



“For everything there is a season, and a time for every purpose under heaven; a time to be born and a time to die; a time to plant, and a time to pluck up...” (Eccl. 3:1-2)

The words from Ecclesiastes are so fitting for a time like this as we mark the changing of the seasons. On Impact Sunday (8.25.19) we heard testimonies from children, youth, and adults about their summer service and ministry experiences. While the intent was for us to celebrate the impact of Greystone’s ministries beyond our walls, the stories consistently told a story of the impact made on the lives of those who went to serve God’s people around the world. They went to serve and they, themselves were changed, impacted, transformed by the Spirit of God.

The summer season allows us a little more freedom and flexibility in our schedules. It grants us time to interrupt the usual routines of life to go and do new things. What a gift that is! But just as the writer of these famous words from Ecclesiastes reminds us, we know that “for everything there is a season.” Here we are at the intersection of summer and fall, where flexibility turns into rhythm. Parents of school children may welcome this return to routine; while others (perhaps grandparents?) lament the opportunity for trips and get-togethers.

Gardeners and farmers also mark the changing of the seasons as once-fruitful vines and plants cease their production and begin to wither. During this season gardeners and farmers pull up the plants which have served them well and begin to work the soil. An expert gardener or experienced farmer knows that in every season there is work to be done. Raising crops is not a summer-time gig, it requires hard work in every season. The nature of that work may shift and change with the weather, but there is always a task to complete to ensure that certain plants are retired, the soil is turned and nurtured, and when the time is right, a new crop is sown.

This month at GBC summer fluidity returns to fall rhythms. Sunday and

Wednesday evening activities resume, committees and teams return to a regular schedule of meeting, and we all look forward to the launch of a new church year. On Sunday, September 8, we will kick-off this new church year with a birthday celebration on Heritage Sunday. Greystone turns 35 this year! That birthday brings an opportunity for us to honor what has been, and to look ahead with great hope for what is to come. I hope you all plan to join us on this important Sunday for Sunday school (9:30 AM), Worship (one service at 10:30 AM) and a Covered Dish luncheon in the Fellowship Hall (immediately following worship).

The following week (Sept. 15) we will ordain and install our new Deacons at a special 4:00 PM service in the Sanctuary. This service will be a time for us to recognize God’s call and to celebrate the willingness of 7 GBC members to say “yes” to that call to servant leadership in our church.

This month, as our fall rhythms return and a new church year begins, there will be ample opportunities for you to reconnect with your church family and to grow deeper in faith together. Justin and I are excited to our home to host you for dinner on September 27. The invitation is open to everyone in the church and our space can hold about 15 people so the first 15 to sign up with Annette will be on the list. This is something we plan to do regularly, so if it doesn’t work for you and your family this time, don’t worry! We will have more opportunities to share a meal together!

With great hope for all that is to come,
Pastor Chrissy

HERITAGE/ANNIVERSARY SUNDAY

We are excited to celebrate Greystone’s 35th Anniversary this Sunday, Sept. 8. Sunday school will be at 9:30, then we will worship together in one worship service at 10:30 followed by a covered dish lunch in the Fellowship Hall. Chicken and BBQ will be provided. Bring your favorite side dish or dessert. Serving utensils will be provided. If you can’t bring a dish, please join us for this fun time of fellowship.

GBC events

Visit the website for a full schedule

September

- 2 Office closed - Labor Day
- 3 Hang Out with the Pastor
- 4 Leadership Training Church Conference
- 8 Heritage Sunday, 10:30 joint service (no 8:45) Anniversary Lunch Youth Ministry Kick-off
- 11 Wednesday Night Live
- 13 Friends Retreat (9/13 - 9/15)
- 14 Buddy Break
- 15 Deacon Ordination
- 18 Wednesday Night Live
- 20 Youth Fall Beach Retreat (9/20 - 9/22)
- 21 Walk and Talk at Umstead
- 22 Leadership Council
- 23 October News deadline
- 25 Wednesday Night Live

COMING SOON IN OCTOBER...

