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March 2019



GBC events

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March

- 1-3 Youth Winter Mountain Retreat
- 2 Kids Plant Spring Mission Garden (rain date - 3/3/19)
- 3 Church in Conference
- 5 Pancake Tuesday
- 6 **Ash Wednesday Service**
- 9 Buddy Break
- 10 Daylight Saving Begins
- Pastoral Installation Service**
- 13 Wednesday Night Live
- 17 New Member Luncheon
- 20 Wednesday Night Live
- 26 RBA Spring Senior Adult Rally, Trinity Baptist Ch.
- 27 Wednesday Night Live
- 28 NC CBF Meeting (3/28-29)
- 29 Habitat Workday

worship@GBC

Worship Schedule this Month

Chrissy Tatum Williamson will be preaching all month except 3/31. The scripture that sermons will be based on are as follows:

Mar. 3 - Exodus 34: 29-35

Mar. 10 - Joel 2: 1-2, 12-17;
Genesis 2 : 4b-9

Mar. 17 - Genesis 15: 1-12,
17-18

Mar. 24 - Isaiah 55; Luke 13:1-9

Mar. 31 - Luke 15: 11b - 32
(Youth-Led service)

EXPLORING OUR LENTEN WILDERNESS

Can you believe it is Lent already? Some of you may be asking, what is *Lent*? Short version is: it's the time of year we set intentions (give something up, take on a spiritual practice, etc.) to make us aware of our humanity and our human finitude. For this reason, we begin the season on Ash Wednesday hearing the words "From dust you came and to dust you will return," or "Ashes to ashes, dust to dust."

It is an interesting season because as we are called to face our sinfulness, we are also reminded of our beloved-ness. Two sides of the same human coin. We are deeply loved by God and we are made painfully aware that we are not God, we fall short.

Sometimes we can get stuck in that second part and become withdrawn, complacent, and static. We see huge problems in our world: broken relationships, violence, personal loss, war, prejudice, poverty, hunger, etc., and we refuse to engage because we don't know how.

That's why we chose Brené Brown's book, *Braving the Wilderness*, for this season. It's a field guide for engaging the wildernesses of our lives and of our world. For Brené, it all starts with her quest for true belonging (which is a quest I think we can all relate to). So just as Christians around the world are wrestling with the tension of beloved-ness and sinfulness, Brené gives us this beautiful little book on belonging and wilderness. During this season at Greystone, there are several opportunities for you to read and discuss the book with others (see the Faith Formation column on page 3). Themes from the book will also appear in worship and Wednesday Night Live gatherings. If you'd like to pair scripture with the book study, consider reading the scriptures for worship each week (listed to the left) and ask God to speak to you through scripture as we remember the ancient stories of wilderness trials and allow them to inform our present-day wilderness temptations.

-Pastor Chrissy

Pastoral Installation Service

Sunday, March 10, 2019

5:00 PM, Sanctuary

Join us for this time of celebration!

GREYSTONE - RECIPIENT OF THE CHURCH AWARD

Baptist Women In Ministry of North Carolina (BWIM NC), is an organization formed in 1983 to support North Carolina women in ministry. Through retreats, fellowship, mentoring partnerships, scholarships and more, they provide a network of support for women who feel the call to ministry.

Each year the BWIM NC recognizes a congregation they feel has shown exemplary support in this cause by presenting them with The Church Award. Greystone has been selected to be the recipient of this award for 2019.

This award is truly representative of Greystone's long history of supporting and empowering women in ministry and we are honored to be recognized in this way.

The award will be given the evening of Friday, March 29 in Greensboro, NC. Pastor Chrissy will be there to accept the award on behalf of the church. All are invited to attend and join her on that day. If you are interested in accepting the award with Pastor Chrissy, please contact Annette in the church office so that we can arrange carpools.

PANCAKE TUESDAY

The Tuesday before Ash Wednesday is known as Shrove Tuesday or Pancake Tuesday. It is a tradition going back to medieval times of getting one's pantry ready for the Lenten fast by using up all of the fattening ingredients. Those ingredients happen to combine together to make pancakes.

Join us at IHOP (7471 Six Forks Road) on Tuesday, March 5 at 5:30 PM. We will gather as friends to eat pancakes and honor the day and the tradition. If you would let the office know that you are planning to come, then we will be sure to save a seat for you.

