



BARRY'S NOTES...

GREETINGS GREYSTONE:

These are exciting days as we move closer to calling our next Senior Pastor. I am tremendously grateful for the privilege of serving alongside you during this brief but important season of transition. I am thankful for Greystone's gracious hospitality, Greystone's mission engagement, and Greystone's commitment to serve "the least of these."

As you prepare to begin a new chapter, prepare for God to do a new thing because we serve a God who isn't into repeat performances. The best years of Greystone are ahead of us and not behind us. So let us treasure the past and embrace the future. My last Sunday with you will be November 11. I am excited that Dr. Bill Leonard of Wake Forest Divinity School will be preaching on November 18. And like the Apostle Paul, "I will thank my God on every time I remember you." (Philippians 1:3)

-Barry

SENIOR PASTOR SEARCH UPDATE

The Senior Pastor Search Committee invites you to join us for the following events as we welcome our candidate to Greystone Baptist Church. There are several events open to the entire church congregation, including the informational session on October 30, Q+A session on November 3, and worship service on November 4. There are other events scheduled throughout the weekend for various groups of the GBC congregation. We are so grateful for your prayers and support during this ten-month process.

October 30, Tuesday

7:00 - 8:00 PM: Pastor Search Committee will hold a conversation with the congregation (Fellowship Hall). All are welcome! Childcare provided for kindergarten and under.

November 2, Friday

5:00 - 6:00 PM: Informal Gathering for parents and children (patio between Two Roosters, Gonza at 7713-39 Lead Mine Rd).

Bring your children for some informal fellowship and fun! Our candidate will leave at 6:00 PM for dinner with the diaconate, but feel free to stay and eat with other GBC families.

6:30 PM: Dinner with Diaconate and spouses

November 3, Saturday

9:00 AM: Coffee and Donuts (Fellowship Hall). All are welcome!

9:30 AM: Q+A Session with the candidate and the Search Committee (Fellowship Hall). All are welcome! Childcare provided for kindergarten and under.

11:00 AM: Fellowship with GBC Charter Members (Gathering Room)

Noon: Lunch with Youth and Youth Parents (Fellowship Hall). Sub-sandwich lunch will be provided.

2:00 PM: Visit at Springmoor

November 4, Sunday

9:15 AM: Coffee and Cider (Fellowship Hall). All are welcome!

9:30 AM: Sunday School - The candidate will visit several classes.

10:30 AM: Worship Service - The candidate will lead and preach in view of a call.

Following Worship: Called Church in Conference.

MATURING AND MINISTERING

Greystone is currently in the midst of our 2018-19 Stewardship Drive, "Maturing and Ministering". This is an exciting time as we recommit to our own Christian journey. You should have received a mailing with a letter from the Stewardship Committee, a devotional guide and a pledge card. We hope that you will prayerfully consider how to respond to this opportunity to share your financial resources, as well as reflect on how you can utilize your spiritual gifts this year as we work together to learn and grow as a church community. On November 18, we will celebrate our renewed commitments by bringing our pledge cards forward at an appointed time during both worship services. You can mail or drop off your pledge card

GBC events

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

November

- 2 Fall Choir Retreat
- 2-4 Call Weekend Schedule
- 4 Buddy Break Training
- Called Church in Conference
- 6 Wake Co. Board of Elections
- 7 Wednesday Night Live
- 9-11 Youth Fall Retreat
- 14 Wednesday Night Live
- 18 Leadership Council Meeting
- 21 No Wednesday night activities
- 22 Thanksgiving - church office closed
- 28 No Wednesday Night Dinner due to Church in Conference

Coming soon in December:

- 1 Buddy Break Christmas Party
- 2 Coffee and Cider between services

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Worship Schedule this month

Sunday, 11/4 - 10:30 Joint Worship

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

Dr. Barry Howard

Sunday, 11/18 - 8:45 & 11:00 Worship

Dr. Bill Leonard

Sunday, 11/25 - 8:45 & 11:00 Worship

NOVEMBER

- 1 Cathy Smith, Kay Meyer, Chris Vandersip
- 2 Sarah Lannom, Jonathan Perkinson, Carson Sellers
- 3 Sandra Baxley, Pepper Choplin
- 4 Erin Choplin, Ben Cox
- 6 Hazel Perdue, Harrison Sherron, Gabriel Mallah, Sarah Gray Lesley
- 7 Joanne Thompson, Bob Millikan, Noah Robinson, Nicholas Dreitzler
- 8 Darrell Staley, Todd Gentry, Brianna Brice
- 10 Marcia Ostendorff, Mark Calder, Pam Webb, Henry Wilder

