



## GBC events

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### June

- 2 Graduate Breakfast
- 5 Church Conference
- 8 Buddy Break
- 9 Sermon TalkBack | Second Sunday Fellowship
- 12 Youth Summer Mission Trip (through 6/16/19)
- 16 Sermon TalkBack (6/23 & 30)
- 17 Summer Music & Arts Camp (through 6/21/19, Presentation at 6 PM, 6/21/19)
- 30 Passport Camp (through 7/3/19)

### COMING SOON IN JULY...

- 4 Church office closed
- 7 Covered Dish All-Church Breakfast, Joint SS @ 9:45, Joint Worship @ 11:00

## worship@GBC

### Worship Schedule this Month

#### Jun. 2 - Graduate Sunday

Allan Smith, *Language of Faith - Calling, Luke 24:44-53*

#### Jun. 9 - Pentecost Sunday

Chrissy Tatum Williamson  
*The Language of Faith, Acts 2:1-21*

Jun. 16 - Chrissy Tatum Williamson  
*The Spirit of Truth, John 16:12-15; Proverbs 8:1-4, 22-31*

Jun. 23 - Chrissy Tatum Williamson  
*The Sound of Sheer Silence, 1 Kings 19:1-15a*

Jun. 30 - Chrissy Tatum Williamson  
*Picking Up the Mantle, 2 Kings 2:1-2, 6-14*

The weather is changing once again, this time from warm to flat out hot. This week we've seen temperatures near 100 and we're still twenty something days away from summer. That hydrangea I wrote about a few months back is in full bloom with the most unique shade of pink. I'm almost certain it was a purply blue the last time I saw flowers on its stems. The surprise of warm weather flowers is one of the best things about this time of year. We've made it through the yellow pollen season and now we reap the reward of vibrant pinks, whites, purples, and yellows... the whole earth proclaims and celebrates new life.

Beginning June 2, the 8:45 worship service will experience some new life. There may be different instrumentation, less formal liturgies, and a little more creativity. Each week might look a little different as we experiment and open ourselves to something new. All are encouraged to come and see what you think of the service. Bring friends and let us know what you think!

Another new opportunity for us this summer is a time of conversation on Sundays after worship called, "Sermon TalkBack". On June 9, 16, 23, and 30, I will be in the Fellowship Hall to chat with anyone who is interested about the sermon or worship themes for the day. This is a chance to ask questions that you have about the scripture, to share your thoughts on the themes, to talk about what God is doing in your life and to get to know one another better. This is an informal time so all are invited to bring a bag lunch or call the office to reserve a slice of pizza and pull up a chair.

You may have noticed some changes in the ways that we are communicating news with you. I hope these are welcome changes. In addition to this monthly newsletter, the staff is now sending an e-mail every other week. We have already heard from many of you that this is a welcome addition. During the *Language of Faith* series, the ministerial staff has also written blog posts to respond to questions we've received from you about the "words of the week". These digital conversations can be (and have been) shared on social media which helps us connect with one another during the week and it helps us show others in our social networks that there are good and exciting things happening at Greystone Baptist. If you see something in an article or a post that inspires you, share it! This is one way that we can share the "good news" in our digital age.

These are just a few of the new things that are happening at Greystone right now. I am excited to see how God works through them to weave our beloved community closer together and help us to grow as good neighbors to all who call North Raleigh home.

- Chrissy

### CBF RECOGNIZES LAURA NELSON!

At the CBF General Assembly meeting to be held June 19-21, 2019 in Birmingham, Alabama, recipients of the "CBF 25 Young Adults To Know" distinction will be recognized. Laura Nelson of Greystone Baptist Church has been chosen as one of the CBF 25 Young Adults To Know!

In addition to being active at Greystone as a Sunday school teacher with the High School class, Laura was an active member of the Pastor Search Team for Pastor Chrissy. She works with Interact as the Volunteer and Community Engagement Coordinator. Interact is a non-profit organization dedicated to ending the cycle of domestic and sexual abuse in Wake County.

Congratulations Laura! Thank you for serving God in your local church and in the community.

