts.

- 6. Give our pastor permission to fail.** The best pastors don't succeed 100 percent of the time. Don't hold our pastor to a

standard of perfection that is impossible to maintain. Allow our minister room to make a few mistakes.

7. Speak positively about our pastor publicly and privately. Every pastor has more strengths than weaknesses. A healthy pastoral tenure is nurtured when we magnify around our pastor's strengths, and then minimize and compensate for our pastor's weaknesses.

God is preparing us to "build up" the body of Christ at Greystone and to reach deeper into the community that surrounds us. And the way we call and welcome our new pastor is one important step on that journey.

I am honored to serve alongside you during this brief but important transitional season.

Barry

RISE AGAINST HUNGER is Sunday, October 7.

I will be wearing jeans and my tennis shoes to worship. We will gather at 8:45 AM, share communion with each other and then prepare over 41,000 meals in the Fellowship Hall. This event is not only life giving but it is fun. Consider bringing a friend. Of note there will be no Sunday School or 11 AM Worship this Sunday. Come at 8:45 and be ready to work. Our Disaster Relief crew is learning about the needs of our neighbors in Eastern NC and will be organizing trips to provide construction assistance in the near future. If you are interested in learning more about this team and perhaps helping out, please contact Jerry Chiles.

Amanda

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,

GBC events

[Visit the website for a full schedule](#)

October

- 3 Wednesday Night Live
- 7 Joint Worship & Rise Against Hunger
Buddy Break Training
- 10 Wednesday Night Live
- 13 Buddy Break
Snr. Adult Sponsored Trip
- 14 Second Sunday Fellowship
- 17 Wednesday Night Live
- 21 All Church Breakfast
Leadership Council Meeting
- 24 Trunk or Treat
- 27 CBF Children's Missions Day
- 31 No Wednesday Night activities

worship@GBC

In the Pulpit this Month

Sunday, 10/7 - 8:45 AM Joint Worship and Rise Against Hunger

Reverend Amanda Atkin

Sunday, 10/14 - 8:45 & 11:00 Worship

Dr. Barry Howard

Sunday, 10/21 - 8:45 & 11:00 Worship

Dr. Linda McKinnish Bridges

Sunday, 10/28

Dr. Barry Howard

OCTOBER

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| 1 Cathy Gellatly, Don Tickle | 9 Ellen Staley, Carrie Franz, Sydney Walker | 22 Richard White, James Cregger, Lauren Wilder, Erin Mueller |
| 2 Lance Buchholz, Heather Choplin, Brian Daugherty, Morgan Burns | 10 Rachel Poirier | 24 Kemp Sherron, Jenna Perry |
| 3 David Peebles, Wayne Thompson, Brittany Adcock, Maggie Carraway | 11 Connie Meredith | 25 Roger Nix |
| 4 Pat Day, Wanda Stephens | 12 Anna Brawner | 28 Matthew Yates, Christian Burris |
| 5 Faye Rhodes, Teresa Dilday, Sam Craig, Douglas Brown, Hayes Brawner | 13 Jim Paul | 29 Steve Blow, Cody Thompson |
| 6 Larry Moore, Carla LeNoir, Zack Burnette | 14 Mike Odgen | 30 Kenneth Garrett, Debbie Reynolds, Olivia Kleven |
| 7 Logan Byman | 15 Claude Bennett, Liz Nichols | 31 Donna Crump |
| 8 Linda Wheeler, Les McSpadden, Todd Muncie, Ford Carraway, Michael Rowe, Thomas Powell | 17 Gerry Mangum, Bill Judd, Jenny Anderson | |
| | 18 Fred McGehee, Sealth Womack | |
| | 19 Pam Weis, Doug Eason | |
| | 20 Julie Ogburn, Loreice Jernigan, Caroline Smith | |
| | 21 Mitzi Glaxier, Libby Burlew, | |

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Jim and Pat Burris 10/6
Bobby and Peggy Hunter 10/22

Children's Ministry**OCT. 24 - TRUNK OR TREAT**

We need people to sign up to help with Trunk or Treat. There are several ways to be part of the fun and excitement. We need people to decorate and host trunks as well as people to run games on the night of the 24th. We also need donations of candy, stickers or other small prizes. Please bring bags of individually wrapped candy or other prizes by the office between now and October 24th. If you are interested in volunteering or have questions, call April Alston. There are sign-up sheets located in the hallway by the information table and in the Sunday School classrooms.

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

Join us at Sawmill Taproom after the 11:00 worship on Sunday, October 14 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.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

[8:45] [11:00]

Sept. 2:45.....162.....
Sept. 9:73.....213.....
Sept. 16:53.....137.....
Sept. 23:69.....173.....
Sept. 30: will be reported in the November newsletter

Generosity (8/31/18)

2018 General Fund
\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed
\$687,896.08

YTD Operating Receipts
\$528,077.75

YTD Operating Expenses
\$551,674.91

Music Ministry**STUDENT CHOIR & ZBC YOUTH CHOIR**

Students will be joining the Youth Choir at Zebulon Baptist Church for a joint rehearsal and dinner on Sunday, Oct. 21 at 5:00 PM. These two groups are working toward learning music for the Segue Youth Choir Festival in February.

AN OPEN INVITATION TO SING THIS CHRISTMAS!

On Sunday, Dec. 9 (6:30 PM), we'll have our Christmas at Greystone music program and I want to extend an enthusiastic invitation to sing with the Choir that night. For some, singing in the Choir each week can be a big commitment. This year, we've also "saved a seat" for those who can't sing each week for various reasons. If you're one of those who can only sing with the Choir at Christmas time, I've included a

"community choir" component to the Dec. 9 program.