MARCH

- 1 Jim Griesedieck, David Grimes
- 2 Mary Baldrige, Bobby Hunter, Dorwin Lanham, Dirk Evans, Dan Nichols
- 3 Steve Holden, Kyle Gellatly
- 4 Mavis Strickland, Brent Walker, Sean Austin
- 5 Tom Ditt, Becky Sansbury, Michael Overby, Cindy Evans
- 6 Joan Marion, Julie Green
- 7 John Acree, Jennifer Oudjit, Drew Hunt
- 8 David Maxey, Sue Tickle, Jeff Schmidt, Julia Sandling, Ashlyn Top, Damien Moore
- 9 Katie Lindsey, James Tatum

- 10 Ali Sherron
- 11 Mike Eller
- 12 Pauline Noble, Judy Kranendonk
- 13 Joyce Beauchaine
- 14 David Wilson
- 15 Kraig Mueller
- 16 Van Black, Ashley Stewart
- 17 Jim Burris, Stephanie Penny
- 18 Regena Peebles, Lou Dawson, Brian Perkinson, Graham Fogwell, Megan Dillinger
- 19 Betty Cornwell, April Alston, Katie Eller, Scott Gardner, Anna Croom
- 21 Libby Mays, Jesse Bensen, Ben Wilder
- 22 Kathy Schmidt
- 23 James Green

- 24 Henry Settle, Justin Perry
- 25 Jeanne Parker, Dan Thorpe, Deanna Choplin
- 26 Annie Ostendorff
- 27 Chandler Hollingsworth
- 28 Lauren LeNoir, Ryan Franz, Caroline Morton
- 30 Craig Swaim, Kyle Dilday, Eric Hart, Cathy Perkinson, Justin Williamson, Jackson Top
- 31 Gloria Greene, Amy Ng

50 + Anniversaries

Mel and Alice Dickens March 3

Children's Ministry

WE ARE BUSY LEARNING

There is much going on in the children's and preschool ministry of Greystone. This month in Sunday School our children will explore the stories and teachings of Jesus as we journey through Lent together.

We hope that you will join us on Tuesday, March 5 for Shrove Tuesday panckes at IHOP and Wednesday, March 6 for our Ash Wednesday service.

Our Kids' on Mission group is looking forward to planting their lettuce in our Missions Garden. They have been exctiedly watching their little plants grow from tiny seeds to the beginnings of a hearty plant. they are always excited to harvest their produce and pray for the individuals who will receive it.

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Join us across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on March 10. This is a wonderful way to connect with one another and enjoy fellowship time together. This is a church-wide fellowship and all are invited. Contact April Alston with any questions.

SAVE THE DATES

Mark your calendars for our annual Spring Carnival on Wednesday, April 24 and for Vacation Bible School, August 8 - 11.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

[8:45] [11:00]

Feb. 3:81..... 144

Feb. 10:75..... 163

Feb. 17:70..... 156

Feb. 24:63..... 204

Generosity (as of 1/31/19)

2019 General Fund

\$935,084.94

YTD General Fund needed

\$77,923.75

YTD Operating Receipts

\$53,751.82

YTD Operating Expenses

\$64,852.21

Music Ministry

REFLECTIONS ON THE SEGUE FESTIVAL

25 of our youth and adults headed to Campbell University on Feb. 16 for a full day of singing, worship and fellowship. Student Choirs from all over our region made up the mass choir, for which we brought our largest Student Choir group from GBC yet! The day culminated in the evening concert in beautiful Butler Chapel. The program opened with all 175 youth surrounding the audience, singing "Cantata Deo" and concluded with the gospel choral piece "Praise His Holy Name". As always, this was a rich experience for our youth, who came back to church the next morning and led in morning worship with the students from Zebulon Baptist Church. Many thanks to our chaperones and support from our church!

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

LENTEN WORSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

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

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

Registration now open! Visit the church website and click on the homepage banner.

For Grades: Completed 1st - completed 6th graders

Cost: \$75 for the whole week! (\$25 discount for each additional sibling)

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

LENTEN LEARNING

BRAVING THE WILDERNESS

This Lenten Season we are reading *Braving the Wilderness* by Brené Brown. We hope that you will read the book and join us in a discussion about what you have learned. Copies of the book can be found in the church office for \$10.

Consider joining one of the following discussion groups:

Sunday Morning Discussion:

10:00 AM: 3/3, 3/10, 3/17

For adults looking for a Sunday morning study group.

Location: West Wing

Youth Parent Discussion:

6:30 PM: 3/17, 3/24, 4/7

For parents of middle and high schoolers on Sunday evenings

Location: West Wing

Springmoor Discussion Group:

2:00 PM: 3/11, 3/18, 3/25, 4/1, 4/8

Gather with other senior adults for a Monday afternoon discussion.

Location: Springmoor

Coffee Talk:

7:30 AM: 3/12, 3/19, 3/26

Meet at Bruegger's in Stonehenge for an "on your way to work" group.

Location: Bruegger's - Stonehenge

Play & Chat:

Sunday, 3/24: 4:00 PM

Saturday, 4/6: 4:00 PM

Bring your kids to play in the park while

we chat about this book. Feel free to also bring a picnic for after the discussion for a time of whole family fellowship.