- 11 Connie Meredith
- 11 Alice Dickens, Bill Turner, Terry Nobles
- 12 Sandra Wilson, Maria Morton, Will Fleming
- 13 Caralie Brown, Allyson Hawley
- 14 Donna Tunstall, Kristi Glover
- 15 Jim Womble, Carol Allen, Mary Sherron, Stephanie Milam, Robyn Sawyers
- 16 Mel Dickens, Pat Long
- 17 AnaRita Eason
- 19 Barbara McGehee, Patricia Taylor, Eve Conner, Kerry Crabb

- 24 Grace Parnell, Perisa Nikaeen
- 25 Pete Cregger, David Turner
- 26 Skip Mays, Natalie Herrmann, Keri Ashurst
- 27 Needham Ward
- 28 Doug Cole
- 29 Missy Brookshire, Cassie Stewart
- 30 Margaret Hilton, Fred Conner, Becky Thompson

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Dora Pickles 11/9

Children's Ministry

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped make Trunk or Treat a success. Our campus was full of smiling faces and laughter on October 24. From all the students at Hogwarts to Mr. and Mrs. Potato Head, the Ninja Turtles, the helpful pups of the Paw Patrol and even a Salt and Pepper shaker, fun was had by all. Who knew our music minister and his friends were such good baristas? Our Fellowship Team says that we ate them out of food, there were so many people here. This was by far the largest attendance we have seen. Thank you to all who made the night possible.



**PASSPORT CAMP
SUMMER 2019**

Can you believe it's already time to start planning for the summer? Join us for Passport Camp June 30 - July 3 at Montreat. This is a camp for 3rd - 5th graders and is a favorite of all who have attended. Please let April know if you are interested in attending this year. You can save your spot by turning in a \$75 deposit by December 1st. (Tuition for Passport is \$325 total but we will be working on fundraisers to decrease that cost. As always there are scholarships available.)

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

	[8:45]	[11:00]
Sept. 30:63.....	162.....
Oct. 7:*.....*
Oct. 14:65.....	150.....
Oct. 21:43.....	145.....
Oct. 28:75.....	187.....

* no slip turned in

Generosity (9/30/18)

2018 General Fund
\$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed
\$773,883.09

YTD Operating Receipts
\$605,664.55

YTD Operating Expenses
\$621,810.91

Music Ministry

COMMUNITY CHOIR AT CHRISTMAS!

I want to extend an enthusiastic invitation to sing with the choir for our Christmas at Greystone music program on Sunday, Dec. 9 (6:30 PM). 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 this program. This includes singing (3) pieces as part of that evening program. The rehearsal schedule is as follows:

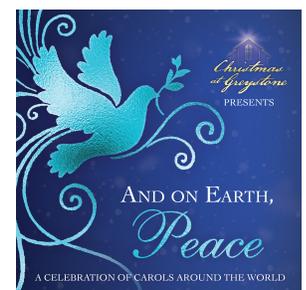
- #1: Nov. 2 (Fri.) | 6—8 PM
*Fall Choir Retreat
- #2: Nov. 7 (Wed.) | 7:15—8 PM
- #3: Nov. 14 (Wed.) | 7:15—8 PM
- #4: Nov. 28 (Wed.) | 7:15—8 PM

- #5: Dec. 5 (Wed.) | 7:15—8 PM
- #6: Dec. 7 (Fri.) | 6—8:00 PM
- *Dress Rehearsal

Let Mike know if you're interested and we'll prepare your music folder.

**HANGING OF THE GREEN SERVICE
SUNDAY, DEC. 2 AT 6:30 PM**

Help us usher in the Advent season with a family-friendly and festive Hanging of the Green Service. In this time of worship and celebration, we'll take part in decorating our sanctuary, highlighted with Advent songs and readings. We'll need your help in adorning our worship space for the season.



