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January 2019



## GBC events

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### January

- 1 Church office closed
- 2 No Wednesday night activities
- 9 Wednesday Night Live
- 12 Lumberton Disaster Relief Buddy Break
- 16 Wednesday Night Live
- 21 Church office closed for Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Sports Physicals & Adult Health Screening Clinic Cedar Point
- 23 Wednesday Night Live
- 26 Crock Pot Cook-off
- 30 Wednesday Night Live

### Coming soon in February:

- 12/2 All-State Youth Choir Auditions

## worship@GBC

### Proclaimers this month

#### Jan. 6

8:45 and 11:00 Worship  
Amanda Atkin

#### Jan. 13, 20, 27

8:45 and 11:00 Worship  
Chrissy Tatum Williamson

### BEGINNING ANEW

In 1998, the pop-rock band, Semisonic, released a song that topped the charts in the US and across the world. It isn't a particularly sophisticated song, but its catchiest line has been stuck in my head for these last couple of months. It goes like this: Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end. These words have reminded me, throughout this season of new beginnings of the complexities that come with transition. There is no clean slate, no shared starting line, and no fresh start. But in fact, every new thing marks the end (or at least a change) of a former thing.

Truly it is a season of beginnings here at Greystone; and yet these beginnings also mark a number of endings. 2018 has ended. Holiday break is over. Extended family has returned home; and the long interim time is over. All of this comes with a mixture of gratitude for what has been and excitement for what is to come. As we find ourselves in this new beginning, I am aware that the most important thing I can do is get to know you better, so that we might begin to discern together God's hopes and dreams for the future of this beautiful congregation.

Over the last six months or so I have had the privilege of listening to members of the Senior Pastor Search Committee, the Diaconate, and staff talk about the rich community that they've been a part of here at Greystone. And that community is something that has earned this church a reputation in the community and amongst North Carolina Baptists! "Greystone is a great church with great people," is a refrain that I hear everywhere I go.

As we enter into a new season of life and ministry together, I am blessed and grateful to be joining this church family. I am looking forward to spending the coming days and months getting to know you, learning about your families, your hobbies, listening to stories and memories, and beginning to understand how God is working in your life. During

this season of listening I also hope to experience the sacred rhythm of life together at Greystone as we move through times of faith formation, prayer, mission, and worship together.

The Diaconate and Annette Variano are helping me to schedule appointments and know about important events at which I might get to meet each of you and serve alongside you in your areas of ministry. If you'd like to set up a time to meet with me or if you'd like me to know about something that's happening in your ministry areas, you can reach out to Annette in the church office or to me directly by phone at (919) 847-1333, or by email at [chrissy.williamson@greystonechurch.org](mailto:chrissy.williamson@greystonechurch.org).

With great hope in this season of beginnings,

-Pastor Chrissy

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT DINNERS AT GREYSTONE

#### Reservations are essential

We need your reservations for Wednesday night dinners and will accept them each week until noon on Monday. 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.

### IN CASE OF INCLEMENT WEATHER

In case of inclement weather, the staff of Greystone Baptist Church will be assessing weather and road conditions. Our first priority is everyone's safety. The church office is closed Friday through Sunday with no one available to provide updates by phone so please check WRAL, WTVD or the church website at [www.greystonechurch.org](http://www.greystonechurch.org) for any cancellations, delays or closings. If no cancellation is listed, we will be keeping to the normal office hours and to services/programs as scheduled.

# JANUARY

- 1 Cathy Gunter, Donnie Moorefield, Dottie Thompson, Joy Millikan, Jenny Nathan, Katie Perkinson
- 2 David Ammons
- 3 Virginia Creamer, Duane Long, Brian Tickle
- 4 Glenn Ferris, Thomas Pendergrass, Jamie Brookshire
- 5 Allan Smith, Michael Worley
- 6 Chris Washington
- 7 Alex Tatum
- 8 John Meyer
- 9 Cynthia Griesedieck, Walker Alston
- 10 Charlie Hilliard
- 11 Gary Hollingsworth

- 12 Joe LeNoir
- 13 Kayla Jastrow
- 14 David O'Neal, Trish Boone
- 15 Caleb Kleven
- 16 Jeanne Andrus, Susan Foster, Matt Birth
- 18 Rick Perkinson
- 19 Joe Langston, Allison Calder, Michelle Fogwell, Megan Perry
- 20 Cheyenne Ennemoser, Aaron Ng
- 21 Greg Wallace, Megan Muncie
- 22 Jack Hughens, Bob Penny
- 24 Helen Tugwell, John Jenkins, Anne Pickles, Raymond Byrd
- 25 Roy Pickles, Wendy Top, Wesley Wilder

- 26 Ernest Carraway
- 27 Jeb Brookshire, Virginia Niehaus
- 28 Courtney O'Donoghue
- 29 Dave Tunstall, Kathy Nobles, Matt Brawner
- 30 Michael Kanai, Andy Hunt
- 31 Joan Nelson, Mark Stewart, Ben Grant

## Children's Ministry

### CROCKPOT COOK-OFF / KIDS DESSERT CONTEST

On Saturday, January 26, 5:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall we will hold our 3rd annual Crock Pot Cook-off. We want your best crock pot dish, be it pot roast, mac-n-cheese, soup, stew or chili, we want to taste it. Sign-up sheets will be in the hallway and on Sunday school clipboards. Contact April Alston with any questions.



### 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. Registration is going on now. Please let April know if you are interested in attending this year. Save your spot with a \$75 deposit by February 15. Tuition for Passport is \$325 total but we will be working on fundraisers to decrease that cost. As always there are scholarships available.

