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May 2019



GBC events

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- 3 Arch McFadyen Event
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- 5 Senior Adult Luncheon Buddy Break Training
- 11 Buddy Break
- 19 Missions FairLeadership CouncilDeacon Nominations due
- 22 Adult Choir Rehearsal and Fellowship
- 27 Church office closed (Memorial Day)
- 31 Senior Adult TeamSponsored Trip Halifax, NC

COMING SOON IN JUNE...

- 2 Graduate Sunday
- 5 Church Conference
- 8 Buddy Break

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Worship Schedule this Month

- May 5 Rev. Dr. Richard Wynne The Life that Pleases God
- May 12, 19, 26 Language of Faith series - Rev. Chrissy Tatum Williamson
- May 12 John 21:1-19

 "Following/Discipleship/
 Follower-ship"
- May 19 Acts 11:1-18 "Good News"
- May 26 Galatians 5:1, 13-25 "Freedom"

What a joy it was to celebrate resurrection with you on Easter Sunday, just a few weeks ago. From the beautiful, flowering cross, to the interruption of a spider who just needed a moment in the spotlight, the day was full of life and surprise... as it should be!

The seven weeks following Easter Sunday are often referred to as the "Season of Eastertide." In these weeks between Easter and Pentecost, we will read and reflect upon resurrection stories and the testimonies of the first Christians as they began to build the movement that would become the early church. To celebrate this season at Greystone, we will be examining the language of our faith through a sermon series built upon key words that we say and hear at church, but seldom take the time to really consider.

In addition to the sermons, the series will truly come to life through your questions and engagement. Have you ever wondered about the role doubt plays in your faith journey? What do you think we mean when we talk about freedom in the Baptist tradition? What exactly is your calling and how are you living into it? Are there times in your life when you struggle to be a follower of Jesus? Maybe there are other questions that will emerge for you throughout our seven-week study of the language of faith. As thoughts and questions bubble up for you, take a moment to share them with the staff via email or on social media. We will be looking for your ideas to boost our blog posts and fuel our creativity around worship in this season of Eastertide as we await the outpouring of the Holy Spirit on Pentecost Sunday (June 9).

There is much to celebrate with our staff this month. First, we celebrate the fifth anniversary of Rev. April Alston who is our Associate Minister for Children and Preschool. April continues to thrive in this role as she works each day to plant seeds and cultivate growth in the faith journeys of our children. April's 5-year anniversary was April 21. She was recognized in worship on April 28. Also, this month we pray for Rev. Amanda Atkin as she embarks on her first

sabbatical since her arrival at Greystone 6 years ago. During her sabbatic leave, Amanda has invited the congregation to read along with her several books that she plans to study. For a complete list of those books and to send her words of support before she departs on May 12, email amanda.atkin@greystonechurch.org.

This is also the month in which we begin the prayerful discernment process of nominating new deacons. As we anticipate exciting things for Greystone in the coming years, we prayerfully consider who God might be calling to serve this church as spiritual leaders. There is more information about the deacon nominating process on the back cover of the newsletter. All members are invited and encouraged to prayerfully submit the names of those within our church who are fit to serve in this vital and historic leadership role.

- Chrissy



SENIOR ADULT SUNDAY, MAY 5

On this Sunday we will welcome Rev. Dr. Richard Wynne as our guest proclaimer. Dr. Wynne retired after serving as Pastor of St. John's Baptist Church for 31 years. He also recently served for 21 months as an interim pastor. Dr. Wynne is a graduate of Wake Forest University (1973), Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary (1978), and the Theological School at Drew University (1993). He is a clinical chaplain through the Association of Clinical Pastoral Education. He has served two terms as moderator of the Raleigh Baptist Association and has been actively involved in both local and global missions activities. He is married to Betty and they are parents to four grown children.