- 1 Hang Out with the Pastor
- 2 Wednesday Night Live

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Worship Schedule this Month

- Sep. 1** - Amanda Atkin, Hebrews 13:1-8, 15-16
- Sep. 8** - Chrissy Tatum Williamson Matthew 13:31-32
- Sep. 15** - Chrissy Tatum Williamson Matthew 13:24-30, 36-43
- Sep. 22** - Chrissy Tatum Williamson Luke 15:1-10
- Sep. 29** - Chrissy Tatum Williamson Luke 16:19-31

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Ellie Taylor
- 2 Phyllis Turlington, Marty Glazier
- 3 Joan Murphy
- 4 Richard Milam
- 5 Sydney Lannom
- 6 Ryan Gunter, MacKenzie Boone
- 7 Viola Dobbins, Marianna Brewer
- 8 Elizabeth Santana, Brian Potter, Michael Milam, Caroline Wilder
- 9 John Divers, Ed Byman, Ian Smith
- 10 Kayla Crump
- 12 Tammie Wood
- 13 Vercie Eller

- 15 Cathy Morris, David Pickles, Angela Rose, Emily Vandersip, Olivia Lannom
- 16 Kathy Dew
- 18 Victor Santana, Jeff Walter
- 19 Juanita Register, Lisa Tunstall
- 20 Chrissy Williamson, Rachel Tunstall
- 21 Susan Chamblee, Jim Gellatly
- 22 David Lawson
- 23 David Sherman
- 24 Nita Kline, Susan Moody, Amanda Shearin
- 25 Brian Grant, Hillary Stewart
- 26 Bran Wood, William Benson
- 27 Lucy Potter

- 28 Jeff Smith, Kyle Wood, Ethan Eshleman
- 29 Mallory Schmidt
- 30 Blake Aydlett, Rhonda Overby



Children's Ministry



WELCOME TO NICOLE LEE!

Please join me and the Worship Care Committee in welcoming Nicole Lee as one of our Nursery Coordinators. Nicole

will be here a few Sunday mornings a month to help welcome children, parents and guests in our preschool and nursery suite and assist our volunteers. She comes with a wealth of experience and a joyful spirit. We are still looking for a second nursery coordinator to fill out the rest of the Sundays.

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

The Anniversary Luncheon on Heritage Sunday, 9/8/19 will serve as our fellowship opportunity for September. Join us in October for our next Second Sunday Fellowship on 10/13.

SAVE THE DATE:

CBF of NC Children's Missions Day
November 2
Hosted by Greystone Baptist Church

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

	[8:45]	[11:00]	off site*
Aug. 4:	57	149	
Aug. 11:	n/a	313	
Aug. 18:	49	129	
Aug. 25:	80	192	

Generosity (as of 7/31/19)

2019 General Fund	\$935,084.94
YTD General Fund needed	\$545,466.25
YTD Operating Receipts	\$409,325.65
YTD Operating Expenses	\$478,027.76

Music Ministry

CHILDREN'S CHOIR VOLUNTEERS

Greystone's Wednesday night children's choir ministry will begin again this September. If you would be willing to lead one of our children's choirs or be an assistant in one of these three choirs, please contact Chris Haire in person, by calling the church office, or by emailing him.

GREYSTONE HANDBELL CHOIR

The Greystone Handbell Choir will begin rehearsals again on Sunday, Sept. 8, at 5:00 PM. Come join the fun! Any adult with a good sense of rhythm who can count to 4 is welcome to join us. Please contact Chris Haire for additional information.

YOUTH CHOIR PLANNING MEETING

We will begin our fall Youth Choir season with a planning meeting on Sunday, Sept. 15, at 5:30 PM. This meeting is

open to any 6th-12th grader who likes to sing. Please join us as we seek your input for the fall and spring choir seasons. The first Youth Choir rehearsal for the fall season will be Sunday, September 29, at 5:00 PM.

COMESING WITH US!

