

Growing Greystone: Seasons of Giving

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GBC events

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October

- 1 Hang Out with the Pastor
- 2 Wednesday Night Live
- 6 Worldwide Communion
Sunday
Buddy Break Training
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- 19 Flu Shot Clinic - Cedar Point
- 20 Leadership Council Meeting
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November News deadline
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Wednesday Night Live
- 30 Trunk or Treat

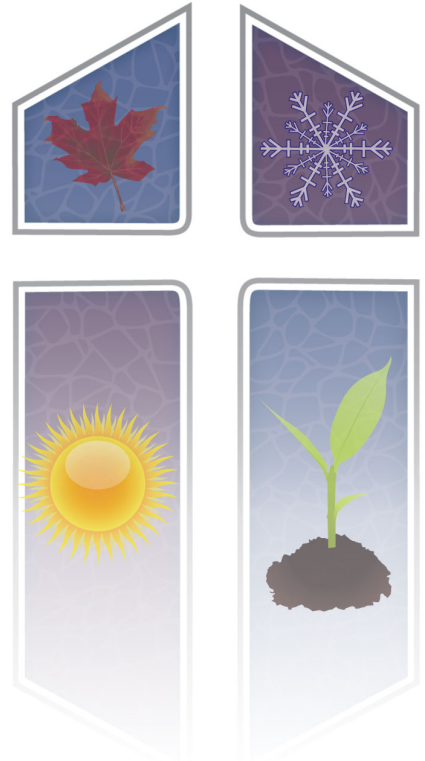
COMING SOON IN NOVEMBER...

- 2 NC CBF Children's Mission
Day
- 5 Hang Out with the Pastor

The last few weeks we have begun exploring the theme of Growing Greystone. Like the parables of Jesus which employ ordinary images to convey extraordinary realities, we are ordinary folks who – with God's help – are growing deeper in faith, stronger in community, and larger in impact as we seek to bring the Good News of the Gospel out into our world. Every ministry at Greystone is beginning to dream big about our future. As we dream we also know that for dreams and visions to come to fruition, resources are needed.

God has certainly blessed this community with many gifts and generous givers. Over the years God has grown Greystone in some extraordinary ways. As we look ahead to 2020 and remember the dreams that we have for the future of this church, we are called to give generously in every season to enable and empower all kinds of growth.

The Stewardship Committee has prepared a packet that can be picked up at the church on Sundays, October 6 and 13. All packets that are not picked up in person will be mailed the week of October 13 – 17. In these packets is a description of the theme "Growing Greystone: Seasons of Giving," a devotional guide for individual stewardship, and a pledge card. How will you be a part of growing Greystone in every season?



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Worship Schedule this Month

- Oct. 6, 10:30** - Chrissy Tatum
Williamson, Ruth 1:1-17
- Oct. 13, 8:45 & 11:00** - Roger Nix,
John 2:13-22
- Oct. 20, 8:45 & 11:00** - Chrissy Tatum
Williamson, Luke 18:1-8
- Oct. 27, 8:45 & 11:00** - Chrissy Tatum
Williamson, Ephesians 2:11-22



October is upon us which means crisp air, fall leaves, pumpkins, the state fair and our annual Trunk or Treat here at Greystone. This event fills our parking lot, fellowship hall and sidewalks with over 300 children and their families. This is one of the biggest outreach activities of the year and is an opportunity to show our community the love of God through our hospitality and welcome. This is one of my favorite nights of the year so I hope that you will join me

and experience for yourself the joy that is present and spirit that is even sweeter than the candy itself. I invite you to get those decoration juices flowing and host a trunk or embrace your inner child and host a game station. The smiles on the faces of the children will make you glad you did. Put on your apron and join others as we welcome families to our campus for a meal together. Sit with them, get to know them and tell them about how great it is to be part of the Greystone family. Save the date - October 30, and be on the lookout for ways to be a part of this fun night.

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- 1 Don Tickle, Cathy Gellatly
- 2 Ed McDonald, Heather Choplin, Lance Buchholz, Brian Daugherty, Morgan Burns
- 3 Wayne Thompson, Brittany Adcock, Maggie Carraway
- 4 Pat Day, Wanda Stephens
- 5 Faye Rhodes, Sam Craig, Douglas Brown, Hayes Brawner
- 6 Carla LeNoir
- 7 Logan Byman
- 8 Linda Wheeler, Les McSpadden, Todd Muncie, Ford Carraway, Michael Rowe, Thomas Powell

- 9 Ellen Staley, Carrie Franz, Sydney Walker
- 10 Rachael Poirier
- 12 Anna Brawner
- 14 Mike Ogden
- 15 Claude Bennett
- 17 Gerry Mangum, Jenny Anderson
- 18 Sealth Womack
- 19 Pam Weis, Doug Eason
- 20 Loreice Jernigan, Caroline Smith
- 21 Mitzi Glazier, Libby Burlew, Matt Wertz, Sarah Overby
- 22 James Cregger, Erin Mueller
- 24 Kemp Sherron
- 25 Roger Nix
- 28 Matthew Yates