**JUNE**

- 1 Debbie Potter, Eliana Hart
- 2 Dennis Taylor, Kasandra Maddox
- 3 Bill Weis
- 4 Ryann Harrelson
- 6 Andrew Swaim, Bradley Swaim
- 7 Shyla Tatum
- 8 Terry Swaim
- 9 Sylvia Kennedy, Garry Nelson, Jaclyn Smith
- 10 Ginny Liverance
- 11 Suzanne Best
- 12 Dot Thomason
- 13 Gwen Baine, Toni Cox
- 14 Brad Nobles, Zachary Brawner, Walker Green

- 15 Dale O'Neal, Brittany Dickens, Meredith Moody, Laura Nelson
- 16 Annette McSpadden, Tina Pickles, Collin Tiffany, Emily Grimes
- 17 Alison Huston, Addison Potter
- 18 Karen Brewer, Anne Mueller, Denison Croom
- 19 John Dillinger
- 20 Linda Hollingsworth, Nate Griesedieck
- 21 Mia Ng
- 22 Seth Moody
- 23 Sarah Wheeler
- 24 Linda Peterson, Andrew Cox, Grace Taylor
- 27 Todd Worley

- 29 Jared Duncan
- 30 Monaei Perry, Patsy Chiles, Bob Parker

**50+YEAR ANNIVERSARIES**

Darrell & Ellen Staley June 23



**Children's Ministry**

**VBS 2019: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?**

At VBS this summer children will not only learn that our neighbor is not just the person next door or across the street but all who are created by God. They will learn how to love like Jesus and about the many ministries in our community and world that do just that. Vacation Bible School is one of the biggest outreach events that we do for children in our community and is sometimes the only exposure that children have to church. We would love for you to be part of this and there is room for all who want to volunteer. We are in the early stages of planning and are currently looking for Bible Story, Music, Recreation, Missions and Craft leaders. Please let April Alston or Katie Eller know if you are interested in helping.

**HOW OUR GARDEN GROWS**

On May 1 our children's missions participants delivered approximately six pounds of fresh lettuce from our garden to North Raleigh Ministries. The children planted the lettuce as a seed, transplanted them to cups and then into the garden. It was fun to watch our crops grow and even more fun to see how our little garden is feeding our community. We toured North Raleigh Ministries and saw the 'free grocery store' where families come shop for the food that they need. We look forward to harvesting green beans and planting sweet potatoes soon.

**SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP**

June 9 we join the "Sermon TalkBack" in the Fellowship Hall. (See page 1 for more information.)

**GREYSTONE NUMBERS**

	[8:45]	[11:00]
May 5: .....	60.....	147
May 12: .....	38.....	178
May 19: .....	50.....	119
May 26: .....	42.....	129

**Generosity (as of 4/30/19)**

2019 General Fund	\$935,084.94
YTD General Fund needed	\$311,695.00
YTD Operating Receipts	\$253,093.87
YTD Operating Expenses	\$277,238.30

**Music Ministry**

**RECOGNIZING OUR ACCOMPANISTS**

Last month on May 22, we recognized our accompanists during a Spring Fellowship night for the Adult Choir. The choir pitched in and we purchased small gifts to show our appreciation for this group who leads us in worship and music each week. These five keyboardists (Tim Hendrix, Cynthia Griesedieck, Pam Weis, Sandra Hunt, and Vivian Adams) have stepped up in a big way during this past year of transitions for our church and music ministry. We are excited to add one more team member in Amber Sawyers, who you'll begin seeing behind the piano some this summer. We are blessed with such great leadership! If you see them, express your thanks.

**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. Contact Mike if interested in singing during this time, if not already involved.

**UPCOMING REHEARSAL SCHEDULE:**

- June 5 — No rehearsal
- June 12 — Rehearsal 6:30-7:30p
- June 19 — No rehearsal
- June 26 — Rehearsal 6:30-7:30p

(Two Roosters Ice Cream after)

**SUMMER MUSIC & ARTS CAMP 2019**

June 17—21, 9—3 PM  
 Final Presentation - Fri., Jun. 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!



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## Faith Formation Ministry

### PAY IT FORWARD FINAL DISTRIBUTION

This month we will send out the final funds from our 30th Anniversary *Pay It Forward* campaign. If you remember when Greystone celebrated her 30th anniversary, we collected over \$30,000 to remember those organizations and people who shared their resources and abilities in the early 80's to turn a hope into a beloved congregation called Greystone. Over the past five years we have used *Pay It Forward* money to support, start, and fund several life giving, spirit enriching ministries. Here is a quick recap of how we used those monies.

**We fed people.** Since our first *Stop Hunger* meal packaging event funded through *Pay It Forward*, Greystone has

packaged and provided 133,272 meals. We have quite literally put food on the table in places like Haiti, Madagascar, and Nicaragua. Because of these efforts we as a community of faith know in our hearts, head and bodies that "Rice goes last" and that ending global hunger is a matter of will. We put on the hair nets and committed ourselves to end hunger by 2030.

