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February 2019



GBC events

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February

- 2 All-State Youth Choir Auditions
High School Overnight (return 2/3)
- 6 Wednesday Night Live
- 8 Wake Forest Academy of Fine Arts recital
- 9 Buddy Break
- 13 Wednesday Night Live
- 16 Habitat Workday
Segue Youth Choir Festival
- 17 Leadership Council Mtg.
- 20 Wednesday Night Live
- 21 Lumberton Disaster Relief (2/21 - 2/23)
- 24 Pancake Breakfast
- 27 Wednesday Night Live

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Worship Schedule this Month

Chrissy Tatum Williamson will be preaching.

Sermon titles are TBD but the scripture that sermons will be based on are as follows:

Feb. 3

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

Feb. 10

Luke 5:1-11

Feb. 17

Luke 6:17-26

Feb. 24

Genesis 45:3-11, Luke 6:27-38

LIVING LOVE

Sunday, February 3 marks the final sermon in a series on the church. Since January 13 we have been exploring biblical texts in worship that remind us about how to be church to one another and to community. We began by remembering our baptisms and the promise from God that despite our brokenness, we are beloved. Then we discovered that we are all gifted by God for the building up of the church and God's kingdom in the world (*A Church of the Differently Gifted* and *A Church Embodied*). On February 3, we will participate in the ancient practice of Holy Communion and remember together the extravagant love and grace that was and is poured out for each of us when we gather around that table. As we continue to explore scripture together in worship and Sunday school classes, we hope that you continue to discern what your gifts are and how God might be calling you to share those gifts with the community here at Greystone and beyond.

In these first few weeks, I have been encouraged by the outpouring of love, community, and excitement about our future together. In personal visits, emails, and Facebook posts, you have shared what you love about your church as well as some of your hopes and dreams for its future. This is truly an exciting time for our church.

February is a month in which we tend to talk a lot about love. With Valentine's Day right in the middle of the month, we are surrounded by boxes of chocolate, flowers, pink and red balloons, and romantic cards every time we walk into the grocery store. I wonder what might happen if the church could re-imagine February, the month of love. As a church, there are so many opportunities for us to put our love into action this month. From Buddy Break to Lumberton, Wednesday night faith formation opportunities to Sunday schools, from worship to social gatherings, Habitat builds to volunteering

at the church... there are so many ways that you can live love back into this community. What would it look like if we paid less attention to the romance that Hallmark and Hershey want for us to focus on and instead focused on the love that Jesus models for us in the Gospels?

I wonder how God might work in our lives and in the life of this church if we began each day in February with this prayer: *Loving God, I thank you for the love that you show me each day. Open my heart, mind, and body that I might see and act on opportunities to love those around me.*

-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 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.

CHURCH-WIDE PANCAKE BREAKFAST

Save the date on your calendar and be sure to join us in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday, February 24 at 9:30 AM for pancakes and fellowship.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Bruce Foster, Mike Sellers, Jackson Potter
- 2 Lihua Zhao
- 3 Bill King, Whitney Pearce, Walter Isenhour
- 4 Gus Phillips
- 6 Carmen Robinson, Karah Eller, Samuel Eller
- 7 Becky Dean, Nancy Register, Bill Brewer
- 8 Lilian Grant
- 9 Hunter Ouzts
- 10 Matt Gellatly
- 11 Jay Sherron

- 12 Evelyn Harper, Beth Allen, Jillian Brookshire
- 13 Daryl Tunstall
- 14 Johnathan Eshleman, Megan Daniels
- 15 Charlene Wallace, Gretchen Phillips, Brandon Daniels
- 16 Rick Chamblee, Hope Motahari
- 17 Larry Lewis, Cindy Turner, Rachael Turnbo
- 18 Dustin Tuttle, Sam Griesedieck, Samuel Brown
- 19 Katie O'Neal
- 20 Jerry Chiles, Cheryl Muncie, Jennifer Turnbo, Anna Claire Riggins

- 21 Henry Kidd, Julia Glover, Walt Kennedy, Tracey Duncan
- 22 Erich Brewer, Becca Thompson
- 23 Priscilla Crumpler
- 24 Lorri Heilig, William Brewer
- 25 Joe Cockerham, Adam Nix
- 26 Steve Wheeler
- 28 Dottie Mitchell, Airen Murray

Children's Ministry

THANK YOU AND CONGRATULATIONS!

Thank you to all of our crockpot chefs, dessert masters and everyone who helped serve, clean up and plan. Greystone is full of talented and generous people. Congratulations to our winner of the *Golden Ladle Award*, David Pickles, for "Mama's Chicken Pot Pie". *Best in Show* for the Kid's Dessert Contest went to Walker Alston for "Pokemon Oreo Pops".

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

All families are invited across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on February 10. This is a wonderful way for families to connect with one another and enjoy fellowship time together. This is organized by the Preschool/Children's Ministry Committee. Contact April Alston with any questions.

PASSPORT CAMP - SUMMER 2019

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. This year's theme is "Fearless" based on 1 Corinthians 16:13-14. Campers will be challenged as they dig into this passage to explore what Paul meant when he called us all to live a faith that is based in love, not in fear. When we are FEARLESS we can LOVE MORE and FEAR LESS.

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. Scholarships are available.

