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November 2019

GBC events

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November

- 2 NC CBF Children's Missions Day
- 5 Hang Out with the Pastor
- 6 Wednesday Night Live
- 9 Buddy Break
- 10 Leadership Council meeting
Second Sunday Fellowship
- 13 Wednesday Night Live
- 17 Pies and Church Conference
- 20 Wednesday Night Live
- 21 December News deadline
- 23 Flu Shot Clinic-Cedar Point
High School Hang-out
- 25 Preschool Thanksgiving lunch
(11/26 also)
- 27 No Wednesday Night Live
- 28 Church office closed
Happy Thanksgiving

COMING SOON IN DECEMBER...

- 3 Hang Out with the Pastor
- 4 Wednesday Night Live
- 7 Buddy Break Christmas Party

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Worship Schedule this Month

- Nov. 3, 10:30** - Chrissy Tatum
Williamson, Luke 6:20-31
- Nov. 10, 8:45 & 11:00** - Chrissy Tatum
Williamson, Haggai 1:15b-2:9
- Nov. 17 | Commitment Sunday, 8:45 & 11:00** - Chrissy Tatum Williamson, 2
Thessalonians 1:1-4, 11-12
- Nov. 24, 8:45 & 11:00** - Chrissy Tatum
Williamson, Luke 23:33-45

As the warm humid air finally turns crisp, as the greens of the foliage turn to magnificent shades of orange, red, and yellow, we are reminded that the seasons are once again changing. This move, from summer to fall is welcome by many as it provides relief from the sweltering heat of the Carolina summer. For others, it marks an end to sunshine, longer days, and the relaxed pace in exchange for dark nights forced inside to keep warm. The church, too, shifts her rhythms in this season as we prepare for Commitment Sunday, Thanksgiving, and ultimately, the season of Advent. There are budgets to prepare and vote on (Church Conference on November 17 at 6PM). There are financial commitments to pledge to the church for the upcoming year. There are holiday gatherings and additional events on the calendar, all marking this extraordinary season in the life of this church.



On October 20, at a called Church Conference, we affirmed the expansion of April Alston's roles to include Student Ministry. This is a temporary expansion of her responsibilities which will enable the Personnel Committee, the diaconate, and (eventually) a search team (not yet formed) to focus on calling our next minister with students. We are so grateful that April was willing to accept this new role and we are confident that the student ministry will thrive under her leadership. April has years of experience serving in a similar role (Children & Youth) in other churches, and is eager to share her gifts with Greystone in this new way. Please continue to pray for April and our church as we begin to discern a staffing model that will carry us into our future together.

The first half of November marks the season of Stewardship. This year's theme is Growing Greystone: Seasons of Giving. You may remember this from Lou Ostendorff's "Stewardship Rap". If you don't know what I'm talking about, you really missed out! You'll have to ask him for a copy (or live performance)! It's a reminder that God is with us in all seasons of life and that the church needs our support in every season as well, so that we can continue to be the body of Christ in our world. We've heard testimonies from church members who wanted to share their answers to the question "Why do I give?" and each one has inspired us to consider why we give to support the ministry of Greystone Baptist Church. I wonder what your response might be?

The Stewardship Committee has been working hard to inspire record-breaking pledging this year. We've traditionally held between 45 and 65% of the budget pledged. This year, we'd like to get closer to 100%. Every pledge counts as we reach toward this goal.

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Growing Greystone: Seasons of Giving

November 17, 2019 is Commitment Sunday





- 1 Cathy Smith, Kay Meyer, Christopher Vandersip
- 2 Sarah Lannom, Jonathan Perkinson, Carson Sellers
- 3 Sandra Baxley, Pepper Choplin
- 4 Erin Choplin, Ben Cox
- 6 Hazel Perdue, Harrison Sherron

- 7 Joanne Thompson, Bob Millikan, Nicholas Dreitzler
- 8 Darrell Staley, Todd Gentry, Brianna Brice
- 9 Marcia Ostendorff, Mark Calder, Pam Webb, Henry Wilder
- 10 Virginia Villalobos, Bridgette Birth, Sarah Hunt
- 11 Alice Dickens, Bill Turner, Terry Nobles
- 12 Sandra Wilson, Will Fleming
- 13 Caralie Brown, Allyson Hawley
- 14 Kristi Glover
- 15 Carol Allen, Mary Sherron, Stephanie Milam, Robyn Sawyers
- 16 Mel Dickens, Pat Long

- 17 AnaRita Eason
- 19 Patricia Taylor, Kerry Crabb, Megan Mallard
- 24 Grace Parnell
- 25 Pete Cregger, David Turner
- 26 Skip Mays, Natalie Herrmann, Ariel Ngandu
- 27 Jack Davis
- 28 Doug Cole
- 29 Missy Brookshire, Cassie Stewart
- 30 Margaret Hilton, Becky Thompson

50+ ANNIVERSARIES

Tom and Dora Pickles Nov. 9

New Support Group at Greystone for Parents of Addicted Loved Ones

Non-profit helps give family members hope

As attention is drawn toward the horrific battle our country is fighting against addiction, there's a group of victims in the shadows who are unwillingly on the front lines.

The parents and family members of addicts are collateral damage – their lives are turned upside down by financial and emotional hardship as they struggle to help their addicted loved one, marriages are destroyed and many times, they lose hope.

There's an organization here at Greystone that is coming alongside families to bring healing and hope.

Parents of Addicted Loved Ones (PAL) helps families deal with the issues surrounding an adult child struggling with addiction by providing free education, fellowship, and most important, hope. PAL addresses both the "head" and the "heart" issues surrounding a loved one with addiction. Each meeting provides:

- An evidenced-based curriculum of addiction education dealing with critical issues ranging from healthy helping vs. enabling to delayed emotional growth, created by professionals in the treatment and recovery industry, helping parents to set healthy boundaries.
- Peer-to-peer support with other parents on the same journey, where they can share what has and hasn't worked for them, and where they can openly share their stories without fear of judgement.

Why is it so successful? Because it works. Parents discover the **tools they need** to handle their child's addiction in healthy ways, and they gain **the support they want** from other parents experiencing the same challenges.

The free weekly groups are led by trained volunteer facilitators who have experienced the issues first-hand, and are open to not just parents, but spouses, grandparents, siblings and close friends, as long as they are 18 and older and not actively **ADDICTED THEMSELVES**.

The free meetings are on Thursdays at 7:00 PM in the West Wing. For more details, contact Robin at 919-631-6618. Learn more at www.palgroup.org or by calling 480-300-4712.



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: *Sounds of the Season*

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

Wed., Dec. 18 - 6:15 PM and 7:00 PM 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: We will worship together in one morning worship service each Sunday during the month of December.

GREYSTONE NUMBERS

	[8:45]	[11:00]	off site*
Oct. 6:	n/a	163 (10:30)	
Oct. 13:	n/a	220	2
Oct. 20:	28	107	1
Oct. 27:	87	174	

*attending camps, mission trips, etc.

Generosity (as of 9/30/19)

2019 General Fund
\$935,084.94

YTD General Fund needed
\$701,313.75

YTD Operating Receipts
\$559,353.09

YTD Operating Expenses
\$613,635.44

Serving Our Neighbors

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 went 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.

GBC NETWORK

The Outreach Committee has been working on a way to connect our church families and preschool families outside the walls of our building. Post about a local 5K. Looking for a pet sitter? Collecting Halloween costumes for the families you volunteers for? Need a math tutor? This board will serve as a place for us to support each other's businesses as well. Add your business card. Think of it as the "classifieds" for Greystone. The board is located across from the nursery. Stop by to fill out a card and post. Contact Jennifer Anderson with questions: jennya1017@gmail.com.



HAKUNA MUNGU KAMA WEWE!

There's no one like Jesus.

It was amazing to see our fellowship hall full of children at CBFNC Children's Missions Day singing this song together. They took a tour through the continent of Africa, tasting Somalian bread and sipping South African tea and learning about life in the Congo. It was a great way to remind our children that there really is room for all under the umbrella of God's love.



We Gather Together

SECOND SUNDAY FELLOWSHIP

Join us across the street at Sawmill Taproom for lunch together after the 11:00 worship on November 10. 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, Dec. 3. No need to sign up, just come and chat.



WEDNESDAY NIGHTS IN NOVEMBER

November 6: Amanda Atkin and Steve Rose report on their recent mission trips to Uganda (Amanda) and Portugal (Steve). Come and hear about how God is at work around the world!

November 13 and 20: We are in the midst of cultural change, and it's uncomfortable for many. The church can respond in fear and scarcity, or with abundance (John 10:10). One shrinks the imagination, the other widens it. Dr. Brian Foreman will lead our Wednesday Night Adult Studies on November 13 & 20. Our sessions will consider crises and trends before us...as well as the opportunities we have to respond and what it will take to do so.

Wednesday Night Schedule: We will start serving dinner at 5:30 PM Children's programs begin at 6:00 PM, Youth programs begin at 6:15. Church prayers are offered at 6:15 and Adult studies start at 6:20. Adult choir begins at 7:15.

Menus: 11/6 - Cooper's fried chicken & BBQ, 11/3 - Milton's chicken parmesan, 11/20 - Pork roast, raspberry chipotle sauce.

Cost: Meals are \$7 per adult and \$4 per child with a family cap of \$20. Make reservations by noon on Mondays - fill in a reservation card (in the Sanctuary pew racks) and place in the offering plates or sign up on our 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. November schedule: 11/3 - Imperial Garden, 11/10 - Creedmoor Cafe, 11/17 - Red Lobster, 11/24 - Kanki

SENIOR ADULT TEAM-SPONSORED TRIP

On Fri., Nov. 22 we will be traveling to the House in the Horseshoe in Sanford, NC. This house was the scene of a Whig/Tory conflict during the American Revolution, and some of the bullet holes are still visible. Also the home of

four-term NC governor and prominent statesman, Benjamin Williams from 1798 - 1814. Admission is free. We will dine at the Pik N Pig in Carthage and return early in the afternoon. Please meet in the Sawmill Parking Lot at 8:00. Signup sheet is on the hallway on the information table. Contact Cathy Smith for more information, 919-706-5821.



High School



Hang-out

Youth grades 9 - 12 are invited to a high school hang-out at the home of Kim Craig on November 23 from 6:00 - 9:00 PM. We will have S'mores, hot dogs, games and fellowship. This will be a great time to share with each other about what's going on in your life. Come join us around the fire pit and bring a friend. Let April Alston know you are coming so we can plan just how much food and fun to have. April will let you know what you can bring to contribute to the fun.

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As I think about why I give, I remember the 4 themes of Advent. Hope, Peace, Joy, Love, and the Incarnate Christ. I give because I believe our world is in desperate need of all of these things, and I also believe the Church, which is Christ's body in the world, is the best way to spread them in it. I give so that hope, peace, joy, and love have a chance... and so that others will experience Emmanuel, God with us.

With the onset of these special days, I am increasingly aware of the refrain from Psalm 118, "Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good. His love endures forever," (v.1). Considering these words from the Psalm, and as I prepare for this season, I am making a spiritual commitment to gratitude. Beginning this month, I will keep a gratitude journal, just a simple list of gifts from God that I recognize each day. As I write, I plan to give God thanks for those gifts. I anticipate the usual suspects of family, church, home, friends, food, etc., will appear, but I also wonder what surprises will emerge along the way. As a supplement to my own thinking and journaling, I'll be reading Diana Butler Bass's book, *Grateful*. I wonder if any of you might want to join in this little gratitude experiment with me? Let me know if you do! Please know that each and every day, I give thanks for you, Greystone Baptist Church.

- Pastor Chrissy

Incredible!



Trunk or Treat, (or Hall-or-treat as I heard it called) was an **"Incredible"** success. We served 230 hotdogs, 112 barbecue sandwiches, decorated over 100 cookies, and handed out thousands of treats. Thank you to all who made this night so *incredible*, we couldn't do this without you.



Bringing in the Greens for Advent

You're invited to come help decorate our church with Advent greens, banners, and trees. Saturday, November 30, 2019, 9:00 AM - 12 PM in the Sanctuary. Bring a pair of sturdy gloves if you have them.

2020 FLOWER CALENDAR

The schedule to donate flowers for the Sanctuary during 2020 is posted in the hallway by the information table. If you would like to donate Sanctuary flowers for a Sunday service, write your first and last name next to the date you want. Arrangements start around \$65.00 and North Raleigh Florist provides free delivery but you may use your own florist and arrange for delivery if that is a better option for you.

