



"IT'S BUSY IN THE GARDEN"

Sometimes the summer months bring opportunities for rest and rejuvenation. They can be times for vacation, reflection, and future planning. Many churches also experience this rhythm of rest in the post-Easter season, before the busy-ness of the fall sets back in. For Greystone, however, these summer months seem busier than ever.

On July 7th, we welcome Rev. Mike Eller to the pulpit. Mike will be preaching about the story of Naaman, from 2 Kings 5. Remember we will have combined Sunday school with a covered dish breakfast (9:30am) and one worship service at 11 AM on that Sunday. The next three weeks we will be in the 10th and 11th chapters of Luke's Gospel. On Sunday, the 21st, at the 11:00 service we will hear from the NC All State Youth Choir (GBC member, Jackson Hollingsworth is a member of this choir) as they lead in worship through music. On Sunday, the 28th, we begin a sermon series called, "All in the Family", during which we will explore biblical themes of church as family.

This month we will also say farewell to Rev. Mike Eller and his family as they follow God's call to New York City. Mike's last Sunday with us will be Sunday, July 28th. There will be a farewell reception for him and his family in the Fellowship Hall, immediately following worship on that Sunday.

Even as we say goodbye to the Ellers and as we anticipate the departure of Rev. Allan Smith later this summer, the two interim search teams are already hard at work searching for our interim ministers for music and students. Please continue to hold them close in prayer as they listen for God's direction during this time of transition.

As I think about all of the busy-ness that this summer brings, I am drawn to the metaphor of this church as a garden and its members as gardeners. Gardening is tough work. It is slow work. It requires a deep understanding of the soil: What resources

are available? What kinds of seeds can be planted and nurtured so that they might thrive here and produce abundantly for years to come? These are the questions that guide our work in this season of preparing for what is to come. Won't you join me in the garden?

- Chrissy

GBC events

[Visit the website for a full schedule](#)

July

- 1 Passport Camp (6/30/19 - 7/3/19)
Baxley Memorial Service
- 4 Church office closed
- 7 Covered Dish All Church Breakfast (with joint SS)
- 12 Arkansas Mission Trip (7/12/19 - 7/20/19)
- 22 Unidiversity Youth Camp (7/22/19 - 7/27/19)
- 23 Deadline for August newsletter submissions
- 28 Farewell Reception for the Eller family

COMING SOON IN AUGUST...

- 8 Vacation Bible School (8/8/19 - 8/11/19)

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Worship Schedule this Month

Jul. 7 - 11:00 Joint Worship (no 8:45)
Mike Eller, 2 Kings 5:1-14

Jul. 14 - Chrissy Tatum Williamson
A Neighborly Church, Luke 10:25-37

Jul. 21 - Chrissy Tatum Williamson
Unholy Distraction, Luke 10:38-42
and Psalm 52

Jul. 28 - Chrissy Tatum Williamson
Children of the Living God,
Luke 11:1-13 and Hosea 1:2-10

DEACON NOMINEE BIOGRAPHIES

PAT BOONE

Pat and his wife Trish joined Greystone in 1993. Their daughter MacKenzie was baptized at Greystone as a youth. Pat currently serves as the church Moderator and also co-teaches the Pathfinders - Fellowship class. Over the years he has served on various committees and teams, including Constitution and Bylaws, Outreach, Properties and Deacon Nominating. He is a former usher, Wednesday night food service volunteer and children's Sunday school teacher. He has also participated in various mission activities, including Kingdom Builders and Operation Inasmuch. Pat previously served on the diaconate in 2005-2008.

LILIAN CHAN-GRANT

Lilian joined Greystone in 2005. She is married to Brian. They have two sons, Robert and Ben. She has served on Weekday Preschool, Fellowship, Worship Care, and the Senior Pastor Search Team and is currently serving on Living Nativity, Ordinance, and the Personnel Committee. She works as a software QA specialist at Applied Research Associates and teaches group fitness. Her hobbies include walking her dogs and spending time with family and friends.

SCOTT NAESER

Scott Naeser is married to his wife of 35 years, Donna. Scott and Donna joined Greystone Baptist Church in 2015. In that short period of time, Scott has been a member of the Grace Fellowship class, served on the Disaster Relief Team, has helped chaperone 4 summer youth disaster

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JULY

- 1 Amy Vandersip, Charlie Vestal
- 2 John Schmidt, Kim Eshleman
- 4 Eunice Bland, Bill Goulding, Joanna Perry
- 5 Ramona Taylor, Mia Williamson
- 7 Annie Hardison-Moody, John Turlington, Evan Dawson, Owen Dawson
- 8 Sandra Paul, Genice Nix, Patti Austin, Sophia Moody
- 9 Susan Burnette, Pam Ouzts
- 12 Silvana Mallah, Eli Grimes, Sumner Eshleman
- 13 Kala Cash