MAY

- 1 Lillian Moody
- 2 Tom Pickles, Margaret Thomas, Alec Chamblee
- 3 Dorothy Rutledge, Betty Aydlett, Lauren Dillinger, Lindsay Worley
- Johnny Glover, Bob Potter,William Pendergrass, Ben Mallard
- 6 Peggy Hunter, Susan Gardner
- 8 Sherri Smith, Noah Franz
- 9 Janet Sherman, Michelle Byrd
- 10 Rose Parker, Carl Dawson, Sharon Wertz, Kevin Meyer

- 11 Deborah McFadyen, Bobby Allen, Abby McFadyen, Will Byrd
- 12 Emily Tuttle
- 13 Billy Aydlett
- 14 Sue Newton
- 16 Fran Black, Chris Lannom
- 17 Bill Dreitzler, Annabel Settle, Maya Walker
- 18 Graham Parker
- 19 Matt Perkinson
- 21 Bill Baxley, Katie McSpadden
- 23 Kristen Pickles
- 24 Wendy Burnette, Annie Dreitzler, Cameron Poirier, Anneliese Phillips

- 26 Jeremy Potter, Hunter Wood, Carlie Sellers
- 27 Peggy Garrett, Aidan Eshleman
- 28 Luke Andrew, Spencer Morris
- 30 Holden Burns
- 31 Ann Fulton, Kelcy Choplin

50+YEAR ANNIVERSARIES

Blake and Betty Aydlett May 14
Wayne and Cathy Smith May 22

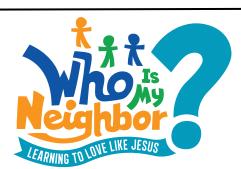
Children's Ministry

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who made our Spring Carnival a success. Our campus was filled with the joy of children and their families as they played, ate, and fellowshipped together. It was a great way to welcome our neighbors onto our campus and share God's love with our neighbors.

SECOND SUNDAY FAMILY FELLOWSHIP

Join us across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on May 12. 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.



Please mark your calendars and sign up to help at VBS. This year's theme is "Who Is My Neighbor; Learning to love like Jesus" and we would love for you to be part of this meaningful weekend, not only for our Greystone children, but for our neighbors as well. Please see April to help lead Bible stories, missions, games, crafts, music or worship. We would also love help decorating. Be on the lookout for decorating dates and come join the fun.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

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Apr. 7:	59	. 172
Apr. 14:	.n/a	. 232
Apr. 21:	.102	. 176
Apr. 28:	.65	. 151
Mar. 31	*	. 197

Generosity (as of 3/31/19) 2019 General Fund

\$935,084.94

YTD General Fund needed \$233,771.25

YTD Operating Receipts \$190,964.31

YTD Operating Expenses \$209,031.80

Music Ministry

ADULT CHOIR REHEARSAL & FELLOWSHIP

Wednesday, May 22 at 6—8 PM Join us on this night for an evening of fun, food, music and fellowship! This year, we'll not be having our annual Music Ministry Banquet but instead, will be celebrating our year in ministry together in this way, during what is a busy time as summer travel schedules are kicking off.

ADULT CHOIR THIS SUMMER

The Adult Choir is in "summer mode" and rehearsing on Wednesday nights at an earlier time of 6:30—7:30 pm. All are invited to sing with the Choir during these relaxed summer months — even if it's your first time! It'll be a more casual schedule and we'll be learning songs that are accessible and mostly familiar. You'll also want to join us for our summer fellowships - including trips to *Two*

Roosters Ice Cream and Sola Cafe, both just across the street, following some rehearsal nights. Contact Mike if interested in singing during this time, if not already involved.

MAY WED. REHEARSALS: 1, 8, 22, 29

SUMMER MUSIC & ARTS CAMP 2019

June 17—21, 9—3 pm

Final Presentation - Fri., June 21, 6 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 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

LANGUAGE OF FAITH

Happy Easter! Did you know that the season of Easter actually lasts 50 days?!? We invite all of you to celebrate the season of Easter with us. In worship and in conversation, we will be exploring how the resurrection impacts our faith and our living. We will be looking 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 belief and doubt, calling, covenant, missions, gifts. By diving deeply into the language of faith, we will be better prepared to embrace the promise of the Spirit at Pentecost.

We are calling this series, "The Language of our Faith". Each Sunday

you will be invited to share your questions via email – any question you have about that Sunday's theme. We will gather your emails 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.

SABBATICAL

I hope you had chance to pick up the information sheet on my upcoming sabbatical. I especially hope that you might consider reading one of the books from the bibliography. My sabbatical begins Mother's Day and ends on Father's Day. I won't have access to email or text messages during this time,

so if you need help, call the church office. I can't wait to see you in June!