Like to sing? Come sing with us in the Adult Choir. Haven't sung in a choir since high school? Come sing with us in the Adult Choir. Can't read music? That's okay. Come sing with us in the Adult Choir. Sitting home wishing you had something to do on Wednesday nights? Come sing with us in the Adult Choir. Get the idea? —Please come sing with us in the Adult Choir. Rehearsals are Wednesdays evenings in the Choir Room. Beginning Sept. 11, rehearsals will begin at 7:15 PM and conclude at approximately 8:30 PM.

SEPTEMBER REHEARSALS SCHEDULE

Sunday, Sept. 8	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Handbell Choir
Sunday, Sept. 15	5:30 - 6:00 PM	Youth Choir Planning Meeting
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Handbell Choir
Sunday, Sept. 22	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Handbell Choir
Sunday, Sept. 29	5:00 - 6:00 PM	Youth Choir
	6:00 - 7:00 PM	Handbell Choir

Faith Formation Ministry

HEALTH CLINICS AT CEDAR POINT

The Missions Committee with leadership from Nancy Register will be working with Neighbor Health (a non-profit health care provider for under-served and often overlooked people in our community) and Hope Refugee Partners (a non-profit serving refugees in North Raleigh) to offer a series of health clinics this coming year. We will be offering flu shots for adults and children in the fall, sports physicals for middle and high schoolers in January, kindergarten physicals in the spring for children going to school for the first time. Volunteers are needed to help fill out paperwork, offer a smile, assist in basic screenings (training provided) and be a presence of mercy and kindness. If you

are interested in volunteering, please contact Nancy Register.

WALK AND TALK

If you would like to get out in the sunshine and enjoy a bit of God's good creation, then consider joining Amanda on Saturday, September 21 at Umstead Park. We will meet at the park office off of Glenwood Drive at 9:30 AM. Bring your water bottle and let's explore a trail and share what's on your mind. (Rain cancels)

POCKET CHANGE SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29

Check the cup holders in your car and clean out your sofa cushions. Pocket Change Sunday will be Sunday, September 29. Our children will be collecting your loose change and bills during worship. Monies from this offering

will be used to offer a Dental Clinic at Cedar Point Apartments in January. Partnering with NC Baptists on Mission we are planning to bring a mobile dental bus to the apartment complex and offer dental services at no charge. We are excited to offer this ministry to our neighbors who lack access, insurance and funds for basic dental care.

UPCOMING MISSION DATES:

9/20-21/19: Disaster Relief Work Days
10/19/19: Flu Shot Clinic at Cedar Point
10/22/19: RBA Semi-Annual Meeting and Ministry Celebration of Roger Nix at Greystone
10/27/19: Joint Baptism Service with Shiloh Restoration Church at Greystone
11/02/19: NC CBF Children's Mission Day at Greystone

Student Ministry

"For I was a stranger and you welcomed me . . . "

As I bid farewell to this congregation, some of the words I shared at the reception on August 25 are fitting. For me, what it means to be a minister is rooted in what it means to be invited.

For several years, I served as a lay leader in multiple church programs while working a full-time job. So when I entered seminary, I wrestled with feeling that being called to be a minister meant that the congregation would be working to pay my salary, just so I could do what I had always done as a volunteer.

It was in my first few months at Duke Divinity School when sharing with a friend and his response to my wrestling was simple, "Allan, what you need to

understand is that the church is paying for you to not work, so that you are available to care for them."

It was on Sunday, August 17, 2014 that Greystone Baptist Church called me to be their Associate Minister of Students. I cannot describe how overwhelming it was to walk down the aisle of the sanctuary to a great ovation, tears flowing down my face, as I realized that this congregation, a community of faith who hardly knew me, wanted me to not work so that I could care for them.

I do not take that invitation, that calling, lightly. It is a true honor and privilege to have been invited into your lives during these past 5 years. I know all too well that there is no more precious cargo than your children, and you have invited me to love them and to share God's love with them. You have invited

me into both the most joyous moments and the most heart-wrenching moments of your lives. You have invited me to participate in your weddings and in your funerals, moments that I cherished because of the sacredness in which I was participating. Simply, you have invited me to be a part of your families, and that is truly special.

