



GBC events

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April

- 3 Wednesday Night Live
- 6 Kindergarten Physicals at Cedar Point
- 7 All Church Breakfast
Called Church in Conference
- 10 Wednesday Night Live
- 13 Disaster Relief-Warsaw, NC
Buddy Break
- 14 **Palm Sunday**
Second Sunday Fellowship
- 17 No Wednesday Night Live
- 18 **Maundy Thursday**
- 21 **Easter Sunday**
- 22 Church office closed for
Easter Monday
- 24 Spring Carnival

Braving the Wilderness discussion groups, dates and times are on the website.

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Worship Schedule this Month

Chrissy Tatum Williamson will be preaching each Sunday in April and on Maundy Thursday. The scripture that sermons will be based on are as follows:

Apr. 7 - John 12:1-8

Apr. 14 - Easter Cantata in morning worship (11 AM; no early service)

Apr. 18 - John 13:1-17, 31-35b

Apr. 21 - John 20:1-18

Apr. 28 - John 20:19-31

EASTER IS COMING... BUT IT'S NOT HERE YET!

I have three hydrangeas at my house, one in a pot and two in the ground. Hydrangeas have been my favorite plant for some time now. I first fell in love with them when I realized their purple blue would change color if you put coffee grinds in the dirt around their roots. I had to buy some to plant in my own yard and observe. Over the years I have watched these same plants sprout and flower and then wither away when the temperatures turned colder. If I didn't know better, I'd be tempted to cut them down in the fall, assuming they were as dead as they looked.

It's almost theological, the way the green leaves emerge from otherwise brittle and lifeless stems. And always right on time.

Here we are in the middle of Lent, eager to celebrate resurrection and proclaim the promise that Christ will have the final word over death. But it isn't quite time for that yet, just like it isn't quite time for the leaves and flowers of the beautiful hydrangeas to re-emerge from their dormant branches. But as they peek out I am reminded of the promise – which is worth waiting for – that new life is just around the corner.

We join with Christians around the world who continue to wait for Easter. The Lenten journey is nearing its end. Holy Week is in sight. And yet it is not quite time to sing our Alleluias. So we wait. In this season of holy waiting, how might you be intentional about ending your spiritual journey through the wilderness? Perhaps you can use this time to reflect on some of the lessons that the season and the journey has held for you?

What did this wilderness journey teach you? How will you carry those lessons into your season of Easter? If you're not sure yet, don't worry! You still have 3 weeks or so to listen for God's Spirit to guide you.

Peace for the ending of this journey; and consider the hydrangeas, a promise that no matter how long the wilderness drags on, Easter is coming!

-Pastor Chrissy

NORTH CAROLINA BAPTIST WOMEN IN MINISTRY (BWIM NC) CHURCH AWARD

On Friday, March 29, in Greensboro, NC, Greystone received the BWIM NC Church Award. The award goes to one church per year as a recognition of its commitment to empowering and supporting women in ministry. Allan Smith, Patsy and Jerry Chiles, and I were honored to accept the award on behalf of Greystone at the BWIM Worship Service last week. As we celebrated the award, we also celebrated Greystone's 35 year legacy of empowering women to serve fully as ordained and installed clergy. Did you know that in our very first job posting for a Senior Pastor, we included both male and female pronouns? That means that even in 1983/84, Greystone was open to being led by whoever God called to lead, regardless of gender! As recipients of this award, we will display the BWIM NC quilt on our campus for the entire year.

EASTER SUNDAY, 4/21/19 - FLOWERING CROSS

On Easter Sunday, we encourage everyone to bring flowers and greenery to church to help us flower our Easter cross. We welcome outdoor flowers (azaleas, dogwood stems, tulips, etc.) in addition to purchased cut flowers. In celebration of our Risen Savior's triumph over death, we will use these items to cover the single wire cross which will be located in the sanctuary (and not outside this year). Flowers may be placed on the cross before and after each worship service, all morning long. Please help to make this one of the most beautiful crosses ever and a magnificent centerpiece in our Easter worship service!