- 14 Laura Fleming
- 15 Martha Castleberry, Sallie Greene, Pat Boone, Samantha Kanai
- 16 Jean Brown, Emily Robinson
- 17 Jeff Register, Brian Hollingsworth
- 19 Vergie Baxley, Katie Craig
- 20 Jean Moorefield
- 21 Randy Birth, Teresa Carraway, Lauren Brice
- 22 Emmett Baldrige, Abby Baker, Chase Calder
- 23 Tim Hendrix, Dave Phillips, Megan Daugherty
- 25 Mary Taylor, Lou Ostendorff
- 26 Mary Fran Perkinson, Amber Sawyers

- 27 Jack Beauchaine
- 29 Matthew Wallace
- 30 Wendy Fox
- 31 Megan Wilder



Children's Ministry

VBS 2019: WHO IS MY NEIGHBOR?

LEARNING TO LOVE LIKE JESUS - AUG. 8 - 11

Schedule: Thurs. & Fri., 6 to 8 PM; Sat. & Sun., 9:15 to noon.

VBS is right around the corner and we would love for you to join as a volunteer or a participant. You can sign up for either on our church website. We welcome all children who are 4 years old by August 31 through those who just completed the 5th grade. Children who are 3 years old by August 31 and who attend Greystone Church or Preschool are also welcome and we have a nursery for younger children of VBS volunteers.

There are many ways to volunteer at VBS. We need volunteers to lead music, recreation and our crafts & missions rotations. We also need 'neighborhood guides', these volunteers guide a group of

children through their various activities for the day and serve as extra hands to the leaders of those rotations. We always need help in registration as well as food preparation.

Watch your bulletin and email for decorating days and for a link to our Amazon wish list. This year our theme for the week encourages mission projects and many of the things on our wish list will be items to help us do those projects.

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

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

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

	[8:45]	[11:00]	off site*
Jun. 2:	58	172	
Jun. 9:	65	155	
Jun. 16:	52	129	17
Jun. 23:	48	135	

(*attending camps, mission trips, etc.)

Generosity (as of 5/31/19)

2019 General Fund

\$935,084.94

YTD General Fund needed

\$389,695.00

YTD Operating Receipts

\$296,010.36

YTD Operating Expenses

\$339,822.45

Music Ministry

SUMMER MUSIC & ARTS CAMP 2019

What a blast we had at our second annual SMAC! With more campers than last year and a cast of 10+ actors in our camp musical, we were overwhelmed by the participation and output of all in our camp presentation on the evening of Friday, June 21. Thank you to all of those volunteers who put in countless hours helping create the set before our camp week and certainly those who helped lead all week long during camp. These would be too many to name but "the village" certainly came together, youth to senior adults, to create a meaningful and memorable music and arts experience.

Our camp culminated with the musical, "What's Up, Zak?" The story of Zacchaeus and Bartimaeus, who were pushed to the side as those whom Jesus would not want to see on his coming to Jericho. The

mayor of the town, along with the townspeople, made plans for a big party on Jesus' arrival only to find out that it was these very people that Jesus would spend time with, even sharing a meal with the tax collector, Zacchaeus. What an image of God's immense love for all people!



Faith Formation Ministry

IT IS GOOD TO BE BACK!

Sabbatical was wonderful, but it is a delight to be back in worship with you. I missed you.

While I was away, I read A LOT. I hope some of you were able to read along with me. If you did let me know, I would love to hear your reactions to some of the authors and share a bit of conversation. My curiosity and reflection were mostly centered on future stories. What will the church look like in 15 years? What corrections and shifts do we need to understand to be aligned with God's unfolding work? How do culture shifts impact the church? Are we members or disciples - does that make a difference?

I hope to write a series of blog posts in the coming weeks to share a little of what has been running around in my mind and my heart. Look for them and let me know what you think.

The other piece of my sabbatical was prayer. I prayed A LOT. I prayed for our church. I prayed for our community. I prayed for my family. I prayed while I walked, and I prayed while I sat. I prayed by myself, and I prayed with friends. I prayed for an openness to the Spirit's lead. I prayed with a heart of hope and love. Part of my inward search was to find renewal. Some folks find renewal in silence, others in solitude, still others replenish their spirits with stillness. I felt renewal in the time and space to be on my own. This need for solitude was met

perfectly by Greystone's gracious provision of a sabbatical. Thank you Greystone for the space and time to pray and think and dream. It is good to be back in the rhythm of this community.

URBAN MINISTRIES SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

During the month of June, Greystone collected over 979 breakfast meals. These breakfast items were given to Urban Ministries to share with our community. Thank you Greystone for working to make sure the people of Raleigh have food as they begin their day.

