



The beginning of August marks the end of summer for many of us whose lives revolve around the traditional school and church calendars. Stores advertise back-to-school sales, and parents everywhere are soaking up the last weeks of summer schedules and family vacations. Others of us consider August the last month of scorching hot summer days, and boy have we had some hot days!

This summer has brought winds of change to our church. We've celebrated and said goodbye to the Eller family and we will soon celebrate the ministry of Pastor Allan Smith as we say goodbye to him and bless him on the next phase of his vocational journey. (Please mark your calendars for that reception on August 25, immediately following the 11:00 worship service).

Even as we say our goodbyes and reflect on years of ministry with these two beloved ministers, we continue the sacred work of the church. For us, this month is full of opportunities to gather together as a church family.

On July 28, we began a four-week series called, "All in the Family," in which we explore the theme of church as family. During this series (July 28 – August 18) and guided by scripture from Luke, Acts, and Hebrews, we'll talk about ways that we help one another grow (a.k.a. we parent one another), ways we provide for our family (stewardship), ways we share meals with our family (communion), and ways we grow together as family (choosing faith over fear).

On Sunday, August 4 at the 11:00 service, we will celebrate baptism and dedicate three children to the church. On August 11 we will have one worship service (at 11:00) led by the children who have participated in Vacation Bible School. Sunday, August 18 we will vote on the new slate of Deacons, and on August 25 we will wear church-related T-shirts and hear testimonies from church members (children, youth, and adults) who have participated in mission trips and service opportunities this summer. There is so much to celebrate as we close out another summer of service

and worship at Greystone! I hope to see you all each week in worship and at some of our other gatherings throughout the month.

- Chrissy

GBC events

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

August

- 4 Leadership Council mtg.
- 8 VBS
(8/8/19 - 8/11/19)
- 11 VBS Sunday,
11:00 joint service (no 8:45)
Second Sunday Fellowship
- 18 Deacon Vote
Buddy Break Training
Church-wide Pool Party
- 22 September News deadline
- 24 Senior Adult-Sponsored Trip
- 25 Promotion Sunday | Impact
Sunday
Reception for Allan Smith

COMING SOON IN SEPTEMBER...

- 2 Office closed - Labor Day
- 4 Church Conference
- 8 Heritage Sunday|Anniversary
Lunch
Youth Ministry Kickoff

worship@GBC

Worship Schedule this Month

- Aug. 4** - Chrissy Tatum Williamson,
Family Matters, Luke 12:13-21
- Aug. 11** - Chrissy Tatum Williamson
Things We Hold in Common, Acts
2:42-47, 4:32-37
- Aug. 18** - Chrissy Tatum Williamson
Family Baggage, Hebrews 11:29-12:2
- Aug. 25** - Testimonies
Jeremiah 1:4-10

LEADERSHIP COUNCIL MEETING

There will be a Leadership Council meeting Sunday, August 4 in the Fellowship Hall immediately following the 11:00 service. Attendees are welcome to bring their lunch.

DEACON VOTE - SUNDAY, AUGUST 18

During the worship services on August 18, we will vote for the 2020 Deacon positions. There are 7 nominees and 7 positions to be filled. The nominees are Bob Potter (completing an unexpired term for one year), Pat Boone, Lilian Chan-Grant, Scott Naeser, Joanne Thompson, Steve Wheeler and Elizabeth Worley. Greystone members, please review the biographies (published in the July newsletter, July 7 bulletin and copies available in hallway) and be prepared to thoughtfully cast your vote on August 18.

SEARCH TEAM FOR THE INTERIM ASSOCIATE MINISTER OF STUDENTS

The team is continuing to meet during this time of discernment. Commit to praying for these individuals during this season. Members of the team are Trish Boone, Heather Choplin, Eddy Ng, Amy Ng and April Walker.

FAREWELL RECEPTION FOR ALLAN SMITH

Sunday, August 25 is Allan Smith's last Sunday with us and his last day in the office is August 29. There will be a reception for Allan immediately following 11:00 worship on Sunday, 8/25, in the Fellowship Hall. Light refreshments will be served. At the reception, there will be an opportunity for you to bring cards and contribute to a love offering for Allan. All love offering gifts should be in cash or check made out to Allan Smith directly.