### SAVE THE DATE - VBS 2019

Mark your calendars. Vacation Bible School at Greystone will be Thursday, August 8 through Sunday, August 11, 2019. More information to come.

## GREYSTONE NUMBERS

Dec. 2: .....[10:30] 322 .....  
 Dec. 9: .....inclement weather  
 Dec. 16: .....[10:30] 217 .....  
 Dec. 23: .....[10:30] \* .....  
 Dec. 30.....[10:30] 169 .....  
 \* no count turned in

### Generosity (as of 11/30/18)

2018 General Fund  
 \$989,791.82

YTD General Fund needed  
 \$945,857.11

YTD Operating Receipts  
 \$724,323.03

YTD Operating Expenses  
 \$751,326.34

## Music Ministry

### CHOIR FELLOWSHIP AT THE BYMAN'S

Choir members, as well as those who sang in the Choir Christmas Program in December, are invited to the home of Ed and Cathy Byman for a night of food, fun and fellowship on Friday, Jan. 11 at 6:00 PM.

### MUSIC OPPORTUNITIES THIS JANUARY

Our music ensembles are resuming rehearsals in this new year. Join us in this exciting new season at GBC:

Children's Choirs (WAM!)-Weds @ 6:00 PM  
*\*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 9*

Adult Choir-Weds @ 7:15 PM  
*\*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 9*

Grace Tones Ensemble-Sun @ 4:00 PM  
*\*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 13*

Student Choir-Sun @ 5:00 PM  
*\*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 13*

Handbell Choir-Sun @ 6:00 PM  
*\*Resumes rehearsals on Jan. 13*

### ALL-STATE YOUTH CHOIR APPLICATIONS

The deadline is fast approaching for students wanting to apply for the 2019 NC Baptist All-State Youth Choir. This is an amazing opportunity for students currently in grades 9-12. The application deadline is January 25. Those selected for the North Carolina Baptist ASYC are invited to participate in a weeklong retreat and tour scheduled for July 14-21, 2019. The choir presents concerts and is involved in mission projects throughout the week. See Mike for more details or visit [www.renewingworshipnc.org/asy2019/](http://www.renewingworshipnc.org/asy2019/).

### SUMMER MUSIC & ARTS CAMP 2019

JUNE 17—21, 9:00—3:00 PM  
 Final Presentation — Fri., June 21 @ 6:00 PM

SMAC is an opportunity for children to explore the rich world of music and the arts—including singing, movement, instruments, drama, crafts, and more, in a fun, energetic environment. The highlight of the week is always the Camp Musical. They will learn an entire musical in one week—drama, staging, singing, and all!



## Faith Formation Ministry

### WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN JANUARY

On January 9 we will be gathering together for a "Get to Know You" session with our new pastor, Chrissy Tatum Williamson. Come and share! We will be asking her to reveal a few of her favorites and hope you will come and offer a few insights into life at Greystone and in North Raleigh.

January 16, 23 and 30: "Making Room for the Spirit". In a new year we have a chance to develop and grow in certain areas of our lives that might have been a bit overlooked in the previous year. It's time to perhaps go a bit deeper into the things that can bring joy and hope and healing to life. Certain

practices can help us be more aware of God's movement and presence in our lives and our times. These exercises can help us to consciously develop and deepen the spiritual dimension of our lives. In January we will spend time reading the Bible not for information but to listen for God's word for us. Join us for this time of reflection, reading and prayer as we discover God's grace in this winter season.

### CHRISTMAS EVE OFFERING

Thanks to your generosity, this year's Christmas Eve offering for Read and Feed, totaled \$2,480.80. In conjunction with Wake County schools, this local charity provides an

after-school literacy program that provides meals, tutoring and books to children from low-income families in Wake County. Thank you for making this wonderful donation to such a worthy cause possible.



## Student Ministry

### STUDENTS GIVE BACK DURING YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY

It is easy for anyone, particularly teenagers, to be focused on what will be received at Christmas. Similar to the past few years, the Youth Christmas Party provided an opportunity for Greystone Baptist Church students to share God's love with their community.

This year's party was held on Saturday, December 15. The students met at church and caravanned to Cedar Point to host a holiday celebration for the elementary-aged children at the apartment complex. Some youth assisted children in completing a holiday-themed craft at the community center. Others handed out cookies and hot chocolate as a snack. Some played board games

inside the community center while others enjoyed wiffle ball, soccer, and tag, amongst several other games, outside. What a blessing it was to be among so many joyful children as we approached Christmas!

The GBC students had their own opportunity to enjoy fellowship with one another upon their return to the church. They played the annual Christmas gift exchange game (fleece blankets remain very popular!) and broke bread together. It was certainly a great way to relax amid the stress of the Christmas season!

Enough gratitude cannot be extended to the many adults who set up the event and led the students both at Cedar Point and back at Greystone. Thanks be to God for such a loving

community of faith that is the student ministry of Greystone Baptist Church!

### 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

### 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 10:30 service. January schedule: 1/6-Kanki, 1/13-Outback, 1/20-Red Lobster, 1/27-Peking Garden

### FLOWERS OF BLESSING

In 2003, a new ministry began to repurpose flowers used in the worship service. Flowers of Blessing volunteers began arranging flowers to take to members who were homebound, ill, grieving a loss or celebrating a special event. In 15 years of operation, over

2500 arrangements have been delivered. The ministry continues to bring God's love and Greystone's care to those with special concerns. Thank you to the many, many volunteers who have served and continue to serve making this ministry possible.

### 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 CELEBRATES CHRISTMAS

Thanks to so many at Greystone who contributed gifts, money, time and so much more for our Buddy Break Christmas party on December 1. Thank

you for helping our families feel loved!





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February newsletter is  
Wednesday, 1/23/19.**

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