**We shared.** Buddy Break means a lot to Greystone. We provided training money to two other churches in North Carolina so they could start their own respite care programs for families with children who have all types of special needs. This ministry has been a blessing to our community of faith, and we are delighted to grow the work and reach more families.

**We started a church.** Over the past 2

years we have partnered with and supported Shiloh Restoration Church. Shiloh Restoration is a Swahili speaking congregation in North Raleigh that has grown from one family to over 130 worshippers on any given Sunday. The pastors, Felix and Nicole Iyoko have become CBF church starters and are a tremendous blessing to our community. **We funded a RV.** *Read and Feed* is an after-school literacy program that provides meals, tutoring and books to children from low-income families in Wake County. Each week they send RVs into neighborhoods to work with kids who need help reading. We were able to fund a site in North Raleigh for a year and provided meals each week for the 24 children who attended at the site off of Sandy Forks Road.

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## Student Ministry

### MS STUDENTS FILLED WITH COMPASSION

The theme of the Middle School Overnight on Friday, May 17 - Saturday, May 18 was "Be Compassionate". The overnight included recreation, Bible study, and service projects that asked students step out of their comfort zones and interact with people who may not always feel the love of God.

After Saturday morning Bible study reflecting on Jesus' love for some of the lonely people of his day, the students made several new friends while leading a round of Bingo games at Springmoor Supportive Living. Later that afternoon, the students volunteered with Oak City Cares, a multi-purpose facility downtown. One purpose is the serving of meals, which happens often at Oak City Cares,

including throughout each weekend day. Students assisted in serving food, cleaning tables, taking out trash, and visiting with those eating during the afternoon.

It can be difficult to be compassionate, especially in this increasingly self-focused world. The service projects called on students to put down their electronic devices and look others, people who are often ignored, in the eye. Just as Jesus spoke with and touched the people that felt lonely in his world, the Middle School students of Greystone Baptist Church also showed compassion to one another and to many in our community who appreciated a reminder that God loves them. Thank you to the adults who helped during the overnight and to the families that hosted

students. To God be the glory!

### UPCOMING EVENTS

Graduate Sunday, June 2

Youth Mission Trip to New Bern, NC, June 12 - 16

Unidiversity Youth Camp, July 22 - 27

### 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.

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## 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.

### URBAN MINISTRIES SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

In support of Urban Ministries' *No Vacation From Hunger* food drive we will be collecting healthy breakfast items, such as cereal, instant oatmeal, and granola bars during the month of June and July. There will be a collection

bin in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Contact Marcia Ostendorff with any questions about donations by emailing [ostendorff@bellsouth.net](mailto:ostendorff@bellsouth.net).

### 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.

### 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. June schedule: 6/2 - Imperial Garden, 6/9 - Creedmoor Cafe, 6/16 - Nantucket, 6/23 - Metro Diner, 6/30 - TGI Fridays.

### A NOTE FROM THE CARRAWAY'S

Dear Greystone,

As we retire to our home on Chocowinity Bay (about 2 hours east of Raleigh near Washington, NC), we want you to know how much we will miss you. Greystone has been such a significant part of our lives since Ernest joined in 1985. We met here at church, were married here and reared our children in Greystone. We appreciate the love and support we have received over the years! We will keep you in our prayers and really hope that you will come visit us when you are in the area!

Love, Ernest and Teresa Carraway

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### NEED TRANSPORTATION?

Do you find that transportation issues keep you from fully engaging in the life of our church? Are you missing out on special events, business meetings, worship opportunities, or Sunday school because you are unable to drive yourself to Greystone? The Deacons would like to help! Deacons are looking for drivers and folks who need a little help with transportation. Our goal is to match the two and make sure everyone who wants to participate at GBC can get here. If you're interested in being a driver OR if you would like for us to help find you a ride to church, please contact the church office. We are happy to help!

### BEGINNING THIS FALL...

The newsletter will go "paperless". We will be emailing the link to the newsletter each month. If you are not already receiving the newsletter by email and wish to, please contact the church office. Copies of the newsletter will be available in the hallway outside of the Sanctuary on the first Sunday after the publication. If you are unable to come to the church to pick up a copy, let us know and we'll mail you one.

**The deadline for the July newsletter is noon on Tuesday, June 25, 2019.**

If you do not wish to receive this newsletter, please unsubscribe by calling the church office.