AUGUST

- 1 Brad Walker
- 2 Scott Naeser, Roby Sawyers
- 3 Amy Davis, Madison Ouzts
- 4 Kelly Roberts, Michael Hunter, April Walker
- 5 Nancy Walters, Bill Fleming, Sarah Lang
- 6 Wanda Calder, Tiffany Duncan, Austin Wertz
- 7 Anne Morgan, David Cox
- 9 Ed Crump, Amy Sellers, Erin Meyer
- 11 Mason Green
- 12 Brenda Milam, Bryant Morton
- 13 Joan Hobson, Scott Overby, Margret Gardner, Beth Ammons

- 14 Molly Ann Birth, Leyton Daniels
- 15 Tracy Weekman, Jo Anne Dreitzler
- 16 Joy Tiffany
- 18 Dora Pickles, Megan Leonard, Julie Cregger
- 19 Sam Roberts, Amy Pendergrass, Kim Poirier
- 20 Sandy Penny
- 21 Skip Pike, Diane White, Georgia Gray
- 22 Steve Little, Brenda Holden
- 23 Hudson Burns
- 24 Elaine Hansen, Hunter Hale
- 25 Wilton Moody, Bethany Glueck
- 26 Chip Franz, John Vestal, Ashley Potter

- 27 Jud Ammons
- 28 Eric Chamblee
- 29 Vivian Adams
- 30 Robbie Little, Gayla Hollingsworth, Kyle Gunter, Rob Byrd, Michael Byman, Nicolas Eason
- 31 Jill Pike



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.

If you haven't signed up yet, there is still time. You can sign up at this link on the church website:

https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSf5PNtTfMoku0Apymz5gL3XFZwzvR-_p61yLWTJk7zS4mLpEw/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1.

Contact April Alston with any questions.

On the morning of Sunday, August 11, parents will join their children for family style vbs in the fellowship hall. Additional volunteers are always needed for this time. Children will be collecting clothes for Note in the Pocket. If you wish to bring clothes to donate, bring them to the Fellowship Hall that morning.

FRIENDS RETREAT

All rising 3rd - 5th graders are invited to attend our annual Friends Retreat, Sept. 13-15, 2019, at Camp Willow Run. Our theme this year is *Friends are Good* and we will explore friendships in the Bible. Cost is \$125 per person. Scholarships are available. Deadline to register is August 11, 2019. Contact April Alston to sign up.

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on August 11. 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. 30:	73	130	12
Jul. 7:	n/a	156	
Jul.14:	52	140	5
Jul.21:	**	254	30
Jul.28:	**	181	

*attending camps, mission trips, etc.
**no count turned in

Generosity (as of 6/30/19)

2019 General Fund

\$935,084.94

YTD General Fund needed

\$467,542.50

YTD Operating Receipts

\$358,765.52

YTD Operating Expenses

\$411,667.17

Music Ministry



INTRODUCING REV. DR. CHRIS HAIRE

The Interim Minister of Music Search Committee is excited to introduce Chris Haire as our Interim Minister of Music. Chris comes to us after completing a 14-month Interim at Westwood Baptist in Cary, NC. He is a native of Garner, NC

and has spent the majority of his life in the Triangle Area. With degrees from UNC-Chapel Hill, Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary and UNC-Greensboro, Chris brings a wealth of knowledge and experience in choral music and music education. He's also got a business background, which should also come in handy. His musical interests range from handbells to motivating others to enjoy the choral experience. He is an educator at heart, a people-person, and an absolute joy to be around. During our conversations with Chris this past month, the search committee has been encouraged by his experiences with pastoral care, his deep faith, and his vision for music as ministry within the church and beyond her walls (think: a missional choir!). He has a reputation in our area for musical excellence and cultivating deep and long-lasting relationships with choir

members. In fact, every church he's served as Music Minister has experienced growth, even during interim periods.

During his time at Greystone, which begins August 1, Chris will work 30-hours per week. His primary responsibilities will include Sundays and Wednesday nights, leading 3 ensembles (adult choir, adult handbells, student choir), attending weekly staff meetings, planning and coordinating all worship services, overseeing and being a resource for all ministries related to music and the arts (including children's choirs), and serving as the staff liaison to the Worship Committee, Music Team, and Ordinance Team.

Faith Formation Ministry

BACK TO SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CEDAR POINT

As we look to the upcoming school year, the Missions Committee is partnering with Hope Refugee Partners and their work to support over 150 students at Cedar Point. We have been asked to contribute specific back to school items. Please use this SignUp Genius link to sign up for specific items: <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b044fa8aa2ea5f49-back>. Items may be dropped off at the collection bins outside the Sanctuary. Please bring your items by August 11.

Hope Refugee Partners is planning to use the items to stock their "Back to School Sale". At this sale, parents can

purchase backpacks and school supplies required for the school year for all students in their family. The price charged is minimal (generally just a few dollars per student for all of their supplies). It is important to include parents in the process of getting ready for school and not foster dependency. This is why they are hosting a sale and not a giveaway. By selling the school supplies, parents feel empowered to provide for their children and the children get the joy of having their parents provide for them. All of the proceeds are invested right back into year-round tutoring and homework help ministries.

DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Greystone will be hosting a "Disaster Preparedness & Response Mission Collective" on Saturday, August 24. Churches from all over NC will come together to discuss better ways to minister and respond during natural disasters. As you know we have a team that has been working in Lumberton, NC for over 2 years now. This is a critical need in our state. The meeting is from 9-2 and the cost is \$5 (includes lunch). If you are interested, please sign up through CBFNC.