This includes singing (3) pieces as part of that evening program. The rehearsal commitment would begin in November and include (6) total rehearsals:

Rehearsal #1: Nov. 2 (Fri.), 6-8 pm
*Fall Choir Retreat

Rehearsal #2: Nov. 7 (Wed.), 7:15-8 pm
Rehearsal #3: Nov. 14 (Wed.), 7:15-8 pm
Rehearsal #4: Nov. 28 (Wed.), 7:15-8 pm
Rehearsal #5: Dec. 5 (Wed.), 7:15-8 pm
Rehearsal #6: Dec. 7 (Fri.), 6-TBD

*Dress Rehearsal

Please consider helping our community celebrate the Good News of Christ's birth in this musical way. I know you'll find this to be a rewarding experience!



Faith Formation Ministry

ADULT STUDIES IN OCTOBER

Wednesday Nights have begun, and we are having wonderful adult studies on Wednesday nights. As we near the end of our "Evangelism without Additives" discussion, we will turn our attention to a reading of Rachel Held Evans' new book – "Inspired". With her careful guidance we will ask the question, "What do we mean when we say the Bible is inspired?" It will be an interesting and informative study from a wonderful author. In September we also received new Sunday School "quarterlies" and it is so interesting to hear the discussion amongst our members about the Epistle of James. Our current sermon series is

also leading us through James. So we are immersed in this letter and its teachings.

THANK YOU

Thank you to everyone who donated and reached out to the Munyankuyo family. This mother of 7 died in her sleep right before Hurricane Florence. The funeral was Monday, September 24. Thank you to everyone who donated monies, went shopping for funeral clothes for the children, fed this family and prayed for them. They have only been in America for 2 months, and this now single father will need some support as the whole family moves forward together. Please remember them in your prayers.



Student Ministry

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

The theme of the retreat is **Enjoy Life** based on Ephesians 8:15. Life can be hard. It can be stressful. But life is a gift! God desires for life to be enjoyed. We will explore all the different ways that life can be enjoyed through fellowship, recreation, and worship at Camp Cale on the Albemarle Sound.

Cost of the retreat is \$120, and an early bird discount is available if permission forms and money are turned in by Wednesday, October 17, making the cost \$90. Scholarships are available. Please contact Allan Smith, with any questions.

Ephesians 8:15 - "So I recommend having fun, because there is nothing better for people in

this world than to eat, drink, and enjoy life. That way they will experience some happiness along with all the hard work God gives them under the sun." (New Living Translation)

NEW STUDENT MINISTRY HANDBOOKS AVAILABLE

The 2018/2019 Student Ministry Handbook is available in the *Happenings This Week* email and in the church office. The handbook includes general information about the Student Ministry as well as a Student Standards of Behavior form, a permission and medical release form, and a Parent/Guardian covenant. Each form is critical for any student participating in any Student Ministry

activity, including Sunday School. The forms help the Student Ministry to offer a welcoming space that meets the varying needs of the students. Please contact the Associate Minister to Students, Allan Smith, with 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.

RECEIVE TEXT MESSAGE NOTIFICATIONS

Sign up to receive text message reminders through Remind. Text the message @2cg2b6 to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @2cg2b6 to (919) 336-5052.

Other Ministry News

ARE YOU CPR CERTIFIED?

Are you a Medical Professional? We are currently trying to update the church list of members who are CPR certified and/or medically trained. If you are, please contact Leigh Ammons at 919-847-4815 or leammons@aol.com. Include your name, type of certification or training, which service you attend, and which Sunday School class you attend. Thank you!

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.

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. October schedule: 10/7-San Marcos, 10/14-Sawmill Taproom, 10/21-Creedmoor Cafe, 10/28-Assagio's

SENIOR SPONSORED TRIP - FRIDAY, 10/13

Please join us for a trip to the Pottery & Glass Festival at Cedar Creek Gallery in Creedmoor. Enjoy demonstrations from talented artists from all over the US. We will then travel to the Cheesecake Factory for lunch. We will be departing from the Sawmill parking lot at 9:30 AM.

NEW BIBLE STUDY OPPORTUNITY

Starting October 7, the Salt and Light class will begin a 12 week study of the Max Lucado book *Unshakable Hope*. He presents 12 of the Bible's most significant promises equipping us to overcome difficult circumstances and make wise decisions. There will be a video followed by discussion of that week's promise. If you are interested in joining us, or would like more information, please contact Carla LeNoir, 919-785-0807 or cslenoir@aol.com.

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SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE-continued from front page

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AT GREYSTONE - **Reservations are essential**

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

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 for October: 10/3: Bar-B-Q, fried chicken, slaw, boiled potatoes, hushpuppies, roll; 10/10: Lemon Chicken, mac & cheese, mixed veggies, roll; 10/17: Spaghetti with meat sauce, garden salad, bread; 10/24: Trunk or Treat

BIKE RODEO/TRUCK CRAWL

Thank you to everyone who helped make this year's Bike Rodeo/Truck Crawl such an amazing success. What a great team you have been and still are!! The Bike Rodeo/ Truck Crawl was successful because each of you carried your part of the load to make it happen. As we look forward to 2019, keep dreaming of how we can make it even better, not for our success but for Greystone connecting with the community.

**The deadline for the
November newsletter is
noon, Tuesday, 10/23/18.**

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