Location: North Hills Park

Preschool Moms Coffee Discussion:

Dates (in process): 11:30 AM

Before you pick up the kids from preschool, join us for a time of fellowship and discussion.

Location: Sola or Gonza's Tacos

Contact Amanda Atkin with any questions. We hope to see you in one of these groups.

Student Ministry

YOUTH TO CAROLINA HURRICANES GAME

All are invited to join in the youth group trip to see the Carolina Hurricanes game at 1:30 PM on Saturday, March 30. Tickets are \$20.00 each and you can sign up with the church office.

YOUTH TO LEAD WORSHIP ON MARCH 31

Mark your calendars for a special Sunday morning of worship on March 31 as both the 8:45 and 11:00 services will be youth-led. Students will be working hard on Sunday nights and Wednesday nights to prepare to lead in worship that morning.

AN OPPORTUNITY TO MINISTER TO COLLEGE STUDENTS

The CBSF (Cooperative Baptist Student Fellowship) is a campus ministry under

the CBF umbrella at many colleges and universities in our state. Many students connected to that ministry have participated in various youth ministry programs at Greystone over the years.

On Thursday, February 14, Greystone provided dinner for the Raleigh CBSF meeting, a meeting including students from both NC State and Meredith. In addition to the fellowship that was shared over dinner, there was a thoughtful and engaging Bible study that followed.

Opportunities exist to provide food to the CBSF group on a monthly basis at their weekly Thursday evening meetings. Please contact Allan Smith, allan.smith@greystonechurch.org, if you are interested in helping in future months.

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

GBC WEEKDAY PRESCHOOL

It's time to sign up for summer camp! Greystone Baptist Preschool will offer six weeks of summer camp again this summer. Registration begins March 1st for children ages 1-4 (as of August 31, 2018). Camp is a half-day program, Monday through Thursday and is offered June 10-13, June 17-20, June 24-27, July 15-18, July 22-25 and July 29-Aug 1. Details on weekly camp themes and cost are available on the Preschool page of the church website. Don't let your child miss out on this great summer fun!

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. March schedule:

3/3-Bahama Breeze, 3/10-Creedmoor Cafe, 3/17-Olive Garden, 3/24-TGI Friday's, 3/31-Boston Market

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED - We need van drivers for Senior Adult Team sponsored trips. Please see Steve Rose to sign up!

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.

ARKANSAS MISSION TRIP - Save the dates:

July 13-19 (or 12-20 if you choose to drive) Contact Lou Dawson for more information, lcdawson2@gmail.com.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 10

The time will "spring" forward 1 hour at 2:00 AM, Sunday, March 10. Remember to change your clocks before you go to sleep Saturday night.

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

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and is equipped to express God's
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THANK YOU

Thank you for welcoming Josh Speight from CBF National in worship on Sunday, February 17. I was glad that he could share more about the importance of the CBF Fellows program.

The first years of ministry are critically important for the establishment of practices and rhythms that sustain a life of excellent and faithful ministry. So, with a generous grant from the Lilly Endowment in 2012, the Cooperative Baptist Fellowship established the Fellows program for new ministers in their first full-time ministry position after seminary.

I am honored to have been selected to participate in such a valuable and meaningful program. I am grateful to Greystone Baptist Church for providing me support through the program as well as allowing me the space to attend the remaining five gatherings in person. I look forward to opportunities to share what I've learned with the congregation.

A Minister Encouragement Team has been set up to help me reflect on what I learn and how it can be applied in the context of serving at Greystone Baptist Church. The Minister Encouragement Team will meet following each Fellows gathering and consists of Barbara Crabb, Lorri Heilig, Carla LeNoir and Donnie Moorefield.

The next Fellows gathering will be February 25 - March 1 at the CBF Church Works conference in St. Louis, MO. Church Works is a CBF continuing education for congregational ministers. I will be attending breakouts with other CBF Youth ministers during the conference.

Additional gatherings for CBF Fellows are CBF General Assembly in June 2019, a stand-alone Fellows gathering in October 2019, CBF Church Works in March 2020, and CBF General Assembly in June 2020.

Thank you for continuing to encourage and support me as I grow professionally and spiritually through this opportunity.

Allan Smith

BOOKS ON THE CORNER, GBC LENDING BOOKSHOP - Great New Reads in your library:

Becoming, by Michelle Obama (hardcover & audio cd) - critically acclaimed, this memoir is extraordinary, highly personal and a great look at life in the public arena.

The Food of Love, by Amanda Prowse (hardcover & audio cd) - Anorexia and other eating disorders can tear families apart. This novel is the story of how one family came through it whole.

Faith, A Journey for All, (2018) by Jimmy Carter and Billy Graham and *An Ordinary Man and His Extraordinary God* by Lon Allison are donated to the BOC by the Grace Fellowship class in memory of the mother of Steve Little.

Drop in and check it out! Books on the Corner

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