SAVE THE DATE - VBS 2019

Thursday, August 8 through Sunday, August 11, 2019. More information to come.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

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Jan. 6:	57.....	216
Jan. 13:	93.....	234
Jan. 20:	71.....	162
Jan. 27:	67.....	166

Generosity (as of 12/31/18)

2018 General Fund	
\$1,031,844.08	
YTD General Fund needed	
\$1,031,844.08	
YTD Operating Receipts	
\$804,271.61	
YTD Operating Expenses	
\$832,658.49	

Music Ministry

SEGUE YOUTH CHOIR FESTIVAL

Feb. 16 (Sat.) All-Day at Campbell University, Buies Creek — Student Choirs from all over our region will gather for one day of singing and fellowship which culminates in an afternoon concert. Our own Student Choir will be taking part in this annual event. The event is held at Campbell University in the beautiful Butler Chapel. Friends and family are welcome to come and enjoy the final concert that afternoon at 6 PM.

Our Student Choir will be joined by the choir at Zebulon Baptist Church on Sun., Feb. 17 to sing in morning worship.

ADULT CHOIR EASTER CANTATA

"The Body of Christ" by Pepper Choplin
Our choir will be joining with other areas choirs to present this Easter Cantata. Be sure to save the following dates:

April 7 (PM)—Cantata Presentation at Meymandi Hall

*Tickets needed

April 14 (AM)—Cantata Presentation in morning worship

*No tickets needed; GBC Adult Choir will present

OTHER LENTEN WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

March 6 (6:30 PM)—Ash Wednesday Service

March 10 (5:00 PM)—Installation Service for our new

Pastor, Chrissy Tatum Williamson

April 18 (6:30 PM)—Maundy Thursday Service

April 21 (8:45, 11:00 AM)—Easter Sunday Services

SUMMER MUSIC & ARTS CAMP 2019

JUNE 17—21, 9:00—3:00 PM

Final Presentation — Fri., June 21 @ 6:00 PM

Grades: Completed 1st graders through completed 6th. Registration begins Feb. 13.

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

LUMBERTON REBUILD

In January we sent a group of church members to continue our work with the residents in and around Lumberton as they seek to recover from recent flooding. The group got a lot accomplished even in the bitter cold of January. If you would like to help in this effort, please contact Jerry Chiles at jerrychiles1@gmail.com. All skill levels are welcome! Upcoming dates are February 21-23, March 7-9 and April 11-13. Volunteers can go for a day or stay overnight.

HABITAT FOR HUMANITY

January also saw the kick-off of the Habitat for Humanity Baptist Build.

Baptist Churches of all shapes and persuasions around Wake County are coming together to build a house on Skycrest Drive. Greystone is sending volunteers on Saturday, February 16 and Friday, March 29. If you are interested in spending a day helping our neighbors build community, please contact Johnny Glover at johnnyglover1950@yahoo.com.

LENTEN READING GROUPS

This Lenten season Greystone will be reading "Braving the Wilderness" by Brene Brown. Dr. Brown is a social scientist who researches how people find belonging and courage in a society and culture that is marked by increasing isolation and disconnection. In "Braving the Wilderness" she argues that we are

experiencing a spiritual crisis as a society and offers four practices of true belonging. Brown writes, "The wilderness is an untamed, unpredictable place of solitude and searching. It is a place as dangerous as it is breathtaking, a place as sought after as it is feared. But it turns out to be the place of true belonging, and it's the bravest and most sacred place you will ever stand." As we consider Jesus' journey into the wilderness, we will also discuss and explore how the wilderness waits for us as well. We hope that you will gather a group of friends, read the book and spend a few hours discussing what you've learned. Copies of the book can be found in the church office for \$12.

Student Ministry

STUDENTS STUDYING THE JOB OF SHEPHERD

On Sunday Nights, students have been studying through Psalm 23. First, they wrote the psalm from memory (and did quite well!). Each week since has been spent studying the psalm verse by verse.

A guide for the adult leaders has been *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23* by W. Philip Keller. Keller writes with the perspective of having worked as a shepherd. Students have reflected on how the shepherd cares for the sheep, and how the psalm reminds them of the comfort that God provides to them. The words of the psalm can lose some of their significance when students are not reminded of their meaning in a shepherd society. This study will continue on Sunday nights through February.

YOUTH WINTER MOUNTAIN RETREAT

All 6th-12th grade students are invited to a weekend of fellowship, recreation, and worship at Mt. Shepherd Retreat Center in Asheboro, NC, March 1 - 3, 2019. The theme of the retreat is "Think Small" based on Luke 17:6 — The Lord replied, "If you had faith the size of a mustard seed, you could say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you".

Cost of the retreat is \$125, and an early bird discount is available if permission forms and money are turned in by Monday, February 11, making the cost \$100. Scholarships are available. Please contact Allan Smith, with any questions at allan.smith@greystonechurch.org.

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.

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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

GBC WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

Our Weekday Preschool is now registering students for the 2019-2020 preschool year beginning September 2019. Our preschool offers 2,3,4 and 5 day options for children between the ages of 12 months and 4 years old (as of Aug. 31, 2019). If you or anyone you know is looking for a quality, family-friendly, half-day preschool program, please give us a call in the preschool office at 919-870-0040 to set up a tour or you may also email Pam Phillips (contact info. on next page). More information is available on the Weekday Preschool page on the Greystone website under the 'Ministries' tab.

THANK YOU FROM THE OUZTS FAMILY

"We are so blessed to be part of such a loving and caring church. So many of you were so kind during Brad's recent illness. It was a very difficult situation and so many from the church went above and beyond to care for us. We are so thankful for each and every one of 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. February schedule: 2/3-LaRancherita, 2/10-Sawmill Taproom, 2/17-Assagio's, 2/27-Chow

STAFF LUNCH

On Tuesday, February 26, the church office will be closed for a staff lunch from noon - 2:00 PM.

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.

The deadline for the March newsletter is noon on Thursday, February 21, 2019.

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