Student Ministry

UNIVERSITY YOUTH CAMP - AN UNFATHOMABLE EXPERIENCE

University Youth Camp 2019 was another incredible week for the 30 students and adults from Greystone Baptist Church as well as the over 400 students and adults from many churches across the Southeast. This year's camp was held at Maryville College in Tennessee, from July 22 - 27, and the theme was *Fathoms*. Students were invited to explore the depths of their relationship with God in incredible ways.

On the first day, students fathomed God's knowledge as they were reminded that God knows them fully and God loves them. For the second day, students fathomed God's presence as they considered that God's presence is

everywhere, and there is no hiding from God. On the third day, students fathomed God's creation as they reflected on what it means to be wonderfully made. Finally, the fourth day invited the students to fathom God's love in community, reminding them that they are in this together.

University Youth Camp 2019 was a fantastic week filled with worship, Bible study, fellowship, and recreation. It was amazing to observe students growing closer together and closer to God. A huge thank you should be extended to all of the adults who participated in the week's experience.

YOUTH FALL RETREAT, FT. CASWELL SEPTEMBER 20 - 22, 2019

Rising 6th - 12th grade students are invited to explore and experience the

spiritual discipline of "rest" at this year's Youth Beach Retreat. The cost of the retreat is \$135. Payment as well as completed permission forms are due to the church office by Wednesday, August 21. As always, full and partial scholarships are available. Please contact Allan Smith with any questions.

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 @2cg2b6 to the number 81010. If you're having trouble with 81010, try texting @2cg2b6 to (919) 336-5052.

Other Ministry News

GBC PRESCHOOL

Our summer camp has wrapped up and our preschool staff will spend the month of August preparing for the start of our new preschool year. Please be in prayer for each of our returning staff members and each of our new staff, that we will all work well together, that we will represent your church well, and most importantly, that we will be the hands and feet of God as we minister to the children in our care.

SENIOR ADULT-SPONSORED TRIP

On Saturday, 8/24, we will travel to the Aloha Safari Zoo. We will take a tour of large animals on a ride through the pastures and visit the small animals

along a paved path. Feed bags and souvenirs are available for purchase. Admission: \$12.00. We will then dine at the Cracker Barrel in Sanford. We will leave from the Sawmill parking lot at 9:00 AM and return around 3:00 PM.

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. August schedule: 8/4 - San Marcos, 8/11 - Imperial Garden, 8/18 - Nantucket, 8/25 - Milton's

CHURCH-WIDE POOL PARTY

Join us for church-wide pool party at Lake Park Swim Club on Lakeland Drive in Raleigh on August 18 from 4 - 7 PM. All ages are welcome; we hope you bring your whole family. Dinner is pot-luck style so bring a dish to share, drinks will be provided. Whether you are a swimmer or not, the food is great and the fellowship is even better.

BUDDY BREAK TRAINING SESSION

We will have a Buddy Training session on Sunday, August 18 from 3 - 5 PM in the youth building. Come be a part of this exciting, fun, and important ministry at GBC!

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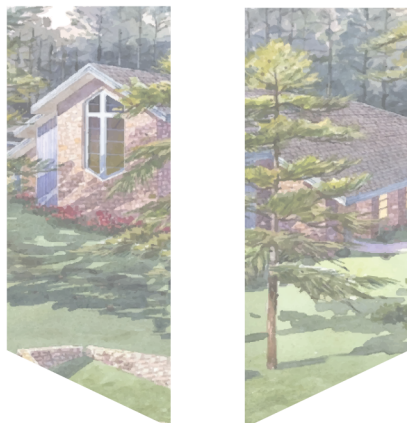
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UPCOMING ENDOWMENTS MOTION

During the January Church Conference, the church passed a motion authorizing the Mission Committee to develop a motion for the creation of a Mission Endowment. The Mission Committee was granted six months to study and develop this motion.

During the course of this six months much input has been received from all sectors of the Greystone Church family. During this discourse, it became apparent that we should consider a Mission Endowment and also a Properties Endowment. The Mission Committee has been working with the Properties Committee to develop a Properties Endowment along with the development of a Mission Endowment. They will be two distinctly different endowments, but the underlying language in both are very similar.

Please know that over the next month there will be a concerted effort to share the proposed endowment motion for any further feedback and refinement to a number of groups within the church: Staff, Diaconate, Leadership Council, Mission Committee, Properties Committee. Based on this understanding, please know we plan to present a single motion at our September 4 Church Conference that will serve to establish both a Missions Endowment and a Properties Endowment.

Prior to the September 4 Church Conference, copies of both endowments will be made available to all members for their review before voting on the motion to approve.

SAVE THE DATE: HERITAGE SUNDAY - SEPTEMBER 8

We are excited to celebrate Greystone's 35th Anniversary on Sunday, September 8. We will worship together that Sunday in one worship service followed by lunch. Please mark this date on your calendar and take note of the special schedule for this day of celebration.

9:30 Sunday School
10:30 Joint Worship
Anniversary Lunch following worship

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