So, as I move on to the next chapter of my own personal journey, I want to say a sincere and heartfelt "thank you". Thank you for the gifts and notes of encouragement. But, most of all, thank you for inviting me into the holiest moments of your lives that we may discover God's love together. I will always thank God when I remember you, constantly praying with joy for you.

With the love of Christ, Allan Smith

Other Ministry News

GBC PRESCHOOL

We're excited to be starting another preschool year! Our weekday program has enrolled 54 children who begin in September. Please pray for each of these children and their families. Pray also for the dedicated preschool staff who will love and care for these little ones each week. It is our hope to represent Greystone well as we work to be the hands and feet of God to these families.

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.

HANG OUT WITH THE PASTOR

All are invited to meet Chrissy for casual conversation at the picnic tables outside Two Roosters /Bottle Rev (weather permitting), in the Greystone Village Shopping Center, the first Tuesday of each month from 5:30 - 7:00 PM. The next "Hang Out" is Tuesday, Oct. 1. No need to sign up, just come and chat.

BUDDY BREAK NEWS!

We are excited to announce a new Buddy Break in Durham at One Love Ministries. They received a grant from our Pay It Forward offering to help with start up costs. That brings us to 5 NC Buddy Breaks. If you are not a part of this

exciting ministry we invite you to visit us on the second Saturday of the month from 9:30-1:00 to experience it for yourself and see the variety of ways you can serve. For more information, visit our webpage at <https://greystonechurch.org/buddy-breaks/> or email us at buddybreak@greystonechurch.org.

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. September schedule: 9/1 - Kanki, 9/8 - Greystone's Anniversary Luncheon, 9/15 - TGI Fridays, 9/22 - Chli's, 9/29 - Neo Asia

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WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN SEPTEMBER

The iPhone 4 debuted in 2010. By including a front facing camera, Apple enabled users to see (and photograph) themselves more easily than ever before. A quick “click” and iPhone owners could share their image far and wide. By 2013 the word “selfie” had become so ubiquitous that the Oxford English Dictionary proclaimed it “the word of the year”. We see the world and the people around us differently these days. Join us on Wednesday nights in September as we discuss and explore how we discover and recognize the image of God in a digital age. Community prayers will be offered at 6:15 followed by our discussion. We will meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Wednesday Night Schedule: We will start serving dinner at 5:30 PM Children’s programs begin at 6 PM. Church prayers are offered at 6:15. Youth: *Selah* begins at 6:15 PM. Adult studies start at 6:20. Adult choir begins at 7:15.

Menus for September

September 11: Cooper’s BBQ and fried chicken with all the fixings

September 18: Miltons’ Chicken Parmesan with salad and garlic bread

September 25: Pork Roast with raspberry chipotle sauce with mashed potatoes and green beans

Cost: Meals are \$7 per adult and \$4 per child. We are offering a family cap of \$20.

The caterers will need a firm plate count so we need your reservations. We will accept reservations until noon on Mondays. You can reserve your meal by filling in a reservation card (located in the Sanctuary pew racks) and placing that card in the offering plates, by calling the church office, or by signing up through our church website.

USE OF CHURCH FACILITIES FOR MEETINGS

Use of Church Facilities for Meetings -- As a reminder, any use of church facilities must be scheduled through the church office or the Property Manager, Steve Rose, or by using the online reservation link on the church website. This is to ensure proper security, avoid resource/scheduling conflicts, and control utility costs. Use of smaller spaces, such as Books on the Corner, is encouraged whenever possible, since the use of our larger spaces, such as the Fellowship Hall or Gathering Room, engage multiple HVAC systems and greatly increase our energy costs. Also, it is important that a designated person in each group turn off lights, turn down thermostats (if they have been adjusted), and lock all doors before leaving.

VAN DRIVERS NEEDED FOR SUNDAYS

If you are interested in driving the church van to and from Springmoor on Sunday mornings, please contact Steve Rose in the church office. Volunteers in this important ministry usually drive one Sunday per month. We are in need of two to three additional drivers in our rotation.



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and is equipped to express God’s
love by word and deed to all people.



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