APRIL

- 1 Jim Herrmann, Dylan Austin, Andrew Millikan, Jackson Hollingsworth
- 2 Jim Bensen
- 3 Patti Ogden, Meredith Lawson
- 4 Molly Walker
- 5 Jeff Dawson
- 6 Peggy Brown, Brad Ouzts, Robert Grant
- 7 Daryl Sherman, Elizabeth Worley
- 8 Marian Bryant, Joe LeNoir, Natalie Poirier, Will Walker
- 9 Cindy McDonald, Karen Dillinger, Wayne Kleven, Jeannie Miller

- 10 Ken Dew, Dave Heilig
- 13 Harris Hollingsworth, Josh Duncan, Jordan Turnbo
- 14 Patti Jenkins
- 15 Nina Cole, Jennifer Walker
- 16 Ron Thompson
- 17 Becky Hilliard
- 19 Trey Nobles
- 21 Ruth Norsworthy, Amanda Atkin, Morgan Evans
- 22 Cindy Kleven, Kezia Paul, Jack Pappas, Katie Clay
- 24 Cathy Byman, Paul Hansen, Bryan Hunt
- 25 Lib Daniels

- 27 Sara Vandersip
- 28 Shirley Mitchell, Paul Jansen
- 29 Jeanette Bensen, Chris Austin, Drew Tunstall
- 30 Bobby Hunter, Kira Ashurst



Children's Ministry

SPRING CARNIVAL

On Wednesday, April 24 from 5:30 - 7:00 PM we will host our annual Spring Carnival and welcome our neighbors to our campus. This is a great way to introduce our church to those around us. We hope that you will plan to be a part of this fun night. The Preschool and Children's Ministry Committee along with the Fellowship Team welcome your help. We need game attendants, craft guides, face painters, dinner servers, table wipers, smiling faces and so much more. Whatever your gifts or talents might be, we can use your help. Please let April Alston or Amy Ng know of your interest.

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Join us across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on April 14. 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 DATE - VBS

Neighbors are more than the people who live next door. Neighbors are more than the people in our families and communities. This summer at VBS our children at Greystone will answer the question 'Who is your neighbor?' as we learn to love like Jesus. Through Bible stories, songs, crafts and missions our children will learn just how big God's neighborhood really is. We hope that you will plan to join us August 8 - 11 for VBS.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

	[8:45]	[11:00]
Mar. 3:	74.....	161
Mar. 10:	*	*
Mar. 17:	70.....	139
Mar. 24:	70.....	152
Mar. 31.....*	197

* no count turned in

Generosity (as of 2/28/19)

2019 General Fund	\$935,084.94
YTD General Fund needed	\$155,847.50
YTD Operating Receipts	\$119,832.75
YTD Operating Expenses	\$130,743.03

Music Ministry

“THE BODY OF CHRIST” CANTATA

Palm Sunday, April 14 at 11 AM
No tickets needed for this morning of worship and communion which will include the Adult Choir's presentation of Pepper Choplin's newest cantata. Including narration and chamber orchestra. No 8:45 AM service on this morning.

HALLELUJAH CHORUS ON EASTER SUNDAY

It has become a tradition at GBC the past few years and this Easter Sunday (April 21) we are again inviting EVERYONE who is interested to come to the platform at the end of our service to sing the second half of the Hallelujah Chorus. Come and be a part of the Mass Choir on Easter Sunday! We'll provide song sheets as you come to the platform that morning.

ADULT CHOIR SUMMER HOURS

The Adult Choir will be meeting at its summer rehearsal times of 6:30—7:30 PM on Wednesday nights beginning in May. This is a great time for you to join us through the summer months without needing to stay out late! Just show up for a Wednesday night rehearsal or contact Mike Eller for more information.

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 is now open. \$75 per camper (\$25 discount for additional siblings).

Our Camp Musical will be “What's Up, Zak” which tells the familiar story of Zacchaeus, a rich but lonely tax

collector who casts his ego aside and climbs a tree for just one glimpse of Jesus.

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

AN INVITATION

The season of Easter BEGINS on April 21. I emphasized the word “begins” because Easter actually lasts for fifty days. It carries the church right to the doorstep of Pentecost. This year we invite all of you to celebrate the entire season of Easter. In worship and conversation, we will explore how the resurrection impacts our faith and living. We will look at the language of our faith; words that we use all the time in church and reflect on them through the prism of Easter. Words like God, grace, redemption, sacrifice, sin, scripture, prayer, evangelism. By diving deeply into the language of faith, we will be better prepared to embrace the joy of Easter.