MISSIONS FAIR

On Sunday, May 19, the Missions Committee will be hosting a Missions Fair. They will offer a gallery of pictures representing CBF work around the world, our ministry partners will have representatives available in the Fellowship Hall for you to meet and ask questions, and different agencies and ministries will have displays and information. Come and learn! Come and share!

Don't Forget: on this Sunday we will be collecting children and teen swimsuits for the swim camps in Helena, Arkansas. Swimsuits may be new or gently used.

Student Ministry

STUDENTS SHARE GIFTS, FAITH IN WORSHIP

What a joy it was to be in worship on Sunday, March 31 as youth led in all parts of worship. They are such a gifted group of students, with each offering some of his or her own personality to an aspect of worship. Some served as greeters and ushers, welcoming everyone who entered our space that morning. Others led in music, prayer, drama, and preaching. Youth even assisted in the sound and light booth that morning.

Anyone who has regular interaction with these youth sees how they are each connected to God and growing in their personal faith journey. The Youth-led Worship service was a wonderful opportunity for the giftedness of the youth to be shared with the congregation. While

anyone who attended worship that day discovered how gifted and faithful these youth are, they also encountered God through the leadership of youth, a wonderful reminder of the intergenerational community of faith that we are.

YOUTH MISSION TRIP

This summer's Youth Mission Trip will be to New Bern, NC, a community which suffered severe damage from Hurricane Florence last September. There should be a variety of projects, including both flood relief construction work and children's ministry programs with First Chin Baptist Church in New Bern.

We plan to leave late afternoon on Wed., June 12 and return on Sun., June 16. Please contact Allan Smith with any questions.

UNIDIVERSITY YOUTH CAMP

Unidiversity Youth Camp will be held this summer at Maryville College, just outside of Knoxville, Tennessee from Mon., July 22 - Sat., July 27. The theme of camp this year will be "Fathoms", based on Psalm 139.

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 PRESCHOOL

Greystone Preschool is offering six weeks of summer camp again this summer! If you are looking for quality half-day summer fun for your preschooler, we hope you'll check us out. Details on dates, themes and fees are available on the Preschool page on the church website.

GBC BEAUTIFICATION DAY - MAY 4, 2019

Please join us between 9 AM and noon as we work on a variety of projects around our campus including weeding, pruning, debris removal, mulching, power washing and painting. Bring your gloves and gardening tools.

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. May schedule: 5/5-Senior Adult Lunch, 5/12-San Marco's, 5/19-Kanki, 5/26-Vivo

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL - SUNDAY, MAY 19

There will be a Leadership Council meeting on this Sunday in the Fellowship Hall following the 11:00 worship service. Attendees are invited to bring their lunch.

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 June newsletter is noon on Thursday, May 23, 2019.

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THE GREYSTONE DEACON ELECTION PROCESS

Annually, in accordance with the Bylaws of our Church Constitution, church members elect six members of the congregation to serve as Deacons for a three-year term. Adult men and women (18 years or older) may be nominated by the membership, provided the nominees have agreed to have their name put forth.

This year, nominations will be accepted through May 19. Nomination forms are available in the church office, in the worship service bulletins, and online. Based on these nominations and its own deliberations, the Deacon Nominating Committee then develops a list of qualified candidates to be contacted. This contact provides an opportunity for the ones nominated to ask questions about the nature of the office of Deacon, the work and level of commitment that is expected, and to hear the nominee's final decision to serve. When the nominees have indicated that they are willing to serve, the names are presented to the congregation for election and affirmation by secret ballot during worship services.

Please prayerfully consider your responsibility as a faithful member to seek out those worthy of service in this ministry and then place their names on a form for consideration. Please secure the permission of the person(s) you nominate. Completed nomination forms should be placed in the box on the usher's table at the rear of the sanctuary or in the drop box on the wall outside the church office by noon, May 19. You may also nominate on the church website using this link: https://greystonechurch.org/?p=4248.

The following people are ineligible to be elected this year:

Rotated off in 2018: David Ammons, Cathy Byman, Paul Hansen, Nell Panten, Jill Pike, Jennifer Walker

Rotating off in 2019: Ernest Carraway, Kerry Crabb, Kim Craig, Kim Eshleman, Marcia Ostendorff

Continuing to Serve: Patsy Chiles, Julia Glover, Amy Ng, Dustin Tuttle, John Vestal, Leigh Ammons, Kay Meyer, Bob Millikan, Genice Nix, Linda Peterson, Skip Pike