Student Ministry

STUDENTS SHARE GIFTS WITH NEW BERN, NC

The youth group of Greystone Baptist Church has a variety of gifts and abilities, and the Youth Mission Trip to New Bern, NC from June 12-16 allowed the students to share those gifts and abilities. The theme verse for the trip was 1 Peter 4:10 - "Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received."

The Youth Mission Trip allowed students to serve in multiple ways. One area of service was flood relief construction work at a home in Trenton. While the main project at this home was installing flooring throughout the house, the team also worked to build steps and install new windows to further the

homeowner being able to move back into the home.

An additional area of service was the partnership with First Chin Baptist Church, a congregation made up of the Chin ethnic group from Burma. The youth of First Chin and the youth of Greystone combined to form a Youth Choir and sing at multiple churches in New Bern over the weekend. Also, the two youth groups combined to lead a one-day Vacation Bible School focusing on the stories of the Good Samaritan (Luke 10:25-37) and Jesus healing the paralytic (Mark 2:1-12). The trip culminated with a worship service at First Chin Baptist Church, which was a significant experience for the GBC students.

The team is grateful for the hospitality of Garber United Methodist Church who

provided housing to the team, as well as the adult leaders whose time, energy, and compassion made the week possible. What a wonderful week of being good stewards of God's grace!

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

Summer camp is in full swing down in the preschool area. We've wrapped up week 3, having served 25 different families through this ministry. We still have a few openings in our two-year-old class for our final three weeks, July 15-18, July 22-25 and July 29-Aug 1. We'd love to have your little one join us! For details on camp themes and costs, you can call the preschool office at 919-870-0040.

URBAN MINISTRIES SUMMER FOOD DRIVE

Our food collection effort in June was a great success! (See article in the "Faith Formation" column.) In support of Urban Ministries' *No Vacation From Hunger* food

drive we will continue to collect healthy breakfast items, such as cereal, instant oatmeal, and granola bars throughout the month of July. There are collection baskets in the hallway outside the Sanctuary. Contact Marcia Ostendorff with any questions about donations by emailing 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. July schedule:

7/7 - Sawmill Taproom,
7/14 - Applebees, 7/21 - Red Lobster,
7/28 - Winston's

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES

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.

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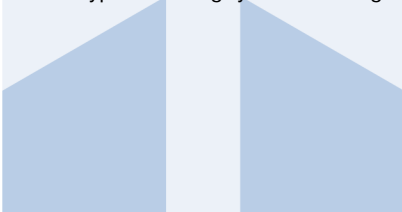
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relief trips and helped conduct last fall's Bike Rodeo and Truck Crawl. He has served on the Bereavement Team, Stewardship Committee and is currently on the Columbarium Committee. In his spare time, Scott tutors math to some really great students and then jumps on his bicycle for a ride.

BOB POTTER

Bob and his wife, Debbie, joined Greystone in 1997. Bob has served as a Deacon on two previous occasions. Bob and Debbie kept the nursery during Sunday school for several years. Bob has served on several teams in the past, currently shares teaching duties in the Life Applications class, is a member of the Bereavement Team, and serves as an usher. Bob and Debbie have been married for 45 years, have two sons, Brian and Jeremy, and three grandchildren. Bob is a retired actuary. He and Debbie are Salvation Army volunteers and especially enjoy spending time with their grandchildren and quiet time at the coast.

JOANNE THOMPSON

Joanne is married to Ron. She joined Greystone in 2009 and is a member of The Edge class. She has served on the Worship Team, Missions Team, Senior Pastor Search Committees, GBC Garden Team and as a Sunday school teacher in the past. She currently serves as Clerk of the Church, as a member of the Missions Committee, and as an usher. Joanne is a retired nurse who enjoys helping newly arrived neighbors navigate the American healthcare system.

STEVE WHEELER

Steve and Linda joined Greystone in 2016. He was born in Richmond, accepted Christ as a child and was ordained as a deacon in 1988. He presently serves on the Missions Committee and is active in the Adult Choir, Buddy Break, Wednesday Night Food Services Team, the Construction Team and the Salt and Light class. Steve and Linda have been married for 42 years and have three children and two grandchildren. Steve works with Duke Energy until his planned retirement at year-end.

ELIZABETH WORLEY

Elizabeth joined Greystone in 2016. She is married to Todd. They have two children, Lindsay and Michael. She enjoys the music program through singing in the choir, volunteering in the music library, teaching music at Summer Music and Arts Camp, and leading worship at youth retreats. Elizabeth serves on the Weekday Preschool Committee and the Ordinance Team, volunteers with Buddy Break and serves in Worship Care. She is a member of The Edge class. She is in private practice as a child and adolescent therapist. In her spare time, she loves to spend time with family and friends, exercise and practice yoga.

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