We are calling this series, “The Language of our Faith”. Each Sunday you will be invited to share your questions – any question you have about that Sunday’s theme. We will gather your questions and continue the conversation begun in worship through a series of blog posts that will answer questions, give more background and hopefully help all of us to ask even more questions. Check out the church’s website to continue the conversation.

The month of April marks my sixth anniversary here at Greystone. I remain ever grateful for the rich learning and depth of faith that I experience through all of you in this community of faith. And I am excited about exploring and learning through this upcoming Easter season.

\$5 WEDNESDAYS

As we wrap up our Wednesday evening programming this semester, join us for \$5 Wednesdays. We are discounting the price you pay for dinner (\$5 for adults, \$3 for children) throughout the month of April.

ARE YOU READY FOR SUMMER?

As you get ready for summer, keep in mind that we are collecting new and gently used swimsuits for our mission partners in Arkansas. We will collect swimsuits for preschoolers and children so that all children will be able to participate fully in summer camps. Bring your donations to our Missions Fair on Sunday, May 19.

Student Ministry

STUDENTS THINK SMALL, PLAY BIG AT YOUTH

WINTER RETREAT

The GBC Youth Group returned to Mt. Shepherd Retreat Center on March 1-3 for the Youth Winter Mountain Retreat. The theme of this year’s retreat was *Think Small*, based on Luke 17:6, which says 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.”

The first worship session focused on some of the unlikely heroes in Scripture. From the young boy David to a widow who gave all she had, several stories show that God is a champion for individuals who are not the biggest, strongest, or even most wealthy.

God can do amazing things through any individual, even middle school and high school students.

The second worship session invited students to reflect on the majesty of the created world around them, specifically how God cares for even the small, individual blades of grass. If God cares for the small things of this world with such attention, then God must care deeply about each of us as well.

The third session called students to the “smallness” in the life of discipleship through a study of Noah. For Noah, each day involved the meticulousness of building an ark. In a similar way, students are called to follow God each day without becoming overwhelmed with the big picture.

The last worship session involved foot washing and communion as the

students reflected on how God’s grace is present, even in the smallest anxieties of our lives.

It was a wonderful weekend of fellowship, as well. Students enjoyed hiking, climbing the stairs of a tower that looks out from the mountain, a low ropes course, and a high ropes course. As always, a huge thank you should be extended to all of the adults involved with the retreat.

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.

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 11:00 service. April schedule: 4/7-Outback, 4/14-Red Lobster, 4/21-La Rancherita, 4/28-Winston’s

ALL CHURCH BREAKFAST - SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Mark your calendar to join us for good food and fellowship, 9:30 AM in the Fellowship Hall.

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.

DISASTER RELIEF

In February 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. On April 13 we will continue this work in Warsaw, NC. If you would like to join us on this one day mission trip, please contact Jerry Chiles. All skill levels are welcome!

BOOKS ON THE CORNER, GBC LENDING

BOOKSHOP - Come into BOC and browse our current selection of books. There are fiction and non-fiction, biography and history, spiritual and Christian living books. Come study in the Reference Room or take home a

Bible commentary or dictionary (be sure to use check out card). We have books for adults, teens and in between. You’re invited to visit, browse and check out a book or two. Books are due back 2 weeks from the checkout date. Drop in and take a look around. BOC is open Sunday mornings and can also be visited during church office hours, Monday through Thursday, by checking out a key from the church office.

The deadline for the May newsletter is noon on Tuesday, April 23, 2019.

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ARKANSAS MISSION TRIP JULY 12-20

Greystone will be sending a team to Arkansas again this summer to participate in the All Church Challenge. Ministry opportunities include teaching swim lessons, helping with camps for preschoolers and children, helping with construction projects or blessing the community with acts of kindness. Cost estimate is \$175 plus the cost of transportation to Helena. Please contact Lou Dawson by April 21 for questions or a registration packet. Loucd@gmail.com or 919-819-2319.

COMING SOON IN MAY...

ARCH MCFADYEN SCHOLARSHIP DINNER AND DANCE - Save the date and plan to attend on Friday, May 3 at 6:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall. There will be entertainment for everyone. Contact Walt Kennedy for more information, 919-349-2008.

GBC BEAUTIFICATION DAY - Save the date for an opportunity to join in the cleanup and maintenance, Saturday morning, May 4.

SENIOR ADULT LUNCHEON - Sunday, May 5, 12:00 PM in the Fellowship Hall.