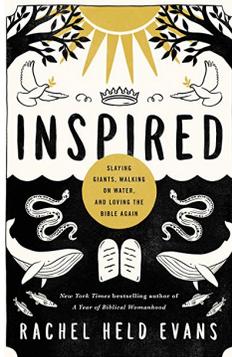
CHRISTMAS AT GREYSTONE: AND ON EARTH, PEACE, SUNDAY, DEC. 9 AT 6:30 PM

FEATURING THE GBC MUSIC MINISTRIES WITH NARRATION AND ORCHESTRA
The whole world yearns for peace—and peace is a promise of God as found in the gift of Jesus Christ. Join us this night as we celebrate with songs and carols of peace from cultures around the world in this program of music and the spoken word. Childcare available.

Faith Formation Ministry

ADULT STUDIES IN NOVEMBER

Join us for a reading and discussion of Rachel Held Evans' newest book, *Inspired: Slaying Giants, Walking on Water, and Loving the Bible Again*.



Applying the skills of a scholar and a writer, Evans examines some of our favorite Bible stories and possible interpretations, examining and celebrating them through different literary genres. Through this holy work, she discovers that the Bible is not a static work but is a living, breathing, captivating, and confounding book that is able to equip us to join God's loving and redemptive work in the world. Please let Amanda know if you would like for her to order a copy of the book for you.

Our reading of Acts has led to wonderful conversations and thoughtful reflection on how the

church began and is still growing and living into its calling to share the continuing story of Jesus Christ the Messiah. We have delved into the power of story to transform the world, why truth matters and how there seems to be this irresistible force that keeps broadening the circles of who is in and who is out.

Bring your Bibles and join this reading/reflection group. Study continues on Wednesday, November 7 at 6:30 in the West Wing.

Student Ministry

YOUTH FALL RETREAT

The theme of the retreat is **Enjoy Life** based on Ecclesiastes 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.

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)

STUDENTS HAVING CAREER DAYS EACH WEEK

One of the primary goals of the student ministry is to help students reflect on how they can be Christians in God's world. These are lessons that are important not just for their teenage years, but also as they learn what it means to follow Christ as an adult. To aid in this reflection, individuals from our own congregation are joining the students each Sunday evening this fall to share about their own faith story and career, including various ways that they follow Christ as an adult. Thank you to so many for offering their stories to the students. What a joy it has been to learn from different voices each Sunday evening!

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

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.

BUDDY BREAK NEWS!

We will hold Buddy Training for ages 14 and up on Sunday, Nov. 4, from 3-5 PM in the Youth Building. If you are age 10-13 and are interested in being part of our ministry, please contact Nancy Register at 919-219-1438. Also we need your help with our annual Family Christmas Party on Saturday, Dec. 1 from 3-5 PM. We provide a gift for each child and a Target gift card for each family. If

you would like to donate a gift or a gift card, please email buddybreak@greystonechurch.org or sign up in your Sunday School class.

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. November schedule: 11/4-Nantucket Grill, 11/11-Olive Garden, 11/18-Metro Diner, 11/25-Chow

SENIOR SPONSORED TRIP - FRIDAY, 11/16

Join us for a trip to historic Halifax, NC where the first official action taken by an entire colony took place declaring independence from England. We will

dine at the Hen and the Hog before the tour. We will depart at 9:15 AM from the Sawmill parking lot.

FLOWERS FOR THE SANCTUARY - The 2019

Flower Calendar is posted in the hallway by the information table. If you would like to donate Sanctuary flowers for a Sunday service, write your first and last name next to the date you want. Arrangements start around \$65.00. North Raleigh Florist provides free delivery but you are welcome to use your own florist and arrange for delivery if that is a better option for you. A reminder with instructions for ordering will be sent one to two weeks prior to the date you select.

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



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MATURING AND MINISTERING (continued from front page)

ahead of time to the church office if you are unable to attend on the 18th. Please join us in Maturing and Ministering at Greystone as we discover what God has in store for our church.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AT GREYSTONE - Reservations are essential

This year we are 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 November: 11/7: Bar-B-Q, fried chicken, slaw, boiled potatoes, hushpuppies, roll; 11/14: Lemon Chicken, Mac & cheese, mixed veggies, roll; 11/21: No Wednesday night activities; 11/28: No Wednesday night dinner due to Church in Conference.

The deadline for the
December newsletter is
noon, Wednesday, 11/21/18.

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