- 29 Cody Thompson
- 30 Kenneth Garrett, Debbie Reynolds, Olivia Kleven
- 31 Donna Crump

OCTOBER 50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Bobby & Peggy Hunter Oct. 22

Celebrating Roger Nix's Retirement

Later this year a longtime Greystone member, Roger Nix, will retire after 25 years at the Raleigh Baptist Association. Roger's journey in vocational ministry began long before he arrived in Raleigh. He was just 17 years old when his pastor and other spiritual leaders in his life began to notice a spiritual maturity growing within him. They encouraged him to consider going to seminary and becoming a pastor. Eventually, Roger said, "yes," and accepted his first ministerial position at Mt. Zion Baptist Church in Hudson, NC with the Baptist Youth Core in the summer of 1972.

After serving several summers during his undergraduate years, Roger attended seminary at Southeastern Theological Seminary and worked as Associate Pastor at Raleigh's Temple Baptist Church. He was eventually called as Senior Pastor at Temple when he was just 26 years old. After serving a total of 17 years there, he was called to Tabernacle Baptist in Carrolton, GA before coming to Raleigh as the Executive Director of Missions in 1994.

As Roger anticipates his retirement, he looks forward to sleeping in a little later most days and spending more time on his hobbies. Did you know Roger is a car guy? His favorite hobby – besides spending time with family – is working on classic cars. He's got a 1972 Chevy Nova SS that keeps his attention these days!

Even though his official position through the association will come to an end, Roger's love and commitment to the church (global) will keep him involved and invested in her future. He will continue to partner with congregations and consult on change during challenging seasons. Of particular interest to him right now are generational gaps between congregations and the neighborhoods in which their churches are located. Stay tuned for more on this topic!

We will celebrate Roger's ministry, legacy, and retirement this month on October the 13th when he will proclaim the gospel through the sermon at Greystone! He will preach at both 8:45 and 11:00. Be sure to save this date so you might hear a good word through Roger Nix on that Sunday. Additionally, we will host the RBA's fall gathering on October 22, which will also be a celebration of Roger's 25 years with the RBA (details and reservation information in "We Gather Together", page 3.) We hope you will join us for both of these celebratory occasions!



Worship With Us During Advent

Sun., Dec. 1 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Hope*

Sun., Dec. 8 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Peace*; 6:30 Christmas at Greystone

Sun., Dec. 15 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Joy*, PM Sunday School Christmas Fellowships

Wed., Dec. 18 - Living Nativity

Thur., Dec. 19 - AM Preschool Christmas Program; PM Living Nativity (rain date)

Sun., Dec. 22 - 10:30 Morning Worship, *Growing in Love*; 6:30 Service of Hope and Remembrance

Tue., Dec. 24 - 5:30 Christmas Eve Service

Sun., Dec. 29 - No Sunday School; 10:00 Coffee & Doughnuts;

10:30 Morning Worship, April Alston, preaching

Note: There will be no 8:45 Worship services during the month of December

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

	[8:45]	[11:00]	off site*
Sep. 1:	48	114	
Sep. 8:	n/a	220	
Sep. 15:	54	152	11
Sep. 22:	40	120	27
Sep. 29	54	129	

*attending camps, mission trips, etc.

Generosity (as of 8/30/19)

2019 General Fund
\$935,084.94

YTD General Fund needed
\$623,390.00

YTD Operating Receipts
\$466,421.44

YTD Operating Expenses
\$547,018.55

Serving Our Neighbors

NC CBF CHILDREN'S MISSION DAY

For many years, our children have attended CBFNC's Children's Missions Day. This year, on November 2, it is our privilege to host this event here at Greystone. We need a few Greystone Ambassadors to greet groups when they arrive, serve lunch, work at the check-in table and show children and their leaders around our campus. Please let April know if you can be here for any portion of the day and share some of the wonderful spirit of Greystone with our visiting churches.

While on our campus, children will travel the world as they learn about music, dance, food, culture and religion from some of the internationals that Marc

and Kim Wyatt have met through their work here in the Triangle. Students will learn a Bible story about sharing God's love in unexpected ways and talk about how to do that at home, on the soccer field, in the classroom and in the cafeteria. It will be a great day of learning and fun for all.



UPCOMING MISSION DATES:

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

We Gather Together

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on October 13. 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.

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, Nov. 5. No need to sign up, just come and chat.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN OCTOBER

Who were your first teachers of faith? How did they teach you? How much impact do hymns

and spiritual songs have on your theology? How have your ideas about the Bible, about faith, and about the Christian life changed throughout your life? Whether or not we know it, our faith is shaped by many factors over the course of our lifetimes... and that's a good thing! This month, on Wednesday nights (10/2, 10/9, and 10/16), we will learn about a historical model for identifying these sources of our theology. We'll look at denominational trends and hopefully, begin to stretch into new areas of personal faith development and growth. On 10/23, Annie Hardison-Moody and Kim Eshleman will lead a conversation based on their extensive research on food insecurity and food equity. Out of this conversation we will consider ways that we might help folks in our own back yards have access to good and healthy food. Finally, on 10/30, plan to join us for one of our biggest outreach events to our neighborhood, our annual Fall Festival / Trunk or Treat event.

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. October schedule: 10/6 - Brio, 10/13 - Winstons, 10/20 - Outback, 10/27 - Vivo

RBA Celebration Event Oct. 22 @ Greystone Baptist Church Retirement of Roger Nix

Schedule/Reservation Information

Dinner: 6:00 | Celebration: 7:00

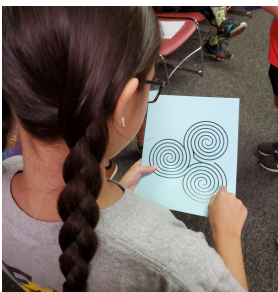
Meal \$12.00

Reservation by October 17
(call the RBA at 919-231-3995)

Roast beef, turkey with dressing,
cranberry sauce, baby carrots,
mashed potatoes, dessert and tea

Ministry News

FRIENDS RETREAT



On Friday, September 13, a group of children from Greystone and their leaders set out for Camp Willow Run where we joined 10 other churches for our annual

FRIENDS Retreat. While away, we of course had fun tackling the low ropes course, making s'mores, singing camp songs, catching air on the red shark boat pull, paddling canoes and swimming in

the lake but that wasn't all we did. In less than 48 hours we packed in 2 Bible study sessions, 3 worship services and a bunch of games to help us learn about being a good friend. Our students learned about friendships in the Bible such as Mary and Martha and Samuel and Eli. Saturday night was a night of interactive worship where children had the opportunity to worship by walking a finger labyrinth, using Wikki sticks to trace important qualities in a friendship, and experiencing a unique way to pray for those whom we need to forgive. It was a fun and meaningful weekend together. I hope that you will ask our students about their experience.

BUDDY BREAK NEWS!

Calling all Christmas Angels! This year, we will again host our Buddy families for a Christmas Party on December 7, 2019 from 3-5 PM and we need your help. Each year, we have been blessed by our Greystone family to help us provide a gift for each child and a Target gift card for each family in our Buddy Break ministry and we are hoping for your support again this year. Signups will go out late October to SS classes and all items are needed by November 30. If you would like to learn more about or become involved in our Buddy Break ministry contact Nancy Register, 919-219-1438 or buddybreak@greystonechurch.org.

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GBC Staff this Month

On October 7, I will be flying to Kampala, Uganda. Over the last few years, our church has welcomed new comers to America by setting up and furnishing apartments for newly arriving refugees. We have invited them into our church at VBS, Music Camp, worship, and retreats. Every week members of Greystone offer an ESL class, homework help, and support families as medical navigators. This is just a snapshot of the many ways our church is involved and serving. Our resolve to be good neighbors has led to a few adventures, smiles unending and glimpses into the kind of pain that would make you flee your home country and start life all over again with nothing. Throughout this work we have met incredible people like Marc and Kim Wyatt. Kim and I will be traveling to Uganda and meeting with CBF Field Personnel in Kampala and Mbarara. We will learn more about the work at three different ministry sites that are serving refugees as they begin their journey to a new life. Uganda is home to some of the largest refugee settlements in the world. Please pray for Kim and I as we travel. Pray for our safety, our health, our families while we are away and most importantly that our hearts would be open to the moving of the Spirit and hopes of God's unfolding kingdom. - Amanda Atkin

I am very excited to be traveling to Portugal on October 10-19 with the Metro Big Band, a large jazz ensemble led by Camp Kirkland, an internationally recognized arranger and orchestrator of Christian music, and supported by Global Missions Project, an international, inter-denominational mission organization. Along with talented musicians from various parts of the United States, I'll be performing at public concerts, participating in church worship services, teaching master classes to conservatory students and local musicians, and generally ministering to and witnessing to people in the churches and communities we visit. Thanks to the numerous folks at Greystone who have helped me with financial support, including those from the Grace Fellowship Sunday school class, and to each of you for your continued prayers. Gratefully, Steve Rose

October 20-23, I will travel to the offices of CBF Global in Decatur, Georgia to participate in a program called the Ministerial Excellence Initiative. This program is funded in part by the Lilly Foundation and strives to educate congregations and clergy on the challenges of church finances and clergy personal finances. As part of the one-year program, I will receive a \$10,000 grant. \$2,000 of which has already been invested into a retirement account through CBF and \$8,000 is designated to help pay off the remaining balance on my student loans. One key component to this program is that I work alongside Trusted Advocates from this congregation. Bill and Sandra Baxley have agreed to share this experience with me, in that role. I am so grateful for this opportunity, for the time away for continuing education and professional growth, and for the support of the Personnel Committee along with the Baxley's. - Pastor Chrissy

...where every member is a minister
and is equipped to express God's
love